

Academy of Scholars, Inc. – Healing Through Arts Program

FY 2024-2025 City Grant Proposal Term Sheet

Grant Recipient: Academy of Scholars, Inc. (“Recipient” or the “Academy”)

Program Name: Healing Through Arts Program (the “Program”)

City Funding Request: \$10,000

Contract/Grant Term: June 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025

Any substantial change to this FY 2024-2025 City Grant Proposal Term Sheet (the “Term Sheet”) or to the attached Program budget will require City Council approval.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The Academy has partnered with ArtsRide Youth Collective (ArtsRide) to provide a mobile, arts-based, trauma-informed, high-quality creative program to underserved and system-impacted youth. The mission of the Program is to empower young people through poetry, music, visual arts, and performance by creating safe spaces for healing, self-expression, and personal growth. From June 16th through August 4th, 2025, ArtsRide partnered with Academy of Scholars and Café Resistance to offer an 8-week summer program rooted in culturally responsive teaching and community collaboration. This partnership allowed us to expand our impact and provide consistent, hands-on arts education to uplift, inspire, and equip youth with the tools they need to thrive emotionally, artistically, and socially. Through engaging workshops, mentorship, and public showcases, our summer programming will foster creative confidence, strengthen community ties, and nurture the next generation of artists and leaders in Northeast Florida.

PROGRAM SCOPE OF WORK AND DELIVERABLES:

- Provide arts-based programming for 30–40 youth over an 8-week period
- Employ 7 local teaching artists to lead creative sessions twice per week
- Hire 1 Program Director to oversee operations and 1 Creative Director to curate artistic content and support
- Facilitate consistent, trauma-informed instruction in poetry, music, visual arts, and performance
- Host 2 family/community engagement events to foster support networks and celebrate youth participation
- Produce 1 end-of-camp youth showcase, giving participants a platform to perform and present their work publicly
- Publish 1 youth-created anthology or art book highlighting original writings, artwork, and reflections from camp
- Track weekly attendance, participation, and collect pre-/post-program surveys and reflections to measure growth in emotional well-being, artistic skills, and confidence
- Provide all supplies, meals/snacks, and safe, accessible space for participants throughout the camp

The Academy is committed to full compliance with all standard nonprofit grant requirements, which include but are not limited to:

- Using all funds strictly for their designated purposes
- Submitting timely and accurate financial and programmatic reports
- Participating in scheduled check-ins, site visits, and evaluations as requested

- Providing public acknowledgment of funder support, including logo placement, social media mentions, and press visibility
- Upholding strict adherence to child protection, safety, and equity/inclusion policies in all program environments

Additionally, programming is primarily focused on underserved communities within the following Jacksonville area codes: 32208, 32209, 32207, and 32206. Our mission is to expand access to healing through the arts for youth who are often overlooked or system-impacted. Through consistent engagement, we aim to help participants build emotional resilience, discover their creative voice, and grow into productive contributors to the Jacksonville community, empowered to give back and lead with purpose.

PROGRAM COSTS/PAYMENT TERMS:

Payments under this grant shall follow a pay-for-performance model. Recipient will submit invoices monthly based on a units-of-service/deliverable budget, with each activity invoiced at a fixed rate per session, per event, per item as applicable. Payments will be contingent upon submission of adequate documentation substantiating the delivery of services as required by KHA.

The City, including but not limited to the Council Auditor's Office, reserves the right to audit Recipient's financial records at any time during or after the Grant Term to ensure that funds are being spent appropriately and in accordance with this Term Sheet and the approved scope of work.

Annual Program costs are approximately \$80,000, with the majority of the costs being associated with hosting events open to the general public. The Academy is seeking funding of \$10,000 for programmatic support in the last four months of 2025.

The Program is also supported by agency-provided funding, in-kind contributions of donated funds, equipment, snacks, supplies and volunteer time and the total Program costs are approximately \$17,100.

PROGRAM IMPACT & REPORTING:

The Academy is dedicated to fostering meaningful, lasting change in the lives of young individuals and their communities. The Program aims to enhance social-emotional skills, bolster artistic confidence, and promote personal growth, particularly among youth facing trauma or residing in under-resourced neighborhoods. By offering consistent mentorship and safe, creative outlets, we equip young people with tools to express themselves, process experiences, and envision new possibilities for their futures.

The benefits of arts education are well-documented. In Northeast Florida, disparities in access to quality arts education persist. Notably, class sizes in some arts programs can reach a ratio of 60:1, highlighting the need for more equitable resources. Despite these challenges, exposure to the arts has shown significant positive outcomes. For instance, data from the Cathedral Arts Project's LEAD survey indicates that even a single field trip to a cultural destination like a museum or theater can markedly improve student performance in literacy, math and science.

Furthermore, the arts contribute substantially to Florida's economy, adding \$50.8 billion to the state economy and employing over 307,000 workers. In Jacksonville, arts and culture are not only vital for economic growth but also for community cohesion and youth development.

To ensure accountability and track outcomes, the Program utilizes a structured reporting process. This includes monthly progress updates, quarterly impact evaluations, and comprehensive year-end reports featuring key metrics, success stories, and testimonials. Additionally, pre- and post-Program surveys are conducted with youth

participants to assess growth in self-esteem, communication, and emotional wellness. These tools enable continuous improvement and demonstrate the tangible impact of our work on both youth and the broader community.

Recipient must submit a final impact report with performance metrics to the City no later than 45 days after the end of the Grant Term.

ADDITIONAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS:

Recipient's expenditure of City funds for the Program and the provision of services shall be subject to the terms and conditions of any contract entered into between the City and Recipient. Recipient shall use the City funds for the Program in accordance with the City Council approved Term Sheet and Program budget. The City's Grant Administrator may amend this Term Sheet or the approved Program budget consistent with the Program's needs, provided that any substantial change to this Term Sheet or a budget change not within 10% of the attached Program budget line-items will require City Council approval.

FY 24-25 City of Jacksonville Grant Funding - Program Budget

Agency: Academy of Scholars, Inc.

Program: Healing Through Arts Program

Fiscal Year: June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026

| Unit of Service/Deliverable | # of Students to be Served | # of Days of Service | Cost per Student per Day | City of Jacksonville (FY 2025-2026) | Budget Narrative (Explanation of City Funded Expenditures) |
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| Arts-based summer camp | 20 | 20 | x \$ 25 = | \$ 10,000 | Arts based summer program that facilitates consistent, trauma-informed instruction in poetry, music, visual arts, and performance. |
| Total | | | | \$ 10,000 | |