

Baggett Elementary School Receives Grant from Georgia Council for the Arts

ATLANTA/LAWRENCEVILLE –July 7, 2021 – Baggett ES was awarded a grant by Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA), a division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, as part of its initial disbursement of grants for fiscal year 2022. A total of 218 organizations were awarded 266 grants that provide more than \$2 million in funding to arts organizations throughout the state. The Bridge Grant provided funding for operating support to 135 organizations, the Project Grant will help fund 54 arts projects, and the Arts Education Program Grant was awarded to 77 organizations. Additional grants for Vibrant Communities and Cultural Facilities programs will be awarded in the Fall of 2021.

“As we emerge from this past year’s quarantine, the arts sector is vital to restarting the economy by attracting tourists, assisting with classroom learning, and igniting events to bring communities back together,” said GCA Executive Director Tina Lilly. “The 266 grants we have awarded will help cities and organizations leverage additional funds and bring people back to work while providing fun and educational opportunities for Georgians across the state.”

“Baggett Elementary School is so excited to partner with Georgia Council for the Arts to grow the capacity of all of our teachers to engage students in arts-integrated lessons that make learning more active, meaningful, and purposeful,” said Principal, Mitch Green. “Our plan is to partner with 2 different arts-based organizations, Dream Box Theatre and the Alliance Theatre to complete this work throughout the school year.”

Funds awarded by Georgia Council for the Arts include appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Georgia Council for the Arts uses Peer Review Panels to judge and review applications following standard practices set by the National Endowment for the Arts. Panelists are GCA Council members and fellow professionals who are experienced in the arts discipline or type of grant being reviewed, or are citizens with a record of arts activities, experience and knowledge. Grant recipients include theaters, dance companies, museums, cities, colleges and multi-discipline arts entities. A complete list of fiscal year 2022 grantees in these program areas can be found [here](#).

About Baggett Elementary School

As a school community, Baggett Elementary School believes:

- In creating **strong, mutually beneficial alliances with the community** that value the partnerships, contributions, and significance of all families and stakeholders.
- In setting **high expectations** for all as a vital component of academic achievement, social and emotional learning, and success as a lifelong learner.
- In designing authentic **learning environments** that prioritize real-world experiences and hands-on, engaging activities to empower students to be positive, impactful members of our global society.
- In providing a **safe and nurturing environment** that encourages students to embrace trusting relationships, develop resilience, and bolster self-worth.
- In **embracing diversity** as a strength that informs our commitment to consistently being respectful and responsive to one another as we build a community where equity and inclusion are the organizing principles.

About Georgia Council for the Arts

Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) is a division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development whose mission is to cultivate the growth of vibrant, thriving Georgia communities through the arts. GCA provides grant funding, programs and services statewide that support the vital arts industry, preserve the state's cultural heritage, increase tourism and nurture strong communities. Funding for Georgia Council for the Arts is provided by appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts. Visit gaarts.org for more information.

About GDEcD

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) is the state's sales and marketing arm, the lead agency for attracting new business investment, encouraging the expansion of existing industry and small businesses, locating new markets for Georgia products, attracting tourists to Georgia, and promoting the state as a destination for arts and location for film, music, and digital entertainment projects, as well as planning and mobilizing state resources for economic development. Visit www.georgia.org for more information.