

Empowering Charlotte



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Hi Stephen,

As the Program Director in Charlotte for Knight Foundation, I am excited to share with you some amazing opportunities and updates in our vibrant city. Our community is constantly growing and evolving, and together, we are making strides in fostering a thriving, connected, and equitable environment for everyone.

Don't miss out on UDO University! Sign up for these virtual classes and engage with the City of Charlotte to shape our future. Additionally, we are thrilled to announce a major gift and organizational changes from United Way, as well as a \$450,000 community investment from Knight Foundation in support of the United Neighborhoods initiative. This collaboration marks our shared commitment to advancing equitable and resident-centered development in Charlotte's Historic West End.

Lastly, we are delighted to introduce the 2022 Knight Art + Tech Expansion Fund winners, a group of talented local artists and arts organizations. These recipients will receive support to build technological capacity, enhancing the impact and reach of their work in our thriving arts community.

Together, we will continue to innovate, create, and grow as a united Charlotte community.

Warm regards,

Charles Thomas
Program Director, Charlotte
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CITY OF CHARLOTTE RECEIVES \$1M FEDERAL RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE WEST END

The Charlotte Department of Transportation is among the first recipients of the U.S. Department of Transportation's new Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program. The grant supports a planning effort to address historical highway barriers disconnecting Charlotte's 5 Points area of West End. We are excited to partner with the City of Charlotte, Historic West End Partners, and the residents of the district to reconnect the Beatties Ford Road corridor to

uptown Charlotte.

- [Charlotte gets a million dollars to study two interchanges in West End](#)
- [City of Charlotte receives \\$1M Federal Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program grant to study the West End](#)

United Way Announces Major Gift, Organizational Changes and 2023 Community Investment

The United Way of Charlotte recently announced organizational changes and a 2023 community investment of \$450,000 from Knight Foundation in support of its United Neighborhoods initiative.



Knight Foundation has a longstanding interest in Charlotte's Historic West End, investing specifically in the Beatties Ford Road, West Boulevard, and North End corridors. Knight greatly values the partnership with United Way in our shared effort to support and advance equitable and resident-centered development in the Historic West End.

Innovating and creating in Charlotte: meet the 2022 Knight Art + Tech Expansion Fund winners

A group of 29 Charlotte-based artists and arts organizations have been selected by Knight Foundation to receive funding to build technological capacity to enhance the impact and reach of their work.

Technology plays an invaluable role in enhancing the way art is produced, experienced and shared, especially in today's connected world. To support the thriving arts community in Charlotte, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation has named the recipients of the 2022 Knight Art + Tech Expansion Fund, a group of local artists and arts organizations that will receive support to upgrade their technological capacity.



Knight funding will help the recipient arts practitioners purchase and install hardware and/or software, build permanent infrastructure, staff or contract support, develop and design websites, develop mobile applications and help with digitization and archiving — all of which are key elements to build long-term sustainability as an artist or arts organization.

[Meet the grantees.](#)

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