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**Military and Veterans Healing Arts Grant Program**

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**State Authorization:**      **The Joint Conference Committee Report on the Base,  
Capital and Expansion Budgets for Senate Bill 257,  
Session Law 2017-57, Page H 82, Item 114**

**Department of Natural and Cultural Resources  
North Carolina Arts Council**

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**Brief Description of Program:**

This Program aims to increase access to the arts for North Carolina's service members, veterans, and military families through grants to local arts councils and arts organizations that will partner with military bases, VA hospitals, and veterans service providers.

Organizations that provide high-quality artistic programs designed to serve audiences on the military continuum are eligible to apply. Projects that grow out of a strong collaboration between arts organizations and military bases, VA medical centers, or veterans service providers will receive priority in funding. Community arts organizations such as theaters, symphonies, and choral groups may apply for programs involving professional artists. University-based programs must focus on audiences outside the university community and be part of an overall effort to reach audiences outside the university.

Grant amounts range from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Organizations may not apply for more than 10-percent of their prior-year cash operating expenses. Organizations with prior-year expenses between \$20,000 and \$50,000 are eligible to apply for \$5,000, the minimum grant award. Grant funds may be used for artist fees, marketing, interpretive materials, contractual fees (including contractual personnel) and other related costs. All grants to organizations must be matched dollar for dollar except those serving rural, low-wealth counties designated Tier 1, which are eligible for 75 percent to 100 percent funding. Organizations must make a strong case for financial need if the cash match is less than one-to-one.

**Organizations Funded:**     Private     Local Government     Both

**Source of Funds:**    State 50% - see note Federal \_\_\_\_\_

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