



The Black Belt Community Foundation

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Arts & Community Grant Opportunities

The Black Belt Community Foundation (BBCF) is offering arts and community grant opportunities open to community-based organizations operating within its 12-county service area comprising Bullock, Choctaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Perry, Pickens, Sumter, and Wilcox Counties of Alabama.

The 2024 BBCF Arts and Community Grants Cycle will open on March 28th with the online grant application going live followed by a series of in-person and online '#LearnGrants – BBCF Style' Workshops. There will be an in-person workshop in each of the 12 counties which will serve as an opportunity for the community to meet the new BBCF Arts Director, Aaron Head, and to answer any questions you may have about the grant process.



Collage of photos from 2023 Arts and Community Grant recipients.



Photo archive: In-person BBCF Grant Seekers workshop conducted in 2007.

For a more in-depth learning experience, covering all aspects of the BBCF grant process and including tips for writing a successful application, please plan to attend one of the two **Online Grant Summit** workshops. April 19th is the deadline for all applications, with final decisions being tendered by the end of May 2024.

BBCF President Felecia Lucky states, "We are excited and confident in the work and leadership that the BBCF Community Associates and Local Grant Review

Committees are providing in training for the grant application process and in ensuring that we connect to and support those organizations truly transforming their communities. This year, we celebrate 19 years of the Community Grant Cycle and 18 years of Arts granting, all while we are celebrating BBCF's 20th anniversary!"

Dates and locations for in-person workshops in Sumter and Lowndes Counties are to be determined. All dates and locations are subject to change - be sure to follow BBCF on social media and check out our website, blackbeltfound.org/2024grants, for up-to-date information about these sessions. **Please note:** Any organization that has never submitted a grant application to BBCF **MUST** attend one in-person workshop session prior to applying.

Online & In-Person '#LearnGrants - BBCF Style' Workshop Schedule

APR 2
ONLINE GRANT SUMMIT SESSION 1
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Register: bit.ly/24CGSW-1

APR 10
ONLINE GRANT SUMMIT SESSION 2
12:00 - 1:30 PM
Register: bit.ly/24CGSW-2

PERRY COUNTY
Wednesday, March 27, 12 - 1 PM
200 Pickens St., Marion, AL

HALE COUNTY
Thursday, March 28, 12 - 1 PM
905D Centerville St., Greensboro, AL

GREENE COUNTY
Thursday, March 28, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
720 Greensboro St., Eutaw, AL

CHOCTAW COUNTY
Monday, April 1, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
114 N Academy Ave., Butler, AL

BULLOCK COUNTY
Tuesday, April 2, 12 - 1 PM
217 N. Prairie St., Union Springs, AL

WILCOX COUNTY
Wednesday, April 3, 12 - 1 PM
2220 Highway 221, Camden, AL

DALLAS COUNTY
Thursday, April 4, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Location TBD

MARENGO COUNTY
Monday, April 8, 12 - 1 PM
306 1st Ave., Demopolis, AL

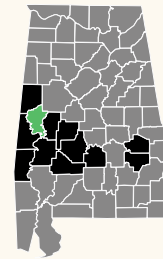
PICKENS COUNTY
Monday, April 8, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Location TBD

MACON COUNTY
Tuesday, April 9, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
210 N. Elm St., Tuskegee, AL



SPOTLIGHT ON – GREENE COUNTY –

Greene County is located in west-central Alabama and is one of the 12 Black Belt counties serviced by BBCF. The City of Eutaw serves as the county seat.



GREENE CO. HAS A TOTAL AREA OF **647** SQUARE MILES



Greene County was created by the Alabama Territorial Legislature in 1819 from lands ceded to the federal government by the Choctaw. The county was named for Revolutionary War hero Nathaniel Greene. Because of its location in the fertile Black Belt, Greene County was an agricultural powerhouse during the nineteenth century. However, in 1867, Greene County lost more than 40% of its land to the creation of Hale County causing its population and prominence to decline.



GREENE CO. HAS A POPULATION OF **7.7K**

Today, Greene County is the least populated county in the state of Alabama, with a demographic breakdown of 79% Black, 17% White, and 2.5% Hispanic. Large employers in Greene County include the Greene County Hospital, WestRock Co. paper company,

and several different industries, from catfish processors to roofing products and hardware.

Those living in Greene County can access the resources of the BBCF or donate to the organization through one of your local Community Associates.



Darlene Robinson
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BBCF GREENE CO. COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES:

Nancy Cole, Miriam Leftwich, Darlene Robinson, Mollie Rowe, Johnni Strode-Morning, Geraldine Walton, Johnny Williams, Carol Zippert, John Zippert

BBCF GREENE CO. 2023 GRANT RECIPIENTS: (ARTS GRANTS & COMMUNITY GRANTS)

- Beyond the Brink
- Boy Scout Troop 945
- Center For Rural Family Development
- Eutaw Housing Authority Enrichment Program
- Girl Scout Troop 408
- Greene County Human Rights Commission
- Society of Folk Arts and Culture
- United Purposes, Inc.

Sources: encyclopediaofalabama.org (6/2/23); businessalabama.com (6/20/22)