

CATHEDRAL ARTS PROJECT, INC. –
Brave HeARTs: Supporting Military Students and Families Through Arts Education
FY 2025–2026 GRANT PROPOSAL TERM SHEET

Grant Recipient: Cathedral Arts Project, Inc. (“CAP” or “Recipient”)

Program Name: Brave HeARTs: Supporting Military Students and Families Through Arts Education (the “Program”)

City Funding Request: \$250,000

Any substantial change to this FY 2025-2026 Grant Proposal Term Sheet (the “Term Sheet”) or the attached Program budget will require City Council approval.

CONTRACT/GRANT TERM:

The initial contract term shall be from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. The contract may be renewed for up to two (2) additional one-year terms, contingent upon the availability of City funds, including appropriations by the City Council or funding lawfully allocated by the Mayor to continue the Program. All renewals and extensions are subject to review and approval by the Jacksonville Procurement Awards Committee.

Recipient shall also be eligible for a no-cost extension to the initial contract term of up to six (6) months, at the discretion of the City, in the event Recipient is unable to expend the full amount of awarded funds within the original contract term.

Kids Hope Alliance (KHA) shall have the discretion to increase the total Program award by up to ten percent (10%) to support Program expansion, contingent upon available, lawfully appropriated funds and demonstrated achievement of performance goals. KHA may also reduce the contract amount at its discretion if performance goals are not met.

Any substantial alteration of this Term Sheet that changes the fundamental purpose of the Program or repurposes funds for uses not contemplated in the attached Program budget shall require City Council approval. Reallocations among budget line items and adjustments to performance measures that remain consistent with the Program’s approved purpose may be approved administratively by KHA as the managing City department.

MANAGING CITY DEPARTMENT:

KHA shall be the managing department responsible for oversight of this grant.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The Cathedral Arts Project (CAP) has designed a new Brave HeARTs initiative to meet the needs of children from military and veteran families. Military families make extraordinary sacrifices for our nation, and that sacrifice includes frequent school changes, social instability and stress their children endure. CAP’s Brave HeARTs initiative will provide these students with consistent, skill-building programs to enhance focus, resilience and academic performance. In short, we will be equipping military-connected children with the tools they need to succeed in school and in life.

Research shows arts education reduces social isolation, improves behavior and attention as well as enhances academic performance. In 2024, with support from the Florida Department of Education, CAP piloted the *Arts*

for All: Arts Education Program for School Choice Families to expand programs to families in non-traditional learning environments.

A third-party evaluation by the University of North Florida (UNF) found clear improvements in student outcomes and strong positive feedback from families:

Student Outcomes

- 95% improved mental focus and task persistence
- 92% showed strong confidence
- 89% engaged positively with classmates and teachers

Family Feedback

- 100% reported improved or maintained family communication
- 72% observed increased peer interaction in their child
- Parents saw increased at-home practice and enhanced creative problem-solving
- Families described children as more focused, resilient, and less frustrated

PROGRAM SCOPE OF WORK AND DELIVERABLES:

CAP's documented successes include 80%+ gains in academic performance, focus and classroom engagement, preparing students for economic self-sufficiency through college and career success. The Program fosters academic, character and communication skills that help students succeed in school, post-secondary education, the workforce and life.

The Brave HeARTs Program will provide year-long programming and multi-week intensive training (a total of 630 sessions) across multiple locations, reaching military-connected students through:

School-day and after-school programs at Purple Star and charter schools

- Military children will benefit from group arts education that develops communication and leadership skills. CAP's arts-integrated curriculum for Purple Star (Duval County Public Schools with high military concentrations) and charter schools is designed to increase student academic performance, school engagement and attendance.
- Rigorous afterschool arts instruction paired with career exploration opportunities will introduce youth to various career fields and entrepreneurship.

