

# Attachment A: 2023 One-Time Project Grant Allocations

## ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE REVIEW PANEL

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## Program Goals

Project grants provide funding for arts, cultural and heritage projects serving Bellevue, Washington residents and visitors. We encourage innovative projects by artists, individuals, and communities that fill cultural gaps and inspire new forms of creative participation. Nonprofit organizations can rank-request three levels of funding, \$3,000 and \$5,000 and \$7,000. Projects must take place in 2023.

## Process and criteria for evaluation

Panelists separately reviewed and scored the applications on how well they demonstrated the stated criteria on a scale of 1-10. The scale consists of six qualities in ascending order from no achievement to most achievement: not competitive (1); fair (2-3); good (4-5); great (6-7); excellent (8-9); exceptional (10). Panelists provided scores for the following criteria:

### Artistic Innovation

- Quality and promise of the proposed arts, cultural, and heritage project to meet the cultural needs of an audience and constituent group.
- Innovative approach to foster creative and civic participation by Bellevue's diverse residents and visitors, particularly underserved people and communities.
- Fills a gap in art, cultural, or heritage offerings and opportunities not regularly available to Bellevue residents and visitors.
- Fosters artistic excellence and artistic merit.

### Public Access and Benefit

- Quality and extent of public benefits offered to Bellevue residents and visitors.
- One or more compelling, feasible public events in Bellevue are clearly described.

### Project Feasibility

- Demonstrated experience of project leaders to accomplish the scope and scale of the project.
- Evidence of thoughtful planning, including clearly articulated goals and processes for evaluation.
- Realistic budget and timeline.

**RECOMMENDED 2023 ONE-TIME PROJECT GRANT ALLOCATIONS** (Awards for \$3,000, \$5,000 or \$7,000)

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT OVERVIEW	REQUEST Total Org Budget % of budget	2023 GRANT ALLOCATION
<b>Acoustic Sound d/b/a Wintergrass Music Festival</b>	Wintergrass is an annual 4-day indoor bluegrass and Americana festival held at the Hyatt Regency and Westin Hotels in Bellevue offering live acoustic music from 98 local, national and international musicians who perform on five stages. The youth and adult music education programs serve students four years to adulthood, impromptu jamming along with local band showcases and exhibitors. This year, Wintergrass expands into the Westin to offer single shows in addition to day and multi-day passes.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$711,900 1%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Artma Pop-Up</b>	We are proposing an Artwalk event in the BelRed Arts District (BRAD). This Artwalk will transform four locations into complete immersive experiences. Each location will be created by 2-3 artists. The locations will be within walking distance of one another. Musicians, poets, and dancers will perform in the rooms and in dedicated outdoor spaces. Guided tours will be provided with a map of the Artwalk and the Art Businesses that are part of the BRAD collective. The map will also have coupons to use at local restaurants and cafes.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$5,000 140%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Asunaro (Japan Fair)</b>	One of the biggest draws has been that Japan Fair is a free event open to the public, bringing more of a strong international presence to Bellevue. Exhibitors, artists, performers, and instructors from all over the world come together for the community. Main hall rental, performance stage set up, audio and lighting services, powers, and internet services are the core of the expense. The promotion and advertisement of the event are crucial. We are also expanding the event to live streaming this year.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$75,000 9%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Bellevue Arts Museum</b>	BAM will bring to Bellevue a high-profile exhibition of works by some of the most exciting and influential artists from the past 40 years, along with panel discussions and teen and family activities. Titled Strange Weather, the exhibition will examine the boundaries of bodies and the changing environment. Exhibition visitors will experience a range of aesthetic strategies, including abstraction, portraiture, figurative painting, landscape, and installation in works by notable artists including Julie Mehretu, Kehinde Wiley, Nicola Lopez and Wendy Red Star.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$4,075,471 0.2%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra</b>	Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra (BYSO) will act as Bellevue's Orchestra at the annual 4th of July Fireworks Celebration in Bellevue Downtown Park. This performance is offered free of charge to all who attend. Last year's concert was attended by over 50,000 people, all who enjoyed live orchestral music for free. Our 4th of July Orchestra is an opportunity offered to our most advanced students at no cost. They will participate in 4 rehearsals, in addition to the performance on the 4th of July.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$854,203 1%	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Cultural Funding for the Performing Arts*</b>	This project will be a Downtown Shelter for Performing Arts. Its open space, good floor, high ceilings, good acoustics and ample parking, will provide an essential work and performance space to complement Bellevue's future - if only to prevent the exodus of arts while waiting for new theaters - but hopefully to become a key component to the Downtown arts scene. The first contractor has a pilot ready for weekly classes and monthly workshops with a 40% sponsorship until full enrollment allows the project to break even.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$25,000 28%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Dabuli</b>	We plan to organize a series of 12 workshops, consisting of 6 weeks each of Nepalese/Himalayan music and dance in various topics. Our objective is to educate, engage, and inspire the community to foster intercultural understanding and appreciation through high-quality and accessible workshops. Participants have the option to attend one or multiple sessions, with a maximum capacity of 15 attendees per	<b>\$5,000</b> \$35,000 14%	<b>\$3,000</b>

