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6 Nonprofit Organizations Funding the Arts in Westchester County



Installation by Amanda Browder, ArtsWestchester Building Exterior courtesy of ArtsWestchester

Artists typically get all the glory, but funders deserve love, too—nonprofit dollars help make performances and exhibitions possible. Ticket sales are one piece of the money puzzle, but many orgs also rely on grants to balance their books. Some good news and names to know within our arts ecosystem:

- ArtsWestchester received a $5 million capital allocation in the New York State budget, the largest single state investment in its history. The funds will help improve its White Plains headquarters and expand its operational capacity to keep serving communities throughout Westchester.
- **Arts Alive,** ArtsWestchester's local regrant program, distributes New York State funding to grassroots artists and community cultural projects. Fifty two Westchester and Rockland projects were funded in 2025-26, totaling $105,500.
- **Arts Access,** Westchester County's grant program, administered by ArtsWestchester, will distribute $1.025 million to 81 arts and cultural organizations in 2026-27, supporting exhibitions, performances, and arts education.
- New York State Council on the Arts administers grants that support leading institutions in the county, including Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, Hudson River Museum, Jacob Burns Film Center, Bedford Playhouse, local music schools, theaters, and community arts programs.
- National Endowment of the Arts grants have supported Westchester arts education and access initiatives, including the Katonah Museum of Art's bilingual family arts-learning program, Arte Juntos/Art Together.
- The New York Community Trust's Westchester Office awarded several grants—to Friends of Music Concerts for chamber music by German composers, the Westchester Oratorio Society, and the Hammond Museum for an Indian music concert and workshop.

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