



GRANTS

METRO ARTS / NASHVILLE

AGENDA

Arts Commission Grants + Funding Committee

September 22, 2025

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Metro Southeast Building

Antioch Conference

1417 Murfreesboro Pike

Nashville, TN 37217

If you have any questions, please e-mail arts@nashville.gov.

Committee Members: Heather Lefkowitz (Chair), Tim Jester, Shawn Knight, Dawana Wade, Jilah Kalil, and Ashley Bachelder, *Interim Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Metro Arts Staff: Vivian Foxx, Capri Harston

METRO ARTS MISSION:

Drive an Equitable and Vibrant Community through the Arts

“Pursuant to the provisions of § 2.68.030 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws, please take notice that decisions of the Arts Commission may be appealed to the Chancery Court of Davidson County for review under a common law writ of certiorari. Any appeal must be filed within sixty days after entry of a final decision by the Commission. Any person or other entity considering an appeal should consult with an attorney to ensure that time and procedural requirements are met.”

A. Call to Order, Roll Call & Welcome

B. Public Comment

Persons wishing to submit an online public comment may do so using the [Public Comment Form](#). Comments received by the deadline will be provided to Commissioners in advance of the meeting. Comments provided by email, social media, or on any other platform will not be accepted or included as public comments. For complete details, please refer to the [Metro Arts Commission Public Comment Policy](#).

The public is encouraged to attend Commission meeting and may make comments in person during the designated time on the agenda. Davidson County residents can sign up for public comments. The public comment period is limited to twenty (20) minutes total. Comments are limited to a maximum of two (2) minutes per person. Persons wishing to provide comment on matters that are germane to items on the agenda must sign up prior to the beginning of the meeting, on the sign-up sheet provided at the meeting. The opportunity to provide public comment is offered on a first come, first served basis. At all meetings, the commissioner chairing the proceedings shall have the authority to manage/limit the number of persons (non-Commission members) allowed to speak on an issue and to manage/limit such speakers' time.



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C. Approval of Minutes: August 18, 2025

D. Discussion Items:

- 1) FY26 Allocation between General Operating and Thrive – ACTION**
 - a) Staff report and recommendation
 - b) Discussion
 - c) Committee Recommendation for Allocation between Operating and Thrive (Action)
- 2) FY26 Conflicts of Interest**
- 3) FY26 Thrive Grants – ACTION**
 - a) Staff report on Panels and Recommendations for Funding
 - b) Discussion
 - c) Committee Recommendations for Thrive Recipients (Action)
- 4) FY26 General Operating Grants – ACTION**
 - a) Staff report on Panels and Recommendations for Funding
 - b) Discussion
 - c) Committee Recommendations for General Operating Recipients (Action)

E. New Business

F. Adjourn Meeting



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