

# Information and Discussion

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Bellevue Arts Commission

1E-109 or Zoom Meeting

City of Bellevue, WA

## Budget Update

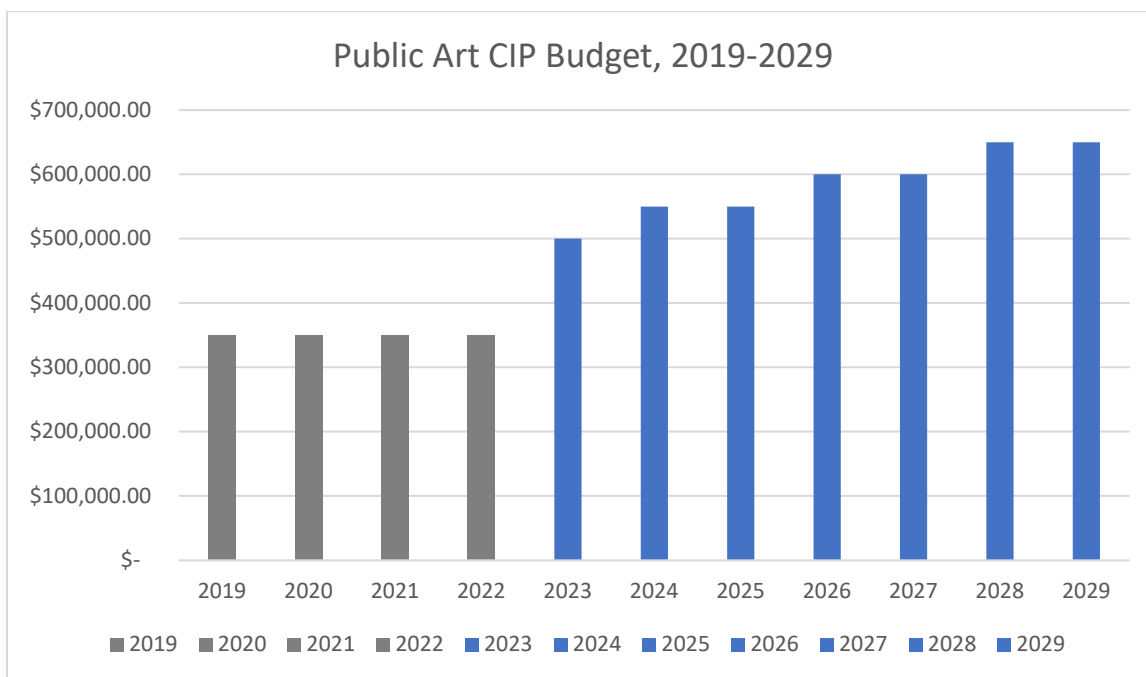
At today's meeting, staff will present an update on arts funding in the City's recently approved 2023-24 budget.

### BACKGROUND

#### Public Art CIP Fund (CD-11)

The Public Art Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) funds are used to support Public Art purchases and activities including public artwork installations, events, and support services. Funds not used in a specific year roll over to the next year, allowing for "saving up" for large projects such as the new Downtown Park artwork.

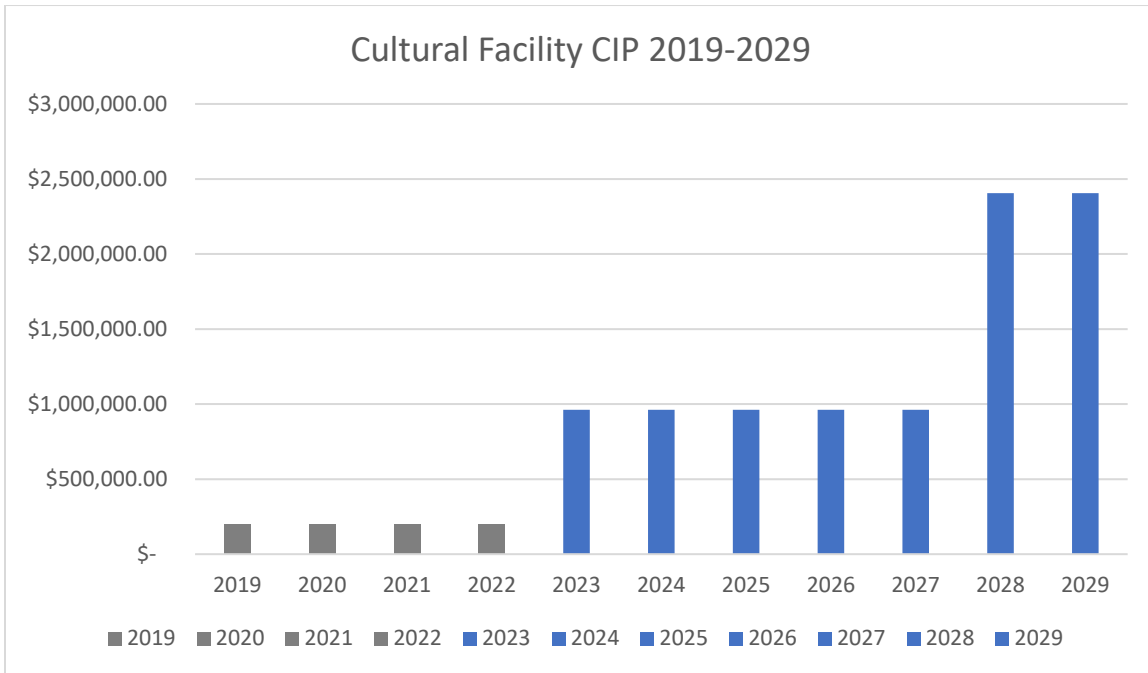
The approved 2023-2024 Bellevue City budget includes increases to our Public Art CIP fund. The current annual allocation of \$350K per year will increase to \$500K in 2023, then increases by \$50K every two years until it reaches \$650K per year in 2028.



#### Cultural Facility CIP Fund (G-112)

The Cultural Facility CIP Fund will be administered by Arts Program staff moving forward. Staff will take time in 2023 to closely study the history of this fund, compare similar fund uses in other cities and learn more about the Council-directed uses of this fund. In recent years, this fund has been used to help contribute to the costs of expansion and renovations to major cultural institutions such as KidsQuest Children's Museum, the Bellevue Arts Museum, and the Pacific Northwest Ballet Francaia Russell Center in the BelRed Arts District.

The Cultural Facility CIP Fund received a substantial increase in funding from \$200K per year to \$962K per year through 2027 and \$2.4M in 2028 and 2029.



### 2023 Arts Grants Funding – General Budget

The Arts & Culture grants program provides support to many artists and organizations across the Eastside. This support allows organizations to develop ongoing art, cultural and heritage programming, offer events that fill cultural gaps and increase access to those who experience financial and physical barriers to the arts. With the goal to provide support, increased access, and diversity in programming, the Grants Program is vital to many in Bellevue and its neighbors.

During the Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 City Budget, Council heard public comments supporting increased funding to the Arts Grants. In response, Council has approved a one-time conversion of \$85,000 from CIP funds to the Arts Grants in 2023. Staff will present to the Commission a plan for fund disbursement at this meeting.

Arts Grants funding comes from the General Budget, which is determined every two years with updates during the mid-biennium years as opposed to CIP funding which is budgeted 7 years out.

### **NEXT STEPS**

City staff will explore more sustainable funding opportunities for Arts Grants moving forward during the Mid-biennium budget process.

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