

Name of Organization: Holy City Arts and Lyric Opera

Location: Charleston, South Carolina (Charleston County)

Status: 501(c)(3) public charity

Mission: To engage with the Lowcountry community by presenting quality art and artists in performances ranging from large-scale productions to intimate conversations.

Funding Amount Being Requested: Operational and program support in the total amount of 175K

Grants Already Received: Donnelly Foundation, Johanna Foundation, Lowcountry Quarterly (and anything from the Office of Cultural Affairs for the City of Charleston), Amber Grant, A-TAX grant from the city of Charleston.

Website: www.holycityarts.org

AVAILABLE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

1) Coastal Community Foundation Grants (Charleston-focused):

The Coastal Community Foundation offers a number of grants for non-profit organizations based in South Carolina: 1) *HOME Community Fund* supports the surrounding community in Berkeley County, Charleston County and Dorchester County. Applications for general operating support are allowed and encouraged. Average award is \$4,000; 2) *Blackbaud Fund* supports local organizations that serve youth with special needs or that provide educational opportunities for underserved, disadvantaged, and/or minority children. Nonprofits serving Berkeley, Charleston and/or Dorchester Counties are eligible, 3) *Open Grants* supports arts nonprofits serving Berkeley, Charleston and/or Dorchester counties as well as Georgetown County. Applications for general operating support are allowed and encouraged.

Funding Range: The average awards are: \$4,000 (HOME Community Fund), \$5,000 (Blackbaud Fund), \$15,000 with average award being \$7,500 (Open Grants).

Application Materials: Online application

Submission Deadline: For the HOME Community Fund and Open Grants: June 1; for the Blackbaud Fund: January 15.

Website: <https://coastalcommunityfoundation.org/competitive-grants/home-community-fund/>
<https://coastalcommunityfoundation.org/competitive-grants/blackbaud-fund/>
<https://coastalcommunityfoundation.org/competitive-grants/open-grants/> and you can contact Kaela Hammond, kaela@coastalcommunityfoundation.org for all three grants.

2) Coastal Community Foundation - Social Venture Partners Charleston (Charleston-focused):

SVP Charleston is a fund and program of Coastal Community Foundation as well as a member of the Social Venture Partners global network. The program provides multiyear, capacity-building grants with a component of programmatic support to nonprofit organizations serving Berkeley, Charleston and/or Dorchester counties. Typical investments are for two to three years. Applicants must demonstrate strong leadership and effective, sustainable programs with clear measurable outcomes and impact.

Funding Range: \$10,000-\$50,000

Application Materials: Online application

Submission Deadline: Not specified

Website: <https://coastalcommunityfoundation.org/competitive-grants/social-venture-partners-charleston/> and Lindsey Ballenger, lindseysvp@coastalcommunityfoundation.org. For all criteria, please visit our website socialventurepartners.org/charlestonsc/

3) South Carolina Arts Commission (South Carolina-focused):

The Commission offers a *General Operating Support Grant* (currently open). Organizations eligible for their ‘General Operating Support’ grants are S.C. nonprofit organizations and units of government, who either have a primary mission focused on the arts, serve as the primary arts provider in their community, or provide ongoing arts programming in their community. The purpose of these grants is to help strengthen arts organizations that bring ongoing arts experiences and services to individuals, communities, and other organizations throughout the state. If a non-profit organization has a total arts expense budget of \$75,000 or less they can instead apply for *Operating Support for Small Organizations*.

Funding Range: There is no set amount for the General Operating Support. The Operating Support for Small Organizations is \$5,000 per year.

Application Materials: Online application

Submission Deadline: The General Operating Support and Operating Support for Small Organizations Grants close on February 15, 2023.

Website: General Operating Support: <https://www.southcarolinaarts.com/grant/gos/>, Operating Support for Small Organizations: <https://www.southcarolinaarts.com/grant/oss/>

4) First Horizon Foundation Grants (South Carolina-focused):

The Foundation supports programs that strengthen these pillars of the communities they serve: Improving the well-being of our communities; Investing in the financial future; Educating and developing the next generation of leaders; Promoting excellence and enrichment in the arts; A more sustainable tomorrow and future. In South Carolina, they serve the Charleston, Spartanburg, Columbia, and Greenville, SC area.

Funding Range: Not specified.

Application Materials: Online application

Submission Deadline: Application currently open

Website: <https://www.firsthorizonfoundation.com/South-Carolina>

5) Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation (South Carolina-focused):

Through its Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation, as well as [EnergyShare](#) and other programs, Dominion Energy contributes tens of millions of dollars annually to community causes throughout its footprint and beyond. In 2020, \$58.1 million was invested in the communities we serve. The Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation awards grants in four focus areas:

- **Human needs** grants that support increased food security, housing and shelter, and access to basic medical and health care.
- **Environmental stewardship** grants to protect natural resources and help non-profit organizations make efficient use of energy.
- **Education** grants to develop the capacity of the future workforce, especially in STEM and energy fields.

