

**AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE**  
**AND**  
**KINGSPORT THEATRE GUILD**

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into as of this 1st day of July, 2026, by and between the City of Kingsport, hereinafter called "CITY", and the Kingsport Theatre Guild, hereinafter called "THEATRE GUILD".

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, THEATRE GUILD is a not-for-profit agency as defined by Tennessee Code Annotated §§6-54-111 and 48-51-101 et seq., and is eligible to receive funds for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, CITY is authorized by Tennessee Code Annotated §6-54-111 et seq. to provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations and not-for-profit corporations; and

WHEREAS, THEATRE GUILD will receive financial assistance from the CITY; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to set forth the terms and conditions with respect to the use of funds to be provided.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the parties agree as follows:

**1. PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT.** The purpose of this Agreement is to assist THEATRE GUILD in producing and presenting community-wide productions. The staff and actors are from the Greater Tri-Cities area. The THEATER GUILD hosts a Youth Camp and Teen Camp in the summer and partners with Barter Youth Academy to provide workshops in the fall, spring and summer targeting a young audience and to state the terms and conditions upon which financial assistance will be provided by CITY and the manner in which the project will be carried out by THEATRE GUILD.

**2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT.**

THEATRE GUILD agrees to produce and present community-wide "Youth Series" productions targeting a young audience during the 2026-2027 theatre season.

3. **MAXIMUM PAYMENT.** It is expressly understood and agreed that the total amount to be paid by CITY to THEATRE GUILD under this Agreement will not exceed SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,200).
4. **REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT.** THEATRE GUILD will bill CITY for payment of funds after July 1, 2023, using forms and procedures specified by CITY.
5. **REIMBURSEMENT BY CITY.** CITY will review all billing submitted, however, reimbursement of any cost, not to exceed the amount as shown in paragraph 3, will not constitute a final determination by CITY of the allowability of such costs and will not constitute a waiver of any violation of the terms of the Agreement.
6. **AUDITS.** THEATRE GUILD prior to receiving funds pursuant to this Agreement it must file with the city clerk a copy of an annual report of its business affairs and transactions that includes, but is not limited to:
  - (A) Either a copy of the entity's most recently completed annual audit or an annual report detailing all receipts and expenditures in a form prescribed by the comptroller of the treasury and prepared and certified by the chief financial officer of such nonprofit organization;
  - (B) A description of the program that serves the residents of the municipality; and
  - (C) The proposed use of the municipal assistance.
  - (D) A listing of revenue sources detailing what percent of the total operating budget they coverThe report filed pursuant hereto shall be open for public inspection during regular business hours of the city clerk's office. Financial reports shall be available to fiscal officers of the CITY and shall be subject to audit under T.C.A. § 6-56-105 THEATRE GUILD will permit CITY or its representatives to inspect all work, materials, payrolls, and other records with regard to the project, and to audit the books, records, and accounts of THEATRE GUILD with regard to the project. Such records will be retained for this purpose for a period of not less than three years.
7. **ACCOUNTING, RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.** THEATRE GUILD will establish and maintain an accounting, record-keeping and reporting system consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and no less than those recommended in the Accounting Manual for Recipients of Grant Funds in Tennessee, published by the Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Tennessee. THEATRE GUILD further agrees to submit to CITY a copy of its most recent audited report at the same time said report is submitted to the State government.
8. **CHANGES.** Any changes in this Agreement will require a written amendment executed by all parties hereto.

9. **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING.** THEATRE GUILD will not assign any rights to funds, except as set forth herein, without prior written authorization from CITY.
10. **TERMINATION.** This Agreement may be terminated by either party by giving written notice to the other at least 30 days before the effective date of such termination. In the event of such termination, THEATRE GUILD will be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any eligible operating expenses paid or incurred as of the termination date, but in no event will this amount exceed SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,200).
11. **CHANGED CONDITIONS AFFECTING PERFORMANCE.** THEATRE GUILD will immediately notify CITY of any change in conditions or of any other event which may significantly affect its ability to perform the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
12. **ASSURANCES.** THEATRE GUILD hereby assures CITY that THEATRE GUILD is legally entitled to funds from CITY.
13. **OPERATING INFORMATION.** THEATRE GUILD will provide any relevant information requested by CITY concerning THEATRE GUILD's program, including, but not limited to, contracts for third party financial arrangements, annual financial statements and audit reports, schedules and fees.
14. **PROJECT TERM.** CITY and THEATRE GUILD have previously agreed that the project term for this contract is from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Accordingly, funds allocated by CITY to THEATRE GUILD can be used to reimburse THEATRE GUILD for eligible project expenses beginning on July 1, 2026. In no event will CITY participate in project expenses incurred after June 30, 2027.
15. **REPORTING.** THEATRE GUILD will submit to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen a quarterly report setting out how funds allocated by CITY to THEATRE GUILD assist in carrying out the purpose of the project as described under the terms of this Agreement. The report shall be transmitted to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.
16. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** THEATRE GUILD'S relationship with CITY is that of an independent contractor and nothing in this Agreement should be construed to create a partnership, joint venture or employer-employee relationship. THEATRE GUILD is not the agent of the CITY and is not authorized to make any representation, contract or commitment on behalf of CITY. Neither THEATRE GUILD nor its employees will, under any circumstances, be considered servants, agents, partners or a joint venture of CITY, and CITY will at no time be legally responsible for any negligence or other wrong doing by

THEATRE GUILD, or its employees or agents.

**17. INDEMNIFICATION FOR DAMAGES, TAXES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.**

THEATRE GUILD will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CITY, including without limitation, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers from and against:

A. Any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, defense costs, or liability of any kind or nature which CITY may sustain or incur or which may be imposed upon it for injury to or death of persons, or damage to property as a result of, arising out of, or in any manner connected with THEATRE GUILD'S performance under the terms of this Agreement, excepting any liability arising out of the sole negligence of the CITY. Such indemnification includes any damage to the person(s), or property(ies) of THEATRE GUILD and third persons.

B. Any and all Federal, State and Local taxes, charges, fees, or contributions required to be paid with respect to THEATRE GUILD and its officers, employees and agents engaged in the performance of this Agreement (including, without limitation, unemployment insurance, social security and payroll tax withholding).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the signatures of the parties hereto as of the date and year first written in duplicate original form.

**Kingsport Theatre Guild**

**City of Kingsport, Tennessee**

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**Signature**

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**Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor**

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**Date**

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**Date**

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**Printed Name**

**Attest:**

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**Title**

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**Angela Marshall, Deputy City Recorder**

**Approved as to form:**

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**Rodney B. Rowlett, III, City Attorney**