

## Funding and other opportunities available for you

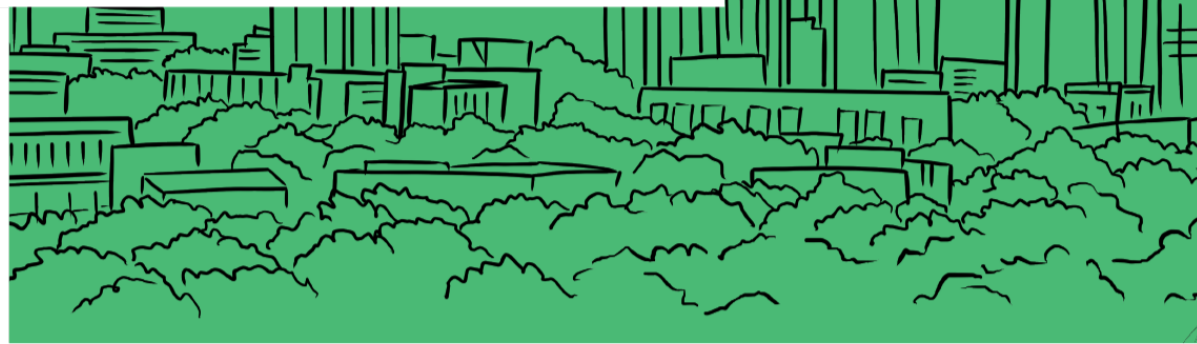


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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## CHARLOTTE, NC



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## Letter from the director



**Charles Thomas**  
Director / Charlotte

Dear Stephen,

It sure is hot out there, but Knight Charlotte and our partners are still open for business. My colleague Koven Smith and I recently hosted an info session at the West End Arts Factory for more than 50 artists interested in applying to the [Knight Art + Tech Expansion Fund](#). I'm excited to share in this edition funding and other opportunities available for organizations and small businesses that want to expand.

Thanks to everyone who applied to or shared our recent Knight Emerging Cities Champions open call. We received a record-breaking number of applications and look forward to announcing the recipients soon!

Kind regards,

Charles





# Resources for your Art + Tech Expansion Fund application

ICYMI: Knight is [seeking artists and arts organizations](#) who want to use technology to further their work or mission. Are you or someone you know working on a proposal? Here are some tools to help you along the way:

- Explore frequently asked questions and watch a recorded information session on our [website](#).
- [Book an appointment](#) with a member of the Knight Arts team (space is limited).
- Prepare your budget with our [template](#).
- Reach out to [arts@KF.org](mailto:arts@KF.org) with specific questions.

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## Charlotte represented at national conference

Did you know that the Historic West End features [13 parks and public spaces](#) that are programmed by residents? Public space plays a vital role in connecting and engaging communities. That's why I was thrilled to have leaders from the city, county and the Historic West End join Knight at [Greater & Greener 2024](#) in Seattle—a premier event for innovators and decision makers from across the global urban parks community.



Charlotte leaders meet Mitch Silver, a rockstar in equitable urban planning who has been internationally recognized for his contributions to contemporary planning issues. From left: Will Linville (Urban Design Center), Sean Langley (McCrorry Heights), Charles Thomas (Knight), Mitch Silver (McAdams), Katie Lloyd (Mecklenburg County) and Jerod Brown (Biddleville Smallwood).

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## A funding opportunity for diverse-owned small businesses

Beyond Open is a competitive small business grant program centered on building economic mobility in the Charlotte community with a focus on supporting diverse-owned (minority, woman, veteran, LGBTQ, persons with disabilities) small businesses located within the Corridors of Opportunity as identified by the City of Charlotte. Applications for their Round 3 of funding will be open from August 5 - 30.

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## Connecting local government and community

Calling all government and community leaders--Civility Localized is accepting applications for their inaugural Civic Impact Academy, a 10-week program to bring together local government and community leaders to effect positive, sustainable change in their communities. You will receive mentorship, advocacy training and networking opportunities. The goal of the Academy is to create more empathetic and civically engaged leaders all around. Apply by July 31 at [www.civicimpactcademy.com](http://www.civicimpactcademy.com).

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