

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Can college students apply?

Unfortunately not. The SC Arts Commission does not allow degree seeking students to receive grants.

### Are Community Grants only for residents of the city of Spartanburg?

No, the grants are available for all residents of the County of Spartanburg.

### Why was my grant not funded?

- There are many applicants and limited funds to award.
- The project narrative is unclear.
- The budget does not fit the narrative.
- The applicant has not clearly expressed why their project is worth funding.
- Supporting materials are inconsistent in quality or do not support the project.

### Do I have to use all of the awarded funds?

We match whatever you match. For example, if you are an artist and are awarded \$1,000, you have to match at least \$1,000 to receive the award. If you match less than that, for example \$900 we will match \$900. If you are an organization and are awarded \$1,000, you have to match at least \$2,000 to receive the award. If you match less than that, for example \$1,900 we will match \$950.

### Am I able to ask for assistance with my application?

Yes, we strongly encourage seeking assistance with applications if needed! Contact Melissa Earley at [mearley@spartanarts.org](mailto:mearley@spartanarts.org), or Jennifer Barksdale at [jbarksdale@spartanarts.org](mailto:jbarksdale@spartanarts.org).

### When will I know if I received a grant?

Chapman Cultural Center's Grants Committee reviews applications after submission and votes for applications they deem worthy of funding based on merit. After this vote, the Chapman Cultural Center board votes to award the grants. This process generally takes about a month after the application deadline.