



2026 GREENE COUNTY CULTURAL FUND Grantees

CREATE Council on the Arts is the administrator of the Greene County Cultural Fund (GCCF) Program, with funding provided by Greene County Legislature for Greene County Arts & Cultural Organizations Only.

The purpose of this program is to provide general operating or programmatic support to Greene County based nonprofit organizations that offer enriching arts and cultural services and programs of benefit to the residents of Greene County. This funding is intended to promote the development, growth, and viability of major cultural organizations.

Athens Cultural Center [\$4,000]

<https://athensculturalcenter.org/>

The Athens Cultural Center is a welcoming hub for the region's vibrant arts community, offering year-round exhibitions, performances, events, and collaborative projects, along with classes for artists and art lovers of all ages and backgrounds. Located in a partially restored 1850s storefront just steps from the Hudson River, ACC is at the heart of the area's creative and cultural life.

Blue Mountains Projects DBA Shandaken Projects [\$3,500]

www.shandakenprojects.org

Shandaken Projects was founded in late 2011 by artists and art workers, to support their community with opportunities for process, experimentation, and dialogue. Since then, the organization has delivered residency, education, and exhibition opportunities to over 500 professional artists and artists from vulnerable populations, in partnership with many of New York's premiere civic, art, and educational institutions; and presented artwork to over a million people. Shandaken maintains a particular focus on under-served artists of all descriptions; prioritizes exhibition experiences for the public at large—rather than typical “art” audiences; and hope that all of our programs, which take place throughout the Hudson Valley corridor, provide opportunities for participants to explore new pathways in their work or in the world. All of our programs are entirely free.

Bridge Street Theatre [\$5,000]

<https://bridgest.org/>

Bridge Street's mission is to enhance the cultural life of Catskill and the surrounding areas by presenting, independently and in collaboration with other artists, unique theatrical productions and other similar events unlike those generally available to audiences at other theaters in the region. We bring to light works we feel have been unjustly neglected, returning them to the stage where they belong. We present, devise, and commission brand-new works for the stage. We forge a diverse community of like-minded artists to aid in the creation of our work. We continue to locate and bring to our patrons the finest in local, national, and international talent. And we keep our ticket prices affordable and our work readily accessible to the widest possible audience.

Catskill Mountain Foundation [\$1,000]

www.catskillmtn.org

Catskill Mountain Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to arts, culture and educational enhancements in the Northern Catskills and celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 2023. The goals of the CMF are to operate a multi-arts center on the Mountaintop area of Greene County and to engage in other activities that will create a culturally enriched environment in the Catskill Region. CMF offers programming on a year-round basis in the visual, performing and film arts. Through performances, artists residencies, classes and workshops in the fine arts and fine crafts, educational programs in the arts, CMF serves artists and audiences from Greene County and the surrounding counties of the Catskills. Since it began 27 years ago, CMF has undertaken many Main St. Revitalization projects in three villages on the Mountaintop including the Doctorow Center for the Arts, Hunter Village Square, Orpheum PAC and Sugar Maples Center for the Arts. CMF is currently in the midst of constructing a two-story dance studio adjacent to the Orpheum Theater and completion is expected at the end of 2025.

Catskill Mountain Shakespeare [\$4,000]

<https://www.catskillmountainshakespeare.com/>

Catskill Mountain Shakespeare stages vibrant professional productions in the Catskill Mountains. Through the magic of live art and clear storytelling, we create a shared space for local community members, weekenders, and visitors alike. Excellence and inclusion drive CMS and our work is richer for every voice welcomed on stage and into the audience. We are fiercely devoted to the Catskills and to the people who make it home.

Friends of Beattie-Powers Place [\$1,600]

www.beattiepowers.org

The Friends of Beattie-Powers Place is dedicated to protecting the natural beauty and historic integrity of the Beattie-Powers grounds and 1840s house and opening it to the public. Support helps us maintain the house and park, and present a diverse calendar of concerts and events.

Matthew Strother Foundation [\$4,000]

<https://www.matthewstrother.org/>

The Matthew Strother Center for The Examined Life is a refuge for individuals who seek to live the life of the mind and, to adapt the words of Keats, become a soul. We provide the space, time, and companionship to consider, as Matthew wrote, “who you are going to be in the world, not what.”

