

FY 24 Impact Report

American College of the Building Arts

Facility Expansion

June 20, 2024

Activity	Goal	Impact	Budget Spent to date
<p>Purchase and up-fit of additional facility. This allows for an expansion of both our blacksmithing program and our wood programs.</p>	<p>While many institutions of higher education are facing admissions obstacles, ACBA is growing and is needing to expand our facilities. This funding allows our blacksmithing facility to expand and thereby continue the wonderful tradition of Charleston ironwork. Some projects we are currently working on include a collaboration with Clemson University to create both grave markers and a new gate and fence to beautify the discovered area on their campus that had many unmarked burial sites.</p>	<p>In our initial report, we described the American College of the Building Arts which is the only institution of higher education that trains artisans in six different areas while also leading to an undergraduate degree. Our students perform numerous public goods while enrolled, some recent examples being a piece of public art on permanent loan at the Gibbes Museum in downtown Charleston. This piece was done in collaboration with a MacArthur Foundation Fellow and the Pace Gallery from New York City. ACBA students completed the sculptural drawings, built the masterpiece, and installed it into its permanent home. ACBA also works to provide services to the community in areas such as historic preservation reports. We have worked with sites such as the Hutchinson House on Edisto Island, Eccles Church, and many others who are non profit organizations themselves but who lack the funding to acquire a preservation report for their facilities. Many of ACBA's students also remain in our state as we are in dire need of skilled craftsmen and women. They both work at companies and many even form their own companies bringing in additional revenue to our state.</p>	<p>\$500,000</p>