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**The Town of Abingdon’s Arts Commission presents Grant Informational Sessions for non-profit, designated 501(c)3, arts organizations.**

The commission invites area arts organizations to attend either session to learn about funding opportunities through the Town of Abingdon for the fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024). Project grants funds would be used to facilitate new and innovative art projects or services that engage the Abingdon community and that have the potential to advance cultural presence, awareness, and connections.

The Town Council established the Arts Commission to “review the Town’s proposed annual budget for expenditures related to art; make budgetary recommendations to Town Council; recommend to Town Council policies for the expansion of art in town; and identify art programs and events that will enhance the community and recommend to the Town Council how the town can support such programs and events,” according to the ordinance enacting the commission.

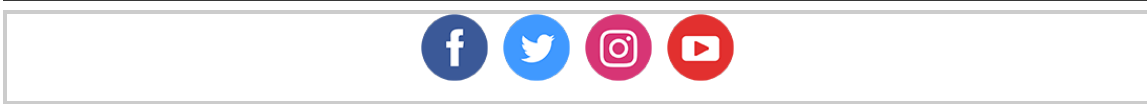
“Please attend one of the informational meetings,” encourages Mayor Derek Webb, “to learn about the role of our newly established Arts Commission and its mission to build a closer relationship with the non-profit organizations that make Abingdon the region’s art destination.”

Council Member Amanda Pillion adds, “The Arts Commission is a wonderful resource for our arts non-profits. The commission’s grant process ensures that Town funds are used wisely and effectively and that our arts organizations are assisted in the process of writing grants to the municipality and other funding sources, state-wide and nationally.”

The two Informational Sessions about art project grants for non-profit organizations are on Tuesday, September 27 at 5 p.m. and Friday, September 30 at 10 a.m. Organizations may attend either session. Each will be held in the Arthur Campbell Room, first floor, Town Hall, 133 W. Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia.

For more information about the Arts Commission, visit the website:  
[www.abingdon-va.gov/boards-and-commissions/abingdon-arts-commission/](http://www.abingdon-va.gov/boards-and-commissions/abingdon-arts-commission/)

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