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## **The City of East Point Receives Grant from Georgia Council for the Arts**

**EAST POINT, GA** – The City of East Point was awarded an \$8,000 grant by Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA), a strategic arm of the Georgia Department of Economic Development. The grant was awarded for a public art piece. This piece ties into the mission of the city’s Public Art’s Master Plan, which is to promote and encourage public art in the city by creating a sense of civic pride and beauty within the community. The City of East Point, Public Arts Division has been awarded a FY24 Georgia Council for the Arts - Project Grant for \$8,000.00. This first-round grant funding for fiscal year 2024 includes a total of 269 grants across 47 counties in three funding categories, which range from COVID-19 recovery support to specific projects to educational programming.

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**“These vital funds bring life into communities all across the state. Music, theatre, dance, and visual art attract tourists, bring community members together, teach children self-confidence, revitalize downtowns, and more,”** said Georgia Council for the Arts Executive Director Tina Lilly. **“Through this program, GCA is able to support vibrant communities where people want to live, and businesses want to locate.”**

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**"We are thrilled to receive this arts grant for the City of East Point. It is a testament to the importance of the arts in our community. This grant will help us continue to cultivate a vibrant arts scene in East Point, and we are grateful for the opportunity to do so." - Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham**

**“Thank you to the Georgia Council of the Arts for your continued support as we continue to expand the artistic landscape of East Point thereby elevating the quality of life of our residents and visitors.” – Christopher Swain, Public Arts Coordinator**

The FY23 first-round funding includes Bridge, Project, and Arts Education grants. The Bridge Grant will provide funding for operating support to 162 nonprofit arts organizations, many of which may have been negatively affected by COVID-19. The Project Grant will help fund 44 single art projects, which may include an art exhibit, a theatre production, a series of children’s workshops, an artist residency, or may be used for capacity building projects, such as developing a strategic plan, creating a development plan, or providing professional development. The Arts Education Program Grant will be distributed to 63 organizations to support the arts in K-12 education, and may include a variety of disciplines, from visual art to music or theatre, to dance and creative writing.

Funds awarded by Georgia Council for the Arts include appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts. Georgia Council for the Arts

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(GCA) uses Peer Review Panels to judge and review applications following standard practices set by the National Endowment for the Arts. Panelists are GCA Council members and fellow professionals who are experienced in the arts discipline or type of grant being reviewed, or are citizens with a record of arts activities, experience, and knowledge. Grant recipients include theaters, dance companies, museums, cities, colleges, and multi-discipline arts entities.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, arts and cultural production in Georgia account for \$29.2 billion in the state, totaling 4.2% of Georgia's economy, and accounting for more than 149,000 jobs.

### **About Georgia Council for the Arts**

Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) is a division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development whose mission is to cultivate the growth of vibrant, thriving Georgia communities through the arts. GCA provides grant funding, programs, and services statewide that support the vital arts industry, preserve the state's cultural heritage, increase tourism, and nurture strong communities. Funding for Georgia Council for the Arts is provided by appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts. Visit [www.gaarts.org](http://www.gaarts.org) for more information.

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