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## **Chamblee Awarded ‘Project Grant’ from Georgia Council for the Arts**

### *\$8K Grant to Support 2024 Chamblee Chalk Walk and Artist Market*

**July 10, 2024** — Chamblee was awarded a Project Grant from Georgia Council for the Arts, a strategic arm of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, for fiscal year 2025. The Project Grant helps fund single art projects like art exhibits, theater productions, a series of children’s workshops, an artist residency, or may be used for capacity-building projects, such as developing a strategic plan or providing professional development. As part of this year’s Project awards, 45 entities in 19 counties will receive more than \$350,000 in funding.

“Arts funding improves quality of life, and Georgia Council for the Arts is excited to help our arts communities fund projects that help solve community challenges, bring people together, and support small businesses,” **said Georgia Council for the Arts Director Tina Lilly**. “Our arts communities continue to foster economic and cultural vitality, and we are grateful to the Georgia General Assembly for providing this support.”

Georgia Council for the Arts received applications from nonprofit organizations, government entities, public libraries, schools, and colleges and universities. Projects may be one-time events, such as a festival or exhibit, or a series of events, such as a roster of classes or a series of productions. The City of Chamblee was awarded \$8,000 to be used for its highly anticipated annual Chalk Walk & Artist Market.

“We are grateful and excited to receive the Georgia Council for the Arts FY25 Project Grant for the 2024 Chalk Walk event,” said **Teneisha Jones, Chamblee’s Public Arts Coordinator**. “The funding will go towards expanding equitable access to the event and offering even more art experiences.”

**The City of Chamblee will host its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chalk Walk & Artist Market on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Chamblee City Hall.** Funding for these grants is provided through appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) 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.

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*Located just 14 miles from downtown Atlanta, Chamblee is a vibrant urban city with a diverse community and international flair. The City of Chamblee began as a small rail town and was incorporated in 1908. It has grown to more than seven square miles and nearly 30,000 residents. Chamblee is home to a heavy rail MARTA station, a historic downtown and Antique Row, the vibrant Buford Highway Corridor, DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK), the Centers for Disease Control and a thriving business community with a unique sense of entrepreneurship and optimism. Visit [www.chambleega.com](http://www.chambleega.com) for more information.*

### **About Georgia Council for the Arts**

Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) empowers the arts industry in Georgia and artists around the state to cultivate healthy, vibrant communities that are rich in civic participation, cultural experiences, and economic prosperity. As part of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, Georgia Council for the Arts provides grant funding, programs, and services statewide that support this vital industry, preserve our cultural heritage, and create increased access to meaningful arts experiences. Visit [gaarts.org](http://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 location for arts, film, and digital entertainment projects, as well as planning and mobilizing state resources for economic development. Visit [georgia.org](http://georgia.org) for more information.