

Building For the Arts

2025-2027

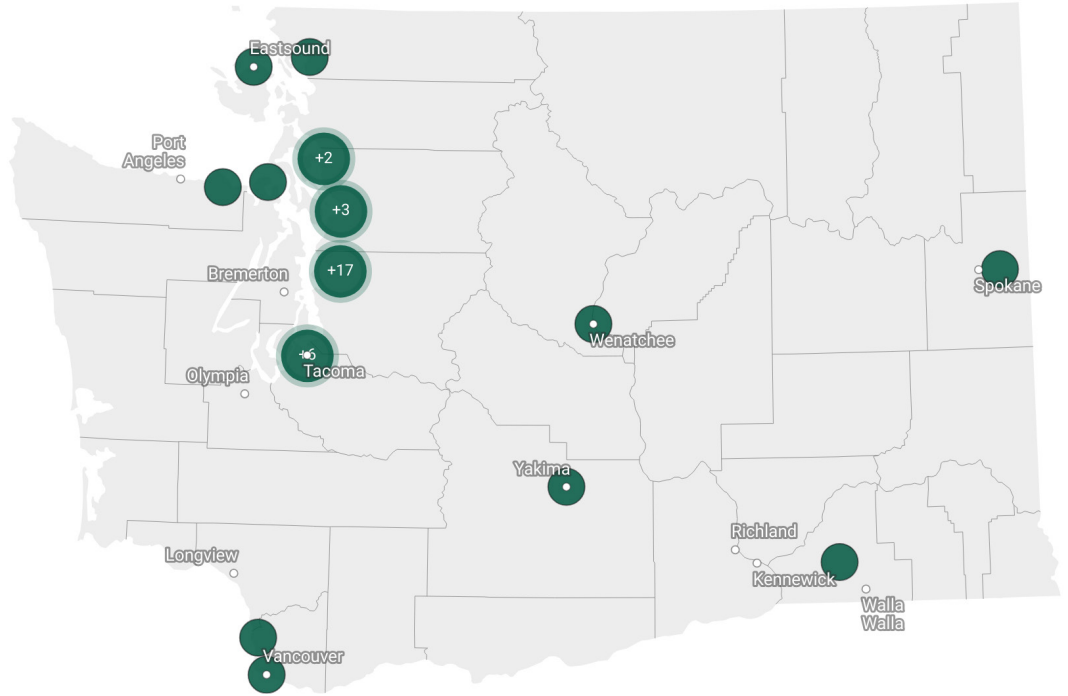
History of Success

Since its inception in 1991, the Building for the Arts program has granted over \$147 million in state capital construction funds for 294 arts projects in 30 counties across Washington State. Thanks to administration by the Department of Commerce and a citizens advisory board, only projects that have demonstrated sound planning, fiscal solvency, and an ability to raise substantial funds locally are recommended for funding. Reimbursement funds may not exceed 33% of total project costs, nor may they exceed \$2 million total per organization.

This year's Building for the Arts program recommends **38 capital projects** requesting a total of **\$18 million**.

Projects span: **13 counties** including; *Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Jefferson, King, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Spokane, Walla Walla, Whatcom, and Yakima.*

21 legislative districts including; 4, 10, 12, 14, 16, 20, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 48, and 49.



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Building Significant Economic Impact

The 2025-2027 Building for the Arts program's request of \$18 million in the capital budget is a modest investment in the returns it will bring to the state.

In addition to quality of life contributions these projects will bring to their communities, they will impact the state's economy through tax revenue and job creation. With construction completion required by the end of the biennium cycle, these projects are providing jobs in their communities now. When construction is complete, arts organizations and their patrons spur business and jobs in service industries, including in restaurants, hotels, and transportation.



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All projects have been selected through a competitive grant process, which includes a screening by Department of Commerce Staff and ranking by an advisory board of experts. Recommended projects have been determined to be in good financial standing and the work will be completed by the end of the biennium.

2025-27 BFA Projects	District	Request
American Urban Art & Graffiti Conservation Project	38	\$105,000
Seattle Theatre Group	43	\$270,000
Totem Star	34	\$253,000
Warehouse Theatre Company	14	\$22,000
Woodland Park Zoo	36	\$878,000
Power House Theatre Walla Walla	16	\$22,000
The Rhapsody Project	34	\$200,000
Red Eagle Soaring	34	\$176,000
Mini Mart City Park	34	\$149,000
Stanwood Camano Arts Advocacy Commission	10	\$878,000
Orcas Center	40	\$506,000
Kirkland Performance Center	48	\$152,000
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	29	\$878,000
Centrum Foundation	24	\$878,000
Whim W'Him	36	\$227,000
Hip Hop is Green	30	\$153,000
Friends of Little Saigon	37	\$878,000
Idaho Central Spokane Valley Performing Arts Center	4	\$878,000
Children of the Setting Sun Productions	42	\$878,000

2025-27 BFA Projects - Continued	District	Request
Columbia Dance	49	\$46,000
Imagine Children's Museum	38	\$87,000
Khmer Buddhist Organization of Pacific Northwest	20	\$217,000
Tacoma Art Museum	27	\$878,000
Seattle Symphony Orchestra	43	\$878,000
The Friendship Circle of Washington	41	\$230,000
Seattle Children's Theatre	36	\$290,000
Filipino Community of Seattle	37	\$174,000
Cornish College of the Arts	43	\$878,000
Olympic Theatre Arts	24	\$154,000
Lincoln Theatre Center Foundation	10	\$753,000
Seattle Aquarium Society	43	\$878,000
Schack Art Center	38	\$46,000
Museum of Glass	27	\$878,000
Friends of Lakewold	28	\$452,000
Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center	12	\$878,000
The Seattle Griot Project	34	\$878,000
Tacoma Little Theatre and Drama League	27	\$146,000
Estelita's Library	37	\$878,000

Total Request: \$18,000,000

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