The impact and legacy of the Center is measured by the flourishing of its participants, by the enrichment of their sense of self during their program, and by the ways that this, in turn, inspires them to live confidently, courageously, and hopefully.

Michael J. Quill Irish Cultural and Sports Centre [\$2,500]

<https://mjgishcentre.com/>

The mission of the Michael J. Quill Irish Cultural and Sports Centre is to serve as a center of Irish culture by preserving and promoting Irish/Irish-American cultural and artistic heritage. While dedicated to preserving the symbols of our past, the Centre will present to the public, state and nation, a variety of Irish cultural programs, both historic and contemporary, in fine arts, language, literature, theater, music, dance, and folk arts. Its mission is to promote and preserve the cultural and artistic heritage of the Irish and those of Irish Descent. We are also active in encouraging and promoting the development of younger artists who will carry their heritage with them throughout their lives as they become tradition bearers themselves.

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Music and Art Center of Greene County [\$2,400]

<https://grazhdamusicandart.org/>

The Music and Art Center of Greene County (established in 1983) public program offerings include a summer concert series and summer folk art courses. The concert series as well as the courses are oriented toward the general public, attracting local audiences and from further afield. As a known music and arts destination in the Catskills, the series contributes towards drawing tourism. The continuing crisis in Ukraine, which began in 2014 and escalated into a major war at the end of February 2022, has engendered a multitude of artistic responses in a variety of media including music, film, painting, digital art, poetry, prose, and photography. MACGC aspires to source such creative endeavors as a means to inform the local communities about the power of music and art as a force for good in wartime.

Prattsville Art Project Inc. [\$4,500]

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The 3,000 sq ft Prattsville Art Center includes exhibition, video screening, and performance spaces, a free library, wi-fi coffee bar & lounge, as well as three artist's residency apartments, studio workspace for artists and classes, and a computer lab. Exhibitions and events combine recognized artists' projects with outsider artists and work made by locals in collaboration with visiting Artists in Residence.

Thomas Cole Historic House [\$1,000]

www.thomascole.org

The Thomas Cole National Historic Site (TCNHS) is an international destination presenting the original home and studios of the artist and early environmentalist Thomas Cole (1801- 1848). Cole founded the influential art movement of the United States, now known as the Hudson River School of American landscape painting. Located on six acres in the Hudson Valley, the site includes the 1815 Main House where the artist lived; Cole's 1839 Storehouse Studio; the reconstructed 1846 New Studio building, which now features a museum gallery of rotating exhibitions; a new visitors center called the Cole Center, designed pro bono by AD100 Stephen Shadley; and gardens and grounds with panoramic views of the Catskill Mountains. It is a National Historic Landmark and an affiliated area of the National Park System, operating as an independent 501c3 nonprofit organization. Activities include special exhibitions of both 19th-century and contemporary art, print publications, lectures, extensive online programs, school programs, the Cole Fellowship, free community events, and innovative public programs such as the Hudson River School Art Trail—a map and website that enable people to visit the places in nature that Cole painted—and the Hudson River Skywalk, a scenic walkway connecting the Thomas Cole Site with Frederic Church's Olana over the Hudson River. The purpose of all programs at the Thomas Cole Site is to enable visitors to find meaning and inspiration in Thomas Cole's life and work. The themes that Cole explored in his art and writings—such as landscape preservation and our conception of nature as a restorative power—are both historic and timely, providing the opportunity to connect to audiences with insights that are highly relevant to their own lives.

Wave Farm [\$4,500]

<https://wavefarm.org/>

Founded in 1997 in Brooklyn, New York and based in New York's Upper Hudson Valley since 2004, Wave Farm is a media arts center, media platform, and arts service organization. Wave Farm offers interdisciplinary outdoor installations, residencies and fellowships, and a research library. We operate FM radio station WGXC and host many online radio channels. Wave Farm provides fiscal sponsorship, consultation, and grants to artists and organizations.

Zadock Pratt Museum [\$2,000]

<https://www.zadockprattmuseum.org/>

The Zadock Pratt Museum (Prattsville, NY) is located in the western Catskills mountaintop region—an area with a storied history of emerging times and ideas including the birthplace of color photography and the site of the world's oldest fossils. With the life and legacy of Zadock Pratt at its core, the museum is dedicated to excavating local history, community, and culture through special and permanent exhibits, conservation, education, archives, and public programming.