

# Project Updates

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Bellevue Arts Commission

1E-109 or Zoom Meeting, 4:30 pm

City of Bellevue, WA

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### Funding

#### **Public Art Fund**

This item will be removed from future project updates

#### **Cultural Facility Grants Program**

Update: Staff is working with the City Attorney's Office to draft contracts for approved grants.

#### **2025 Grants Program**

Update: Final award recommendations will be presented to the council on January 7.



### Planning Projects

#### **BelRed Arts District**

Update: A new placemaking district identification sign has been installed in the BelRed Arts District at the corner of 130<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and Spring Blvd NE.

#### **Economic Development Plan**

Launch: In 2025, Cultural and Economic Development (CED) staff will develop the 2026-2031 Economic Development Plan. This plan is expected to include key strategies in Creative Economy and Cultural Tourism and is approved by City Council as official policy. CED Staff will present to the Arts Commission on this topic at a later date.

### Public Art

#### **Yonder Sky by Po Shu Wang**

No update to report.

#### **Rooted by Jill Anholt**

Update: The artist has completed 50% fabrication.

#### **Creative Crosswalks**

No update to report.

**Crossroads Public Art by Anna Mlasowsky**

Update: Final design of the artwork will be presented to the commission at this meeting.

**Eastside Artist Roster**

Update: 157 submitted applications, 62 in progress.

**Grand Connection**

Update: Four finalists were selected to interview for the lead artist for the Grand Connection crossing of Interstate 405. The panel will interview the finalists and make a recommendation to staff later this month. The selected artist will create a public art plan for the bridge and a preliminary concept for a major public artwork for the crossing.

**Mural Program**

No update to report.

**Public Art Collection & Maintenance**

Update: A maintenance company is under contract and will start maintenance services shortly.

**Portable Art Collection**

Update: All recommended artwork is available for purchase. The acquisition is scheduled for the second week of January through February.

**Utility Box Wraps Program**

Update: Staff has hired artist Eileen Jimenez to create a design for three adjacent utility boxes in BelRed at the corner of 136<sup>th</sup> Place and NE 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Their design will be provided as a project update in the February commission packet.