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National Museum of African American Music Receives Grant from Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The \$4,000 grant to support youth literacy will be used in NMAAM's community education efforts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Sept. 17, 2018) – The Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded the National Museum of African American Music a \$4,000 grant to support its education mission.

“While our museum is still under construction, with the help of incredible donors like Dollar General, we’re already making an impact in the local community with our education programs,” said Henry Hicks, CEO of the National Museum of African American Music. “We believe the path to being a lifelong learner begins at a young age and are committed to helping young music fans across Nashville learn and grow.”

The grant will go toward supporting the [From Nothing to Something Program](#), which includes a lesson on lyric writing and innovation using limited resources. The program is designed to educate young people about how a group of people, from different cultures, created instruments from memories and limited resources. It’s just one of the many local community programs NMAAM puts on throughout the year, which also include Music, Legends & Heroes; Musician’s Studio; Fine Tuning; and Sips & Stanzas.

“The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to be an ardent supporter of schools, libraries and nonprofit literacy organizations,” said Todd Vasos, Dollar General’s CEO. “Dollar General’s mission is ‘Serving Others,’ and this commitment comes to life through Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants that will impact thousands of students across the country. Since its inception 25 years ago, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has partnered with thousands of organizations focused on advancing the goals of literacy and education.”

This grant is part of more than \$3.4 million the organization awarded to 915 recipients on Aug. 28. Awarded annually at the beginning of the academic school year, youth literacy grants help support teachers, schools and nonprofit organizations throughout the 44 states that Dollar General serves.

About the National Museum of African American Music

The National Museum of African American Music, set to open in 2019, will be the only museum dedicated solely to educating, preserving and celebrating the influence African Americans have had on music. Based in Nashville, Tenn., the museum will share the story of the American soundtrack by integrating history and interactive technology to bring musical heroes of the past into the present. For more information, please visit www.nmaam.org.

About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$159 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 10 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education development certificate or English proficiency. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

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