

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC**

Resolution authorizing contracts between the City of Bellevue and four arts organizations awarded Capital Facility grants for the 2025-26 grant cycle.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****ACTION**

This resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute contracts between the City of Bellevue and four arts organizations, including Theatre33, KidsQuest, Bellevue College Foundation, and American Asian Performing Arts Theatre, in accordance with awards previously approved by the City Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10516

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

In 2024, the City Council approved the Arts and Cultural Facility Grant Program through Ordinance No. 6790, establishing Chapter 4.45 in BCC. This program formalized and expanded the City's support for arts and cultural facilities through a structured and equitable competitive grantmaking process. The program aims to support both existing and emerging arts and culture organizations with capital and maintenance needs.

On October 8, 2024 the City Council approved the Arts Commission's recommendation for five awards to four organizations. The dollar value of four awards requires City Council approval. A fifth award was below the City's contract threshold and has been executed administratively. Tonight's resolution authorizes the City Manager or their designee to execute funding agreements for the four remaining Arts and Cultural Facility Grant Capital Project grants. The contracts will reimburse the grant recipient organizations for capital and maintenance projects in the funding amounts described below.

**2025-2026 Funding Awards**

The City of Bellevue received \$22,703,498 in requests from five applicants across seven applications. The Allocations Committee recommended allocating \$1,800,000 to four organizations across five applications, which the City Council approved. Below is a summary of the allocations.

Awardee	Project Summary	Award Amount
KidsQuest Children's Museum	Capital project for exhibit space renovation	\$400,000
Theatre33	Capital project for theatre renovation	\$462,000
American Asian Performing Arts Theatre	Capital project for a new dance studio	\$600,000

Bellevue College Foundation	Maintenance project for Carlson Theatre	\$250,000
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## POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

### Policy Impact

This Resolution seeks Council approval to execute funding agreements for grants previously awarded for the 2025-2026 Art and Cultural Facility Grant program. These recommendations implement elements of the Comprehensive Plan's Urban Design & Arts and Economic Development chapters support this program. Specifically, UD-14 through 16 and ED-14, 22, and 24 support developing, displaying, and performing various artistic expressions and cultural facilities. The policies also recognize the economic development benefits of art and cultural facilities and how they support community activity and gathering. The Economic Development Plan and Diversity Advantage Plan also support the development of this grant program.

### Fiscal Impact

Funding for this program is included in the General Fund in the adopted 2025-2026 Budget.

## OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing contracts between the City of Bellevue and four arts organizations awarded Capital Facility grants for the 2025-26 grant cycle.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide an alternative direction to staff.

## ATTACHMENTS

A. Summary of contract terms  
Proposed Resolution No. 10516

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