	session, totaling up to 180 participants. Our goal is to provide meaningful and impactful experiences for all who participate.		
<b>Eagle's Nest Community Kitchen*</b>	If we are not able to receive the full grant, we will do our best to seek funding elsewhere, of reducing the number of individuals we are trying to reach, this will be a fun-filled event that will bring Louisiana cuisine to Bellevue through this event. I hope we will be selected for funding we are dedicated to bringing a taste of New Orleans to Bellevue and beyond.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$7,000 100%	<b>\$0</b>
<b>EastHUB</b>	Culture Creates Community (CCC) is EastHUB's signature event series, offered in partnership with local artists, arts organizations or cultural practitioners who contribute their experience and expertise. Topics emphasize issues facing BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, and other typically marginalized communities on the Eastside. These free events (in-person with ADA accessibility or virtual with closed captioning) offer cross-sector, cross-cultural, cross-community connections. We request support for this 3-5 event series in 2023. Topics are informed by the needs of our community.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$875,000 1%	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Eastside Heritage Center</b>	As part of our heritage project, a contemporary oral history series titled The Living History Project, we will conduct interviews with underserved communities throughout Bellevue. The resulting materials will become part of EHC's permanent collection and help preserve the history of communities that often are underrepresented in museums and historical spaces. Pointed and intentional communication will be facilitated between EHC and these groups through existing organizations whose focus are the Eastside, including communities such as LGBTQ+, BIPOC, etc.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$200,000 4%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Emerald Ballet Theatre</b>	EBT recently presented a one-hour Sleeping Beauty/Storytelling assembly at an elementary school. Emceed by Erin McEachran, it featured 50 dancers (ages 8-18) performing various styles of dance, colorful costumes, age-appropriate narration, and interactive activities. The outreach performance was such a hit with audience members and dancers alike that we're inspired to take our "Magic Bus: Sleeping Beauty" on the road this Spring and Summer! We want to introduce new audiences to dance and make ballet more accessible to all ages.	<b>\$5,000</b> \$203,278 2%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Emerald City Music*</b>	Emerald City Music makes its performance debut in Bellevue by presenting the wild historical evolution of improvisation – from Baroque period soloists to modern jazz improvisers – all in our flagship "wander-around" concert experience of classical music. The evening is co-curated by lauded composer, producer, and bass player Anthony Tidd; a collaborator of myriad artists from Steve Coleman to The Black Eyed Peas. The event will be preceded by an open-to-the-public "open improv" session, where community members can bring instruments to perform alongside our world-class musicians.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$365,000 2%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Ethnic Cultural Heritage Exchange (EchoX)</b>	The 'Story Gathering: Sandbox' is a paid opportunity for six to twelve young creatives over eighteen years old to create a story piece around a central theme of unity and understanding across cultures. The sandbox focuses on using storytelling as a means of responsible online engagement and understanding and will serve as a jumping-off point for young adults to start building their professional portfolios.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$110,000 6%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Eurasia Arts Foundation</b>	We would like to perform 4 times in Bellevue where lots of people gather. One major Bellevue outlet is Cross Road Mall which showcases Musicians and Dancers 4 days a week. Our plan is to work for them twice per performance season. Another outlet is Bellevue College, where during the lunch hour large groups of students are gathered in the cafeteria. The third is to create a theater production at the Resonance Theater and Youth Theater in Bellevue that hosts and schedules Musician and Dancers. They are located right in the City Center of Bellevue. We will present a one-hour to 90-minute show at each location. We are planning to do two shows in Cross Road Mall. We are having 8 visiting	<b>\$7,000</b> \$35,000 20%	<b>\$3,000</b>

