

## ARTS COMMISSION PROJECT UPDATES

### GRANT PROGRAMS

#### Cultural Facility Grants Program

Update: Four applications were received. The applications are now in review. Final recommendations will come to the Art Commission in the fall before going to City Council for final approval.

#### 2026 EAP & Project Grant Programs

Update: The grant guidelines will go live later this summer, and applications will be due October 10.

#### Upcoming Events from Grantees

##### July

- [Bellevue Farmers Market](#), Thursdays through October 1, 3-7 p.m., 1717 Bellevue Way NE
- Bellevue Downtown Association, "[Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup>](#)," Downtown Park
- Elevate, "[Art In Bloom](#)" art market, July 12, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Bellevue Botanical Garden
- Bellevue Downtown Association, "[Live at Lunch](#)" concert series, starts July 7, on weekdays at several locations in Downtown Bellevue
- Seattle Chamber Music Society, "[Summer Festival Concert](#)," July 15 & 17, 7:30 p.m., Meydenbauer Center Theatre
- Theatre33, "[The Little Prince](#)," July 24-26, Theatre33 (13243 NE 20th St)
- Studio East, "[The Prom](#)," July 24-August 2, Studio East (10718 NE 68th St, Kirkland)
- Bellevue Downtown Association, "[Bellevue Arts Fair Weekend](#)," July 24-26, Downtown Bellevue
- KidsQuest, "[Waterfest](#)," July 27-31, KidsQuest Children's Museum

##### August

- [Bellevue Farmers Market](#), Thursdays through October 1, 3-7 p.m., 1717 Bellevue Way NE
  - Single-day pilot market Downtown: August 8, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Studio East, "[Willy Wonka Kids](#)," August 7-9, Studio East (10718 NE 68th St, Kirkland)
- Evergreen Association of Fine Arts, "[Plein Air](#)" outdoor painting session, August 11, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Kelsey Creek Farm (no membership required to join)
- Music Works NW, "[Student Showcase](#)," August 16, 2 p.m.
- House of Kala, August 29, Carlson Theatre

##### Early September

- Evergreen Association of Fine Arts, "[Plein Air](#)" outdoor painting session, September 1, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Meydenbauer Bay Park (no membership required to join)

## PLANNING PROJECTS

### BelRed Arts District Planning Projects

No update to report.

### Economic Development Plan

Final Update: The Economic Development Plan was approved by Council earlier this year. This item will be removed from the Project Update as a regular standing item moving forward, with updates coming to the Commission as needed.

### Grand Connection Crossing Art Plan

Update: Staff will give an update at this meeting.

### Outdoor Event Venue Feasibility Study

No update to report.

### Performing Arts Center Market Analysis, Operations Validation, and Fit Study

Update: The city received 8 applicants in response to the Request for Proposals. Once a consultant is contacted, staff will coordinate an update to the Arts Commission.

## PUBLIC ART

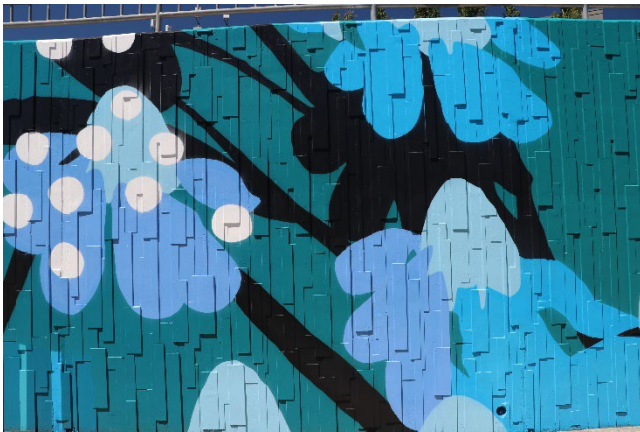
### Public Art Collection & Maintenance

Update: Artech, the city's maintenance contractor, will be maintaining 25-30 artworks in 2026.

### Temporary Public Art Projects

The BelRed mural, *Rent Free*, by Rabi and Christopher Derek Bruno, is complete.





Working with the art club at Bellevue High School, staff are happy to announce that the design is finished, the utility box wrap is under production, and will be installed at the intersection of Bellevue Way NE and NE Wolverine Way this summer. Below is a photo of the students holding the completed designs when staff went to pick them up for scanning.



**Portable Art Collection**

No update to report.

**Eastside Artist Roster**

Update: 272 submitted applications.

**Grand Connection**

Update: Staff will provide an update at this meeting.

**Rooted by Jill Anholt**

No update to report.

**Crossroads Public Art by Anna Mlasowsky**

Update: On June 18, a ribbon-cutting for *River* by Anna Mlasowsky was held at Crossroads Park; approximately 25 people attended to hear remarks by the artist, Councilmember Sumadiwirya, and a representative from Amazon, which helped fund the project. After the remarks, guests were invited to take a walk through the park to view all the installations and hear a more in-depth talk by the artist.

This item will be removed from future updates.

**Night Blooming by Taiji Miyasaka**

No update to report.

**Factoria Public Art**

Update: Applications for this opportunity closed on June 7, 2026. In total, 153 artists applied for the project. A panel will be meeting in July and early August to select and interview finalists. The panel will be composed of an arts commissioner, three Factoria area stakeholders, and three professional artists and arts professionals.

**Emerging Artist Program**

Update: Staff will provide an update, including recommended artists, to the commission at this meeting.

