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One Columbia Receives \$30,000 Grant to Strengthen Arts and Culture Initiatives

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Columbia, SC — One Columbia for Arts and Culture is proud to announce it has received a \$30,000 grant from Central Carolina Community Foundation. This investment will support the organization's long-term sustainability and capacity-building efforts — allowing One Columbia to better serve artists, manage impactful public art projects, and strengthen the creative infrastructure of Columbia, South Carolina.

While the funding is not designated for direct programming or artist support, it will have a powerful ripple effect — helping One Columbia invest in strategic planning, staff development, and operational systems that will ultimately increase its ability to deliver meaningful cultural programs and champion local artists more effectively.

"We are excited to receive this multiyear operations grant and thankful for Central Carolina Community Foundation's forward-thinking approach to supporting nonprofits in our state," said One Columbia Executive Director Xavier Blake. "Capacity-building grants like this allow organizations like ours to build sustainability and continue the vital work

we do in the arts and culture community. We're also excited to be in community with the other grantees and to foster partnerships across the nonprofit sector, because we know that collaboration is key to our greatest achievements."

As the City of Columbia's partner for cultural development, One Columbia coordinates public art installations, promotes local events, and maintains critical resources for artists and cultural organizations. The organization has played a leading role in transforming public spaces and nurturing creative talent throughout the region.

One Columbia is excited to continue its work in elevating arts and culture as a vital part of Columbia's identity. This grant will allow the organization to enhance its initiatives and further its goal of making Columbia a vibrant, creative hub for residents and visitors alike.

About One Columbia for Arts and Culture

One Columbia for Arts and Culture promotes and enhances the vitality of arts and culture within Columbia, SC, through collaboration, resources, and community engagement. It fosters a connected and thriving creative community that enriches the city's quality of life. To learn more about the organization, visit OneColumbiaSC.com

About Central Carolina Community Foundation

Central Carolina Community Foundation builds thriving communities by connecting charitable donors to local nonprofits, ensuring their donations grow to improve lives and build opportunities. The Foundation serves 11 counties in the Midlands and supports philanthropic initiatives through grants, scholarships, and partnerships. For more information, visit YourFoundation.org.

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