



York County Arts Commission Meeting
Yorktown Library

March 12, 2025
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: Narielle Living, Marcia Swanson, Brandon Gist, Rey Carpio, and Minnie Sippio were present. Paulette Goity was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chair Narielle Living.

The minutes for the November 13, 2024, meeting were approved. Brandon Gist moved to accept the minutes; Rey Carpio seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no old business to be discussed.

New Business

The purpose of this meeting was to allocate funding for York County Arts Commission grants for the 2026 budget year. The Commission is also tasked with allocating \$4,500 from the Virginia Commission for the Arts, Creative Communities Partnership Grant.

The Commission reviewed 27 grant applications from 25 community organizations: 2 Challenge Grants and 25 Project Grants. Grants were reviewed based on the following criteria:

- The grant application was completed in full and submitted by the March 1 deadline.
- Organizations requesting grants met the eligibility criteria established by the Commission and the County.
- Submitted applications were for projects that benefited the citizens of York County.
- The organization's project promoted York County to a larger community beyond the County or State.

The Commission declined two Challenge Grant applications, as both lacked proof of the challenge funding.

The Commission approved various amounts of County funding for 19 of the 25 Project Grant applications to recommend to Board of Supervisors for approval. The list of recipients and the corresponding amounts is attached to these minutes.

Virginia Arts Commission funds were allocated to six community groups:

- Art at the River Juried Art Show – \$500
- The Fifes and Drums of York Town – \$1,500



- Opera in Williamsburg - \$500
- Virginia Regional Ballet - \$1,000
- Yorktown Arts Foundation - \$500
- Yorktown Chorale - \$500

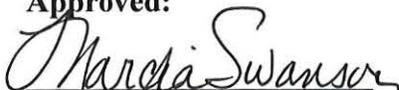
Following the discussion of each application and the recommendations for funding qualifying organizations, Rey Carpio moved for the Commission to accept the recommendations. Brandon Gist seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously to fund the accepted grants as recommended.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on April 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Yorktown Library.

Rey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Brandon seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Swanson, Secretary

Approved:


Marcia Swanson, Secretary


Narielle Living, Chairperson

FY2026 York County Arts Commission Grant Allocations

ORGANIZATION	FY2026	VCA Grant
Art at the River-Yorktown Foundation	\$2600	\$500
Celebrate Yorktown-Yorktown Foundation	\$1500	
Fifes and Drums of York Town	\$3500	\$1500
Flute Frenzy	\$2000	
Institute for Dance Inc.	\$1000	
Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Inc.	\$7500	
Mariners' Museum and Park	\$2000	
Natasha House Inc.	\$2000	
Opera in Williamsburg, Inc.	\$2500	\$500
Virginia Living Museum	\$3800	
Virginia Regional Ballet	\$9000	\$1000
Watermen's Museum	\$20500	
Williamsburg Book Festival	\$2300	
Williamsburg Contemporary Art Center	\$3000	
Williamsburg Music Association dba		
Williamsburg Youth Orchestra	\$2000	
Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra	\$3500	
York County Public Library	\$1300	
Yorktown Arts Foundation	\$4500	\$500
Yorktown Chorale-York County Music Association	\$500	\$500
TOTALS	\$75,000	\$4,500