



PHILIP A. MORRIS FUND FOR THE DESIGN ARTS ANNOUNCES 2024 GRANTS

In its second annual grant cycle, the Philip A. Morris Fund for the Design Arts of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham awarded **\$115,000 in grants to five area nonprofits.**

- **Alabama Moving Image Association, \$4,000**, to help choose a blade signage design consultant. Alabama Moving Image Association (Sidewalk Film) needs exterior signage for the Pizitz Building redevelopment.
- **Birmingham Aids Outreach, \$10,000**, to support muralist design fees for the new façade of the Magic City Acceptance Center’s inclusive space. A design will be selected from options provided by local LGBTQ muralists, who will also oversee implementation of the project.
- **Freshwater Land Trust, \$56,000**, for design work on the Valley Creek Rails-to-Trails multi-use project that will connect the existing three-mile High Ore Line Greenway to Rickwood Field.
- **HICA, \$40,000**, for design fees and architectural renderings for a redevelopment project which will be a vibrant public gathering space.
- **Wallace Center for Arts and Reconciliation, \$5,000**, for the DesignAlabama DesignDash for its planning of a trail system in Harpersville. This system is focused on the Harpersville Heritage Area, agritourism sites, parks, and the proposed town center, with the Wallace House and grounds as the trailhead.

The Morris Fund advisory committee reviews grant proposals to ensure that they meet Mr. Morris’s specific definition of design arts and his intentions for broad community building and inclusion.