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**Arts Council of York County Announces**

**Small Grant Recipients – 1st Quarter 2022 - 2023**

ROCK HILL, SC – The Arts Council of York County is pleased to announce the allocation of Small Grant awards for the first quarter of its 2022 - 2023 fiscal year. Small Grants are available to individual artists, nonprofit organizations, teachers, and schools throughout York County. These grants are designed to support arts activities that promote the individual artist’s professional development or career advancement and/or to support a wide variety of quality arts projects and programs that promote excellence and are accessible for general community-wide audiences.

Organizations and individual artists residing in York County, SC may receive up to two grants each fiscal year. The Arts Council awarded three Small Grants for the 1st Quarter of its

2022 - 2023 calendar year.

**DON’T SWEAT IT INC | $1,500**

*Don’t Sweat It FEST*

DON’T SWEAT IT INC will use the funds from this grant to host a festival solely featuring local artists from the area. This event will span over the course of three days, beginning Thursday, September 15th. The grants received will assist with the general costs for the event, such as, band costs, marketing, and staff.

The goal of this nonprofit is to offer free and low-cost events by local artists to cultivate an indie music scene, provide cultural enrichment to our community, and create opportunities for local artists to perform. | <https://www.facebook.com/thecourtroomrockhill>

**Rock Hill Theatre | $1,000**

*Big Fish*

Rock Hill Theatre is putting on the spectacular production *Big Fish*, A New Broadway Musical, to conclude their 2021-2022 season. Based on the celebrated novel by Daniel Wallace and the acclaimed film directed by Tim Burton, *Big Fish* tells the story of Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest…and then some! Edward’s incredible, larger-than-life stories thrill everyone around him—most of all, his devoted wife Sandra. But their son Will, about to have a child of his own, is determined to find the truth behind his father’s epic tales. Overflowing with heart and humor, BIG FISH is an extraordinary musical that reminds us why we love going to the theatre—for an experience that’s richer, funnier and bigger than life itself.

This Small Grant will offset director and choreographer fees as well as costs associated with lighting, costumes, and props. With the assistance of the Arts Council of York County Rock Hill Theatre continues to bring theatrical joy to the community. | [www.rockhilltheatre.org](http://www.rockhilltheatre.org)

**Showtime Theatre Company | $1,000**

*Grease*

Showtime Theatre Company presents *Grease*. Performed by local rising seventh graders through adults, this show is packed with the fun *Grease* music we all know and love, in a high energy, concert style musical. Theatregoers will travel back to 1959 with this fabulous cast and band and have a rockin’ good time at Rydell High. This small grant will be used to purchase the royalties and licensing for the production. | https://www.showtimetheatrecompany.com/

**Total Allocations This Quarter: $3,000**

To review guidelines, visit www.yorkcountyarts.org/grants. The next deadline is Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 5 PM for programs occurring in October, November, and/or December 2022. Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss the proposed project with Lori Robishaw, Executive Director, at least 10 days in advance of the application deadline date. Should the deadline fall on a holiday or weekend, grant applications are due the last business day prior to the deadline.

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This Small Grants program is provided by the Arts Council of York County Small Grants Program and the South Carolina Arts Commission, which receives funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Arts Council is headquartered in downtown Rock Hill, a state-recognized cultural district. For more information on Arts Council events, contact the Arts Council of York County at (803)328-2787, by email at [arts@yorkcountyarts.org](mailto:arts@yorkcountyarts.org), or visit our webpage at <http://www.yorkcountyarts.org>.

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