

## ARTS COMMISSION PROJECT UPDATES

### GRANT PROGRAMS

#### Cultural Facility Grants Program

Update: Guidelines are finalized, translated and will be published by the launch date of April 13. No major changes were made to the program's purpose or applicant eligibility.

#### 2026 EAP & Project Grant Programs

Update: The Arts Program has officially switched to Submittable for grant submissions. This includes collecting post-grant reports for 2026 grantees.

#### Upcoming Events from Grantees

##### April

- [BelRed's Artist Networking and Social](#), April 3, 5:30 p.m., BelRed Artist Studios 1615 133<sup>rd</sup> PI NE
- Theatre33, [Bellevue International Theater Festival](#), April 4-6, Meydenbauer Center Theatre
- Sadhana, Nriya Iam 2026, April 5, 3-6 p.m., Snohomish PUD Auditorium
- Bellevue Opera, [Giacomo Puccini's Madame Butterfly](#), April 10 and 12, Meydenbauer Center Theatre
- Village Theatre, [KIDSTAGE production of Disney's HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR. In Concert](#), April 10-19, Village Theatre's Cope Gillette Theatre (Everett)
- Theatre33, Spring Fest Поиграй-ка на полянке, April 11, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Crossroads Park
- Village Theatre, [KIDSTAGE production of Disney's NEWSIES JR.](#), April 17-May 3, Village Theatre's Hunt Family Theatre (Issaquah)
- Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound, [REPS LIVE at Kenyon Hall: An Evening of Mystery! Sherlock Holmes, Ellery Queen and Madame Atlantis](#), April 18, 7:30 p.m. at Kenyon Hall
- BelRed Arts District Community Alliance, [Make Your Own Recycled Artwork](#), April 24, 4-6 p.m., BelRed Artist Studios 1615 133<sup>rd</sup> PI NE
- Art Commons, [Creative Summit](#), April 26, 2-5 p.m., Yuan Ru Art Center (pre-registration required)

##### May

- Theatre33, [The Little Mermaid Jr.](#), May 1-3, Theatre33 13243 NE 20th Street
- Sadhana [Rabindra Utsav](#), May 2, 4-7 p.m., Carlson Theatre
- Seattle Chinese Chorus, Annual Performance (date TBD)
- International Ballet Theatre, [Alice in Wonderland](#) – May 9-10, Meydenbauer Center Theatre

## **PLANNING PROJECTS**

### **BelRed Arts District**

Update: The Planning Commission will receive an update on recent work with the BelRed Land Use Code Amendment process on April 27, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. City Hall Room 1E-113. The public is encouraged to attend.

### **Economic Development Plan**

No update to report.

### **Grand Connection Crossing Art Plan**

Update: Staff are working with the artist to develop an initial draft of the art plan. A draft of the plan is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the commission at the June meeting.

### **Outdoor Event Venue Feasibility Study**

Update: Staff are working to select a consultant to assess the need and feasibility of an outdoor event venue in Bellevue. The scope of work will include significant public outreach, market analysis, potential facility models and other elements. A presentation on this project will be provided to the commission at a future meeting.

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

Update: Staff are preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) from consultants to holistically evaluate prior work done by the city, community organizations, and public development authorities in the context of the current moment and the opportunities presented by the upcoming expansion of the Bellevue Convention Center. This project will test the market, operations and space program of a purpose-built Performing Arts Center in Downtown Bellevue, WA.

## **PUBLIC ART**

### **Public Art Collection & Maintenance**

No updates to report.

### **Temporary Public Art Projects**

Update: The artists working on the BelRed Mural have submitted first-draft designs and are now refining them. The Commission will receive an update once they are finalized.

The Transportation Department has selected a vendor to produce the designs for the Creative Crosswalks. Artists will continue to refine designs to meet the vendor's specifications. The Commission will receive an update once they are finalized.

### **Portable Art Collection**

No update to report.

### **Eastside Artist Roster**

Update: 259 submitted applications.

### **Grand Connection**

No updates to report.

### **Emerging Artists Public Art Projects**

Update: Staff will be opening up an application for emerging artists to apply for two public art projects – one in Lake Hills Community Park and another in or adjacent to Lewis Creek Park in Lakemont. These are two projects following the model tested with the Crossroads Park project which sought artists with little or no experience with public art, paired them with a professional mentor, and with additional mentorship from city staff. The application will be live mid-April and will close May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Yonder Sky by Po Shu Wang**

Update: This project is complete and will be removed from future updates.

**Rooted by Jill Anholt**

No update to report.

**Crossroads Public Art by Anna Mlasowsky**

No update to report.

**Night Blooming by Taiji Miyasaka**

Update: Staff will give an update at this meeting.