	professional Artists from Khorazm, Uzbekistan. Their Dance and Music “LAZGI” has been considered the “Intangible Heritage of Human Race” by UNESCO since 2018. We will use the Bellevue grant for their accommodation, meals and transportation fees.		
<b>Evergreen City Ballet</b>	ECB's school upper division dancers will perform a ballet based on Hansel & Gretel choreographed by award-winning choreographer Jennifer Porter at Newport High School Performing Arts Center on May 12, 13 and 14. Young dancers will have the invaluable opportunity to perform live music provided by NHS's upper-level orchestras. This grant will help fund the costs associated with the production, including choreography, rehearsals, marketing, new sets, costume updates and transportation for four Title 1 Bellevue schools.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$478,000 1%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>House of Kala</b>	Tyagaraja was one of the greatest composers of India, in the 18th century celebrated for his compositions in Indian Classical Carnatic music. A theatre-style Indian Classical Dance ballet celebrating the life and the works of the great poet, this major production will be one of a kind, featuring reputed senior artists from India and other states in the USA ably supported by local artists. The production crew for this Bharatanatyam ballet features dancers, musicians, a subject matter specialist and choreographers of repute and high caliber	<b>\$7,000</b> \$20,000 35%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>KidsQuest Children's Museum</b>	KidsQuest requests support for ¡Artastico!, an evening of arts engagement to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. With grant support, the Museum will provide stipends for Latinx artists to share performances, visual arts, and crafts with young children and their families on September 29, 2023 from 5-8pm. From folklorico dance troops and mariachis to ceramics and Día de los Muertos ofrenda preparation, the Museum will be filled with participatory activities that reflect and honor Bellevue's Hispanic community.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$3,687,712 0.2%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Lake Washington Symphony Orchestra</b>	This grant will assist us with funding for our annual Sensory Friendly Halloween Children's Concert, representing an underserved/marginalized community. In October, we will hold our annual concert which is designed for families, young children, and anyone who might have sensory sensitivities. This concert is a much-loved annual event that brings so many young children and their families to celebrate Halloween and music! The date is tentatively October 21st and we are solidifying the location – First United Methodist Church Bellevue.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$175,000 4%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Music Works Northwest</b>	Music Works NW seeks to expand the offerings for our clients through summer/fall classes and outreach events. Music Therapy programs are costly and the reason many organizations avoid running them. We have been at the forefront of offering affordable Music Therapy opportunities to our clients. Music Works hopes to grow this program especially since there is tremendous interest in these classes. This program needs support to keep growing and creating opportunities for youth and adults in a post-pandemic reality at an affordable price.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$900,000 1%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>North America Art Photographers Association*</b>	“PNW Through the Lens” – photography Exhibition 2023 Pacific Northwest is a distinct geographic and photogenic region. This project is to recruit members and anyone who is interested in photography, to observe, explore, record and think, more from different angles on the community, the meaningful daily life and events around us. Our goal is not only to share wonderful images and stories with viewers but to provide an online and hands-on resource that will be a benefit to photographers of all levels.	<b>\$3,000</b> \$12,000 25%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Northwest Edvard Grieg Society*</b>	Drama! Olav Trygvason & Peer Gynt is a collaboration with the Puget Sound Concert Opera to perform nearly all the Dramatic works by Edvard Grieg. Included in the program are selections from Peer Gynt, Before a Southern Convent, Bergliot, Olav Trygvason, and Sigurd Jorsalfar and performers include Laura Loge, soprano, Nerys Jones, mezzo-soprano, Misha Myznikov, baritone, Lesley Chapin Wyckoff, narrator, John Burkhardt and Steven Luksan, piano and the PSCO chorus and orchestra, Bernie Kwiram, music director.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$18,000 39%	<b>\$3,000</b>

