

# PRESS RELEASE

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The City of Bowie Arts Committee was allocated \$10,000 in the FY18 City Budget to award grants to groups or individuals that provide art experiences for Bowie residents. This year we had 8 applications asking for a total of \$29,316.27 in grant funds. Applications were reviewed and scored by the members of the Arts Committee. The following Grants were awarded:

1. Bowie State University Department of Fine and Performing Arts  
**Grant Title – The Bowie We Want To See**  
The grant proposes conducting two workshops during Black History Month (February) 2018 among faculty, BSU students, and the local community to create a photo mural visualizing “The Bowie We Want to See”. The workshops, installation and reception for the project will be held at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts.  
**Grant Amount - \$2000**
2. Stars Foundation, Inc.  
**Grant Title - Stars of Black History Month**  
The grant will provide for the creation of the script and development of the musical score and soundtrack, as well as costumes and set for the Stars Foundation Black History Month Project at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. The project will focus on middle and high school students in Bowie. The project will provide active engagement in the performing arts, including photography/videography, dance, drama drug/violence/gangs/bullying awareness sessions, modeling, step, visual arts, spoken word – poetry, and music.  
**Grant Amount - \$1800**
3. K.B.J. Artz  
**Grant Title – Art Therapy in Bowie**  
This grant proposes live painting/drawing demonstrations, educational workshops and art exhibitions for senior citizens in the City of Bowie. A field trip to an area art museum or other outdoor drawing session is included in the grant.  
**Grant Amount - \$3100**

4. Howard Gospel Choir of Howard University

**Grant Title – Let Us March On**

This grant will assist with bringing the national and international renowned Howard Gospel Choir to the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts to present a musical production that will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 14, 2018. The program will be open to all residents of Bowie with a minimal suggested donation.

**Grant Amount - \$1950**

5. Capitol Movement, Inc.

**Grant Title – Workshops at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts**

This grant will bring an interactive arts experience to the residents of Bowie. A workshop and performance series will span across 2018 offering various styles of dance which will include: hip hop, jazz, contemporary and tap. Workshops will focus on both young children, for their first time exposure to the arts, and industry level intermediate and advanced workshops for teens and adults.

**Grant Amount - \$1150**