

Project Updates

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Bellevue Arts Commission

1E-113 or Zoom Meeting, 4:30 pm

City of Bellevue, WA

Project Updates

Funding Programs

Cultural Facility Grants Program

No update to report.

2025 Grants Program

No update to report.

2026 Grants Program

Update: The guidelines for the 2026 Project grants have been published, and the application is now open. The deadline to apply (and renew EAP grantees, which are now on a two-year cycle) is October 10.

Planning Projects

BelRed Arts District

Update: The BelRed Arts District Community Alliance hosted its first Night Market on August 23, 2025. The vendor list included artists, arts organizations, and the City of Bellevue. City arts staff hosted two booths: one for community outreach to inform artists about upcoming creative crosswalks, and the other for general information about available arts grants, programs, and services at the City. Although swelteringly hot, the market was quite successful, drawing a large crowd throughout the day.





Economic Development Plan

No update to report.

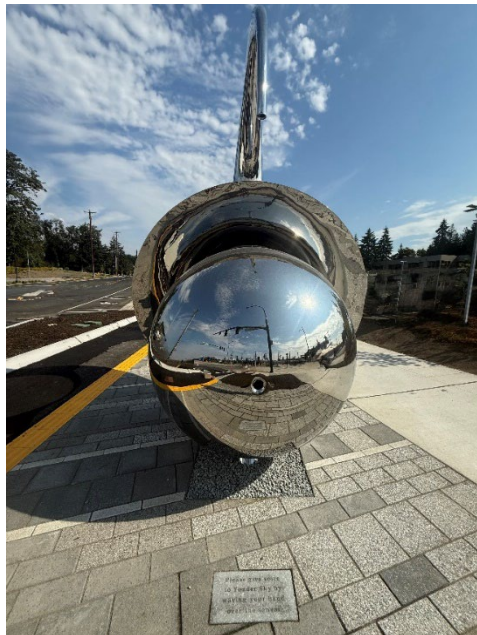
Grand Connection Crossing Art Plan

Update: The artist, Matthew Mazzotta, is starting to work on the art plan for the Crossing. This plan will include the section of the Grand Connection from City Hall to Interstate 405 and Eastrail.

Public Art

Yonder Sky by Po Shu Wang

Update: The artwork has been installed. Lighting and sound elements integrated into the piece should be installed and operational as of the end of August. An opening event is preliminarily scheduled for October.



Rooted by Jill Anholt

No update to report.

Crossroads Public Art by Anna Mlasowsky

Update: The artwork installation has been rescheduled to October.

Grand Connection

Update: With the Grand Connection Crossing Art Plan, the artist will prepare a preliminary artwork concept for a major artwork that aligns with the final art plan.

Portable Art Collection

No update to report.

Temporary Public Art Projects

Update: The art panel wraps along 124th Ave NE, adjacent to the Safeway ice cream plant and in the West Tributary basin and will be installed as soon as weather permits. Currently, it is too hot for the vinyl product – a night installation will be considered.

The call for mural artists for the large BelRed mural outside of the Francia Russell Center (PNB School) received over 90 applicants from CA, OR and WA. Applications are now being reviewed by the selection panel.

Public Art Collection & Maintenance

Update: Maintenance of the collection continues with roughly half of the works scheduled for maintenance in 2025 completed. Staff is also soliciting major restoration quotes for The Root on City Hall Plaza, which will necessitate its removal during the work.

Eastside Artist Roster

Update: The Eastside Artist Roster (EAR) has transitioned from collating applications on SurveyMonkey Apply to Microsoft Forms. This has helped collect complete and fully submitted applications to the roster. SurveyMonkey poses a confusing process where applicants complete forms but often fail to submit them fully, as this service is better suited for our grant programs. Microsoft Forms is clearer and free for the city to use.

The city's website has been updated to reflect this change. Staff have been primarily using the roster to select artists for panels and to share opportunities, both from the city and from other organizations. The list is also regularly shared with other Eastside cities (artists can choose to consent to their information being shared when filling out their application).

There are currently 233 artists on the roster.

Roster application submittal link: <https://forms.office.com/g/utXtgj5gB2>