- **Community vitality** grants to foster an appreciation of diversity, revitalize neighborhoods and ensure a vibrant community life through support of cultural endeavors.

Funding Range: Most grants are in the \$1,000-\$15,000 range, while higher amounts may be awarded when a program is an exceptional fit with corporate business.

Application Materials: Online applications

Submission Deadline: There is no deadline for applications. Requests are considered quarterly by their Community Investment Boards. The total review process may take from two to six months. Groups requesting large or first-time grants should allow additional time for review.

Website: <https://www.dominionenergy.com/our-company/customers-and-community/charitable-foundation/applying-for-a-grant>

6) South Arts:

South Arts provides grants directly to artists located in the South. Besides grants for your non-profit organization, you can also apply for grants such as these as individual artists. They have a variety of different grants including: 1) Cross-Sector Impact Grants, 2) Emerging Traditional Artists Program, 3) Individual Artist Career Opportunity Grant, 4) Southern Prize and State Fellowships. Their Cross-Sector Impact Grants are up to \$15,000 and support "arts and..." projects developed by partners—one arts organization or artist, and one non-arts organization—harnessing the power of collaboration.

Funding Range: Up to \$15,000.

Application Materials: Not available.

Submission Deadline: The applications closed in 2022 but please keep checking their website for the new deadline in 2023.

Website: <https://www.southarts.org/community-organization-grants/cross-sector-impact-grants>

7) Philip L. Van Every Foundation (South Carolina-focused):

The Philip L. Van Every Foundation is dedicated to supporting organizations in North and South Carolina which align with their mission and support their areas of focus. The Foundation only awards grants to established organizations which are classified as a public charity and qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. North and South Carolina are the Foundation's primary regions of interest. Education, Human/Community Service, Healthcare/Rehabilitation and Arts/Culture/History are their main areas of focus. The Foundation's preference is to provide funding for special projects and capital needs. Operating funds, including salaries, are outside the Foundation's area of interest.

Funding Range: Typical grant awards range in size from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Application Materials: Letter of Inquiry through the online grants portal

Submission Deadline: Letters of inquiry are accepted during the first three quarters of the year, and are reviewed by the Board in March, June, and September. Submission deadlines for letters of inquiry are Feb.10, May 10, and Aug.10.

Website: <https://www.vaneverfoundation.org/Grantseekers.aspx>

8) Publix Super Markets Charities (South Carolina and Education-focused):

Publix Super Markets Charities supports various types of nonprofit organizations throughout the Southeast with a primary focus on helping youth, promoting education, alleviating hunger, and reducing homelessness. I'm including this here in case you would like to apply for a grant only

for your educational programs. To qualify, an organization must operate and/or serve clients in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, or Virginia.

Funding Range: Not specified.

Application Materials: Online application

Submission Deadline: There is no deadline for nonprofit sponsorships excluding reducing homelessness and alleviating hunger.

Website: <https://publixcharities.org/request-support/>

9) The Hansen Family Foundation (Nationwide Arts and Culture-Focused):

The Hansen Family Foundation provides opportunities to domestic, international, secular, and non-secular organizations that support the American way of life, which is defined by the principles of “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” Specific focus is placed on: Humanitarian Support; Disadvantaged Children; Education; Arts and Culture; Environmental Causes; Animal Welfare. There is no geographic limitation of the recipient organization or individual (either where it is located or where the Foundation’s involvement may occur). All grant recipients must be a charitable organization that is recognized by the US Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity.

Funding Range: Not specified.

Application Materials: Online or mail in applications

Submission Deadline: The 2022 submission deadline has closed and the applications for 2023 have not yet opened.

Website: <https://www.hansenfamilyfoundation.org/about/>

10) The Olive Tree Foundation (Arts-Focused):

The Olive Tree Foundation, Inc., is an independent philanthropy established in the United States in 1997. They support U.S.-based tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofits that provide food, shelter, medical care and education for those in need; make arts and culture more accessible, equitable, and just and invest in community and youth and adult development. They support nonprofits that improve the quality of life in communities through arts and cultural enrichment and preservation of historical heritage.

Funding Range: Grants range between \$1,000 – \$10,000. However, they rarely fund the entire cost of a program, even if it fits in that range. They expect applicants to seek funding from a variety of sources.

Application Materials: Applicants must complete an online grant application; this includes uploading a cover letter addressed to the Olive Tree Foundation Grant Committee.