On base programs at NAS Jacksonville, Mayport and military partner sites

- Due to family deployment, students often face increased risks of trauma and social isolation. Arts education will improve mental well-being, foster teamwork, develop communication skills and reduce the likelihood of justice system involvement.
- CAP programs will be offered on base and at military partner sites to reduce transportation barriers for families.
- Tailored programming will focus on students' academic performance while fostering communication skills to help students manage the stress of family deployment.

The Brave HeARTs Program will expand learning beyond the classroom by connecting students and families to real-world experiences and community supports through:

Career development, field trips and military family engagement events

- Career development and family engagement events (10) will be designed to promote literacy skills, job readiness training and career coaching for teens.

The Brave HeARTs Program will ensure accountability and continuous improvement by partnering with an external evaluator to measure Program impact through:

Program evaluation completed by third party

- Program evaluation/assessment reports will be conducted by the University of North Florida.

PROGRAM REPORTING:

Key Impacts & Metrics to be Reported:

Using rubric, pre and post Program student evaluations will demonstrate the following:

- Improved focus: 80% will report improved ability to set goals and work on a task from beginning to end.
- Improved social engagement: 80% will report improvement in participation in class sessions.
- Improved ability to solve problems: 80% will report improved reasoning and problem-solving skills.
- Improved communication skills with peers and adults: 80% will report improved communication skills.
- Skill based learning: 90% will report improvement in their arts discipline specific skills.
- Academic achievement: 80% will report improved academic engagement.

PROGRAM COSTS:

Total Program Cost: \$287,388

- School-day and after-school programming at Purple Star and charter schools, on base programming and military partner sites: \$204,750
- Career development, field trips and military family engagement events: \$35,000
- Program evaluation completed by third party: \$10,250
- CAP implementation and quality control of all educational activities: \$37,388

Program Funding Sources:

- City of Jacksonville Request: \$250,000 in FY2026
- Cathedral Arts Project, Inc: \$37,388 (Committed)

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.

Recipient is eligible to receive an advance of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total grant award. This advance will be deducted from subsequent monthly reimbursements. Recipient may elect to begin repayment of the advance starting with the first reimbursement request but must begin no later than the sixth (6th) month of the initial contract term. The full amount of the advance must be repaid by the eleventh (11th) month of the initial contract term.

Any portion of the advance not fully repaid by the end of the initial contract term must be returned to the City prior to the release of any additional grant funds.

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.

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, as well as all applicable regulations deemed appropriate by the Kids Hope Alliance, including but not limited to, Chapters 77 and 126 of the *Jacksonville Ordinance Code*. Recipient shall use the City funds for the Program in accordance with the City Council-approved Term Sheet and Program budget. KHA may work with Recipient to amend this Term Sheet or the approved Program budget consistent with the Program's needs, provided that any substantial change to the scope or intent of the Program shall require City Council approval.

FY 25-26 City of Jacksonville Grant Funding - Program Budget

Agency: Cathedral Arts Project, Inc.

Program: Brave HeARTs: Supporting Military Students and Families Through Arts Education

Fiscal Year: October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026

Unit of Service/Deliverable	Units to be Provided	Cost per Unit	City of Jacksonville (FY 2025-2026)	Other Funding (Federal, State & Private)	Total Cost of Project	Budget Narrative (Explanation of City Funded Expenditures)
School-day and after-school Program sessions	630	x \$ 325 =	\$ 204,750		\$ 204,750	One hour plus sessions of rigorous arts instruction paired with literacy, career exploration opportunities, and academic performance support. Sessions will be performed in a minimum of three schools with high military populations and two military bases or adjacent community sites that serve military families.
Field Trips & Events	10	x \$ 3,500 =	\$ 35,000		\$ 35,000	Field trips along with career development and family engagement events will be designed to promote literacy skills, job readiness training and career coaching.
Program Evaluation	1	x \$ 10,250 =	\$ 10,250		\$ 10,250	The Program evaluation/assessment reports will be conducted by the University of North Florida and provided to COJ upon completion.
Staffing				\$ 37,388	\$ 37,388	Staff will provide implementation and quality control of all educational activities.
Total			\$ 250,000	\$ 37,388	\$ 287,388	