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Cape Fear Botanical Garden Announces Grant from Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County

Cape Fear Botanical Garden has been awarded a \$120,000 Mission-Based Grant from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County for fiscal year 2026-2027. The funding assists our operations and makes it possible for Cape Fear Botanical Garden (CFBG) to continue serving the community as a resource for environmental education and cultural arts.

Just as nature is always changing, CFBG's programs and services are constantly growing and adapting. For fiscal year 2027, our theme is 'Grow.' CFBG draws on the wonders of nature to spark curiosity and inspire everyone who visits the Garden. Our mission is to connect people with the vibrant world of plants and nature, which shows in everything we do, from interactive educational programs and school field trips to hands-on gardening, creative arts, cultural celebrations, and community gatherings.

"Support from the Arts Council allows us to keep growing the ways our community can experience the Garden, not only as a beautiful natural space, but as a place to learn, create, celebrate, and connect," said Sheila Hanrick, Director of Communications and Programming at Cape Fear Botanical Garden. "As we look ahead to a year centered on 'Grow,' we're excited to create programs and experiences that bring nature, art, history, and culture together in ways that welcome people of all ages and backgrounds."

By offering many ways for our diverse community to enjoy nature, CFBG helps people build a stronger connection with the environment and encourages them to learn, explore, and see the world in new ways. Programs for children and families bring different generations together through nature and art. Educational programs encourage children to learn about science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM). They also give adults opportunities to keep learning and exploring throughout their lives.

Mission-Based Grants from the Arts Council increase opportunities for access to arts, cultural, and historical programming in Cumberland County. In addition to CFBG, grants are awarded to nonprofit agencies, institutions of higher education, and municipal entities in Cumberland County that demonstrate financial and administrative stability.

Cape Fear Botanical Garden's mission is to transform people's relationship with plants and the natural world. The Garden is a living laboratory and aims to be the region's premier destination for people to connect with nature and one another while expanding their horizons through engaging educational programs and inspiring cultural events.

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The Arts Council of Fayetteville · Cumberland County is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization based in Fayetteville, NC that connects our communities, embraces diversity, promotes individual creativity, advances tourism and economic development, and fosters lifelong learning through the arts.

As a primary steward of public and private funding for arts, cultural, and historical activities in the Cape Fear Region, all affiliated programs of the Arts Council exemplify our 5 core values: Excellence, Accountability, Transparency, Collaboration, and Innovation. In the year 2025-2026 year, the Arts Council distributed more than \$1million in funding through grants and special allocations to Cumberland County artists, non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and municipal offices producing arts and cultural activities.

Grants, programs, and services of the Arts Council are funded in part by contributions from community partners, and through grants from the City of Fayetteville, Cumberland County, and the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural & Cultural Resources.
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