

A RESOLUTION FOR A PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER GRANT

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island recognizes the importance of arts education in fostering creativity, personal growth, and academic achievement among students; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Arts Commission is offering a grant to support quality arts education programs for preschool (3K-4K) and/or K-12 students, with a focus on summer activities for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this grant is to expand student access to arts education, complement and advance standards-based arts instruction, and provide meaningful arts experiences that meet the educational, developmental, and social needs of students; and

WHEREAS, arts education plays a vital role in enriching the academic experience of students, aligning with South Carolina's 2017 College and Career Ready Standards for Visual and Performing Arts Proficiency, and for preschool programming, aligning with the South Carolina Profile of the Ready Kindergartener; and

WHEREAS, this grant provides an opportunity for the Town of James Island to partner with arts organizations and other community-based organizations such as social service, health, and educational entities, to provide quality arts education programming to students during the summer of 2025, including in the areas of visual arts, performing arts, media arts, design arts, folk and traditional arts, and creative writing; and

WHEREAS, this grant aligns with the Town's commitment to enhancing educational opportunities, supporting local arts organizations, and creating enriching programs for young learners; and

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island believes that expanding access to arts education can significantly contribute to the development of well-rounded and culturally aware students, as well as foster greater community engagement.

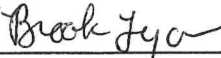
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of James Island, that:

1. The Town Council authorizes staff to proceed with the preparation and submission of a grant application for the 2025 Arts Education Grant, with a focus on providing quality arts education programs for preschool (3K-4K) and/or K-12 students.
2. The Town Council supports the inclusion of arts education programming that meets the criteria of the grant, including but not limited to, expanding access to arts education opportunities, complementing and advancing standards-based arts instruction, and ensuring quality experiences in visual arts, performing arts, media arts, design arts, folk and traditional arts, or creative writing.
3. The Town Council recognizes the importance of aligning the programming with South Carolina's 2017 College and Career Ready Standards for Visual and Performing Arts Proficiency and, where applicable, the South Carolina Profile of the Ready Kindergartener for preschool programming.
4. The Town Council authorizes the submission of all required documents and works collaboratively with local arts and community organizations to ensure the success of this initiative.

5. The Town Council directs staff to report back on the status of the grant application process and potential collaborations at future Town Council meetings.

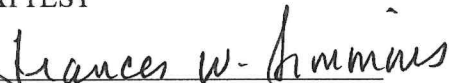
This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 19th day of December



Brook Lyon
Mayor of James Island

ATTEST



Frances Simmons
Town Clerk