Submission Deadline: The 2023 applications will open later in the year; please keep checking their website.

Website: <https://theolivetreefoundation.org>

11) Standard Insurance Company (The Standard) Grants (Arts-Focused):

The Standard Insurance Company offers two types of grants for nonprofit organizations: 1) The Standard's Corporate Giving Program, 2) The Standard Charitable Foundation. To be eligible for funding, an organization must be a charitable, nonprofit, tax-exempt organization as determined by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code. Organizations should align with at least one of our four focus areas: Healthy Communities, Disability and Empowerment, Cultural Development or Education and Advancement.

Funding Range: \$500-\$25,000

Application Materials: Online applications

Submission Deadline: Eligible requests are reviewed throughout the year.

Website: <https://www.standard.com/about-standard/community/apply-funds>

12) The Shubert Foundation – Grants to Arts Related Organizations (Arts-Focused):

Shubert Foundation grants are awarded exclusively to US organizations, which must have current 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and must submit current audited financial statements in order to be eligible for funding. The Foundation provides grants only to organizations that have an established artistic and administrative track record, as well as a history of fiscal responsibility. The Foundation does not make grants to individuals, nor does it provide funds for project support, audience development, direct subsidy of reduced-price admissions, conduit organizations (agencies that disburse funds to individuals or other organizations), media (film, TV, radio, and digital), renovation projects, loans, or capital or endowment campaigns. Criteria range from the general to those specific to each applicant; they include: Impact of the organization and its programs; Administrative strength; Demonstrated commitment to underserved audiences and/or underrepresented voices; Fiscal responsibility; Ability to generate both earned and contributed income; Other significant contributions to the field; Organizations must have an annual budget of \$150,000 or higher.

Funding Range: Recent grants range from \$15,000 to \$325,000; the larger grants are generally awarded to organizations that have been on the Foundation roster for several years.

Application Materials: This information is not yet available.

Submission Deadline: New applications will be available September-December 2023.

Website: <https://www.shubertfoundation.org/arts-related> You can also call The Shubert Foundation at (212) 944-3777.

13) The Abney Foundation (South Carolina and Arts-Focused):

The Abney Foundation makes grants for innovative and creative projects, and to programs which are responsive to changing community needs in the areas of education, health, social service and cultural affairs in South Carolina. Agencies applying for funds should be serving the citizens of South Carolina.

Funding Range: Not specified.

Application Materials: Applicants may submit a Letter of Intent briefly describing the project before submitting a proposal in order to find out if their ideas are potentially fundable by the Foundation.

Submission Deadline: Their deadline for receiving proposals is November 15th.

Website: <https://www.abneyfoundation.org/guideline.htm>

14) National Endowment for the Arts (Arts-Focused):

Grants for Arts Projects provides comprehensive and expansive funding opportunities for communities. Through project-based funding, the program supports opportunities for public engagement with the arts and arts education, for the integration of the arts with strategies promoting the health and well-being of people and communities, and for the improvement of overall capacity and capabilities within the arts sector. They welcome applications from a variety of [eligible organizations](#), including first-time applicants; from organizations serving communities

of all sizes, including rural and urban areas; and from organizations with small, medium, or large operating budgets. The Endowment funds arts projects in the following disciplines: Artist Communities, Arts Education, Dance, Design, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literary Arts, Local Arts Agencies, Media Arts, Museums, Music, Musical Theater, Opera, Presenting & Multidisciplinary Arts, Theater, and Visual Arts. Projects may be small, medium, or large; existing or new; and may take place in any part of the nation's 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. jurisdictions. A project should not encompass all of an organization's activities or costs in a given year.

Funding Range: Grants range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. All grants require a nonfederal cost share or match of at least 1 to 1. In the past few years, a majority of the agency's grants have been for amounts less than \$25,000.

Application Materials: Online applications accepted through Grants.gov

Submission Deadline: February 9, 2023 is the next deadline; there will be another deadline in July 2023 if you miss the first one.

Website: <https://www.arts.gov/grants/grants-for-arts-projects/program-description>

15) The Henry and Sylvia Yaschik Foundation (South Carolina-Focused):

The Henry and Sylvia Yaschik Foundation is a Charleston, South Carolina-based private foundation established in 1996 to make grants to domestic 501(c)(3) organizations. The foundation makes grants to qualified charitable organizations and will make its grants in the following forms as appropriate for the project proposal and the project time line: One-time grants, which are single-year grants for a specific purpose; Multiyear grants, which are commitments for funding to be paid in increments over a period no longer than three years; Start-up program grants. The Henry and Sylvia Yaschik Foundation awards grants to qualified charities that serve the greater Charleston, South Carolina area.