<b>Orquesta Northwest</b>	Orquesta Northwest will present a live, two-hour Latino arts and culture concert that is open to the public and free of charge at the Resonance at SOMA Towers in Bellevue on October 12, 2023. The event, in Spanish & English, will be part of our 2023 Latino Chamber Music Festival, featuring music by Latinx composers performed by Latinx guest artists and ensembles and by Ballard Civic Orchestra, conducted by Paula Nava Madrigal.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$18,000 39%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Pacific Northwest Ballet Association</b>	PNB will utilize grant funds for the following: Pay for staff time to bring STG Dance for PD® class experience to PD-specific support groups in the Bellevue and Greater Eastside communities. Pay for staff time to visit PD-specific medical centers to raise awareness of STG Dance for PD®. Pay for additional Dance for PD-trained teaching artists and teaching assistants to support larger classes. Pay for printed materials in multiple languages describing STG Dance for PD® programs and schedules.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$18,000 39%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Pacific Ukrainian Society</b>	The funding from this grant will be used to hold the annual North West Ukrainian International Festival in Bellevue. Throughout the day around 18,000 guests visit the festival, enjoy music, dance, and delicious Ukrainian cuisine, and learn about Ukrainian arts and culture through various activities. There are many vendors participating in the festival that have information for the local community about health insurance, and resources for disabled children and adults in different languages.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$18,000 39%	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Performing Arts Festival of the Eastside</b>	Performing Arts Festival of the Eastside (PAFE) will host our 36th festival in April of 2023. PAFE will again welcome piano, violin/viola, woodwind, cello/bass, and voice students. This grant, along with our other sources of funding, will be used to host the 2023 festival. Our major expenses include the cost of facilities, professional video and audio recording, professional media production, professional adjudicators and judges, student awards, equipment rentals, and travel expenses. We rely on volunteer staff, and do not have salaried positions.	<b>\$3,000</b> \$37,000 8%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Sadhana</b>	Rabindranath Tagore was an Indian polymath who worked as a poet, writer, playwright, composer, philosopher, social reformer, and painter. He became, in 1913, the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. Tagore's music, dance, drama, poems, and literature work have sincere global aspects, which attract people globally to celebrate and research. With the substantial Indian population in the greater Seattle area, we want to start a four-day multi-art "Tagore festival," which will unite beyond the Indian people.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$20,000 35%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Seattle Chinese Cultural Theater</b>	This project is a stage play, Peking Man, written by a famous Chinese playwright Cao Yu (1910-1996) in 1941. The three-act play set in Beijing, dramatizes the conflicts in a declining feudal family during the 1930s. It ends up with lady Sufang, the only member of the family who appears reliable, leaving the family for freedom and a new life. This play requires 20 players, director, stage supervisor, props assistants, lighting/music operators, time manager, music production, costumes, makeup, videographer, photography, marketing, coordinators, volunteers.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$16,900 41%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Semilla Flamenco</b>	We have brought some of the best Flamenco to our city, but now, I want to showcase the amazing local talent we have. After 8 years of work, I truly believe we might have some of the best flamenco young dancers in the country, and also, the PNW happen to have fantastic flamenco professional artists, but they are all scattered (OR, ID, WA, BC) I want to bring them all together in a first Flamenco Festival in the PNW.	<b>\$3,000</b> \$6,000 50%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>SPEBSQSA Bellevue DBA Northwest Sound</b>	Northwest Sound is hosting the first-ever Bellevue Youth Choral Festival at Sammamish High School in Bellevue for high school and youth choirs on April 1, 2023. This event, open to all high schools on the east side of the Puget Sound, will give music students the opportunity to share what they have learned from their music	<b>\$7,000</b> \$73,000 10%	<b>\$3,000</b>