Funding Range: Not specified

Application Materials: Proposal and budget information.

Submission Deadline: The 2023 application deadline will be announced in January 2023.

Website: <https://henryandsylviayaschikfoundation.org/guidelines-and-applications/> You can also email info@henryandsylviayaschikfoundation.org for more information.

16) South Carolina Humanities (South Carolina-focused):

SC Humanities offers several types of grant opportunities: Major Grants (more than \$2,000), Mini or Planning grants (\$2,000 or less), Fast Track Literary Grants, and council programs (\$500 or less for Let's Talk About It and Speakers Bureau: Humanities Out Loud programs). Any non-profit, governmental, or educational organization may apply for funding through SC Humanities. Previous applicants have included local libraries, museums, schools, churches, civic groups, and historical and arts councils.

Funding Range: The maximum Major Grant award is \$10,000. Many awards are in the \$6,000 to \$8,000 range.

Application Materials: Online application available for each grant.

Submission Deadline: Deadlines differ for each category of grant. Major grants are reviewed twice yearly, usually in February and September. Application deadlines are at least 6 weeks prior to those reviews. Dates are posted at www.schumanities.org as soon as they are set. Mini and Planning grants are reviewed monthly. Deadlines are the first business day of each month. Applications must be submitted at least six weeks prior to the event for which funding is sought.

Decisions are made and announced within the month submitted. Fast Track Literary Grants are reviewed quarterly; applications must be submitted at least 45 days before the program for which funds are requested.

Website: <https://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply/> Contact T.J. Wallace at tjwallace@schumanities.org if you have questions.

17) Fund for Southern Communities (South Carolina-Focused):

FSC can only award grants to organizations that are registered as a non-profit organization within their respective state (Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina). Organizations must also have 501(c)(3) tax status, or a Fiscal Agent; a limited number of 501(c)(4) organizations with a Fiscal Agent may be accepted. Organizations must be working for long-term social change, have an organizational budget \$150,000 or less and be located and doing work in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. They do not fund direct services, social services or special events. The Fund provides seed grants to new projects, or general or project support to small organizations (with a total organizational budget of \$150,000 or less).

Funding Range: Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Application Materials: Proposal, Budget and Supplemental Documents

Submission Deadline: The 2023 deadline has not yet been announced.

Website: https://www.fundforsouth.org/FSC_2015/index.php/grants/application-guidelines If you have any questions regarding eligibility, preparation of the application, or the funding process, please call 404-371-8404 or write the Fund at grants@fundforsouth.org.

18) American Theatre Wing – National Theatre Company Grants (Art-Focused):

The National Theatre Company Grant invests in innovative theatre companies making local impact across the nation by connecting their community to excellence in the performing arts. They recognize the organizations developing outstanding new work, and fostering education and community engagement by vitalizing regional theatre. The investment helps these progressive theatre organizations build infrastructure, enhance resources, and create new initiatives.

Funding Range: Not specified

Application Materials: Not specified.

Submission Deadline: Not yet announced.

Website: <https://americantheatrewing.org/program/national-theatre-co-grants/>

19) Charles Lafitte Foundation (Arts-Focused):

Giving Preferences include the following:

- underwriting specific projects with distinct goals, and targets grants that will have a notable impact and make a material difference
- looks for creativity, innovation and initiative
- promotes inclusiveness and diversity, and likes projects that remove barriers to full economic and/or social participation in society
- engages with its beneficiaries and requires follow-up reports and impact statements
- reviews financials carefully and prefers organizational overhead costs to account for less than 15% of annual expenses
- looks to empower organizations to achieve long term stability
- does not usually support political organizations or religious-based programs
- believes in a commonsense, business-like approach to addressing humane problems.

The Foundation's program areas include Education, Children's Advocacy, Medical Research and the Arts. Possible recipients must be a certified 501(c)(3) organization to be considered for any grant.

Funding Range: Not specified

Application Materials: Online application

Submission Deadline: No deadline

Website: <https://charleslafitte.org/grants/application/>

Recommendations:

Hi,

Here is the list of available grants. You will have noticed that I listed more than 10. That's because I want to make sure to give you many options that you can pick from. Also, some grant applications have not yet opened for 2023. It's helpful for you to have the information for these grants so you can apply for them later in the year when their applications open. You will also see that there are quite a few Foundation grants that specifically focus on supporting non-profits in South Carolina/Charleston. I think it would be a great opportunity to apply to some of these more regional/local grants because you will have less competition. The arts-focused grants that are open to non-profit organizations from around the country are receiving thousands of applications, so it is harder to stand out when applying to those.

I would personally recommend focusing on the following applications first: #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18.

Once you review everything please let me know how you would like to move forward.

Thank you!

Best,

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