	educators and to add skills taught by world-class clinicians. The event will feature a public evening performance in which the choirs will perform for the public.		
<b>Studio East Training for the Performing Arts*</b>	Studio East is seeking grant funding to support and expand our FREE to the Public StoryBook Theater in the Park summer program in the City of Bellevue. Launched 2021, StoryBook Theater in the Park presents FREE summer weekend performances of StoryBook Theater in centrally located, outdoor community parks. Each show is 55 minutes in length, written for a target audience of children aged 3-10, and performed by our professional touring company.	<b>\$5,000</b> \$1,800,000 0.3%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Sustain Music Project</b>	The Sustain Music Project presents a unique musical experience with a concert showcasing the intersection of music and math. The concert features a diverse repertoire, ranging from Bach's intricate fugues to a piece composed through computer algorithms. As a city driven by technology, Bellevue is the ideal setting to showcase the influence of music and math on our world. This concert will be performed six times: at three prominent technology companies in Bellevue, at Resonance Events, at Sophia's Place, and at Bellevue High School.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$17,000 41%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Tasveer</b>	Community Speaks, started in 2011 in collaboration with API Chaya, acts as a forum for South Asians impacted by violence to break the isolation they have experienced and shed light on the special challenges and opportunities experienced within the South Asian socio-cultural context. A free 4-6 week storytelling workshop builds the confidence and skills of amateur South Asian raconteurs, culminating in a public performance of monologues. Audiences witness the nurturing and empowering journey of the participants as they share their bold, heartwarming, and poignant stories.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$500,000 1%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>The American Asian Performing Arts Theatre (AAPAT)</b>	The AAPAT has been hosting annual 'Ode to Spring- Lunar New Year Celebration' events for over a decade to the Pacific Northwest area. We will invite over a dozen of local/national artists and art groups to present the highest-quality performance to our audiences. We will include a variety of performing arts such as traditional Chinese musical instruments. We have provided an important platform for artists who have not capable of hosting a two-hour long festival.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$300,000 2%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Theatre33</b>	"Blue Bird," a community family play that explores the meaning of happiness and the quest for the true essence of life, will open Theatre33's 10 anniversary season at the Meydenbauer Center, October 13-15, 2023. Volunteers of all ages and abilities participate entirely free of charge. With Russian as the primary language and English subtitles, each part of the show will also be narrated in English. The funding will allow us to mitigate the expenses and offer discounted ticket prices to all audience members	<b>\$7,000</b> \$260,000 3%	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>(VC)Bynum Arts and Education</b>	The project that we seek support for is our main production and fundraiser entitled Humanity: An Evolving Perspective (Humanity). The Humanity performance was originally created in response to Covid-19 and the senseless killing of black and brown citizens. This season, we focus on mental health and the military. Through music, dance, spoken word and video, we shed light on a topic relevant to the community. Funds from the Project Grant will be used to create choreography, hire musicians and dancers, and assist with marketing.	<b>\$7,000</b> \$18,000 39%	<b>\$0</b>
		<b>\$227,000</b> Requested	<b>\$100,000</b> Awarded

\*New Applicant

**Project TOTAL:**