

Attachment A: Arts and Cultural Facility Grant Allocations and Project Descriptions

Please note that project descriptions are written in the applicant's own words.

1. KidsQuest Children's Museum: \$400,000 for a Capital Project



Image 1: KidsQuest's existing Water Gallery.

Funds from this grant would support the renovation of KidsQuest Children's Museum's Water Gallery with new flooring, plumbing work, acoustic remediation, and HVAC system improvements as part of a wholly redesigned exhibit telling the many Stories of Water from a Native lens. Currently, the flooring in KidsQuest's water play area is failing, causing leaks that extend to the lobby and create safety concerns from damage to the floor and pooling of water. This, in turn, leads to

significant maintenance costs as constant repairs are needed, such as sealing the seams of the existing eco tiles, painting the base of the walls where the tile does not fully protect the wood, and ultimately, the consequences of water leaking down into the basement below. Temporary fixes are no longer a viable solution to the problem, which is why a complete renovation of the space is required.

The proposed renovation involves leveling the underlying floor (which is a combination of concrete slab adjoining an older wood structure over a partial basement), sloping in appropriate locations for drainage, installing brand-new flooring tiles, and connecting to the existing drain systems. Additionally, water exhibits are extremely loud, and our commitment to supporting the neurodiverse needs of our visitors requires acoustic remediation in the gallery space. Finally, the current HVAC system is strained with increasing attendance and recurring heat waves, resulting in frequent, costly repairs. Replacing and upgrading aging equipment will also improve safety and accessibility, support new post-COVID requirements for airflow and ventilation and improve humidity challenges in the water gallery.

2. Theatre33: \$462,500 for a Capital Project

Theatre33 seeks funding to complete Phases two and three of its facility renovation projects in the BelRed Arts District. The aim of this capital project involves converting an old warehouse space into a black box theatre, classrooms, technical mezzanine space and a green room. The renovation began in June 2022 and culminated in the theatre's grand opening on October 2, 2023. The requested funds will go toward purchasing and installing capitalized equipment in construction phases two (2024-25) and three (2025-26).



Image 2: Construction of new theatre space in BelRed; photo taken in Nov '22.



Image 3: Ribbon cutting with Mayor Robinson, Councilmember Nieuwenhuis, and King County Councilmember Balducci.

Phase two: Purchase and installation of a ceiling grid system for lights, theatre lights, projector, AC system, and insulation of the back wall. New LED lights (par, spot, and Fresnel) will be permanently secured to the grid and last over ten years.

Phase three: Construction and installation of retractable seating platforms and stage and construction of a backstage restroom. The current stationary seating arrangement dramatically limits the space for larger classes and rehearsals. The lack of dimension to the stage restricts the quality of viewer experience and technical elements of productions. The retractable features make the black box versatile and adaptable to the needs of Theatre33 and artist groups that use our space. Reliance on the main bathrooms in the reception area greatly inconveniences the actors, which includes children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. They must make their way to the restrooms in full costume and stage makeup and navigate through the reception area full of audience members before the show and during intermissions.

3. Theatre33: \$87,500 for Maintenance

The new Theatre33 performing arts space needs an air conditioning system that will be integrated into the current heating system to optimize operation and maintenance efficiency. The back wall of the classroom needs to be insulated to prevent rapid heat exchange, and big holes around the garage door need to be patched up. The theatre was unable to offer summer camps due to the lack of an AC system and canceled several classes and rehearsals during the fall of 2023 and summer of 2024 due to excessive heat. Due to the high costs, the theatre's regular maintenance budget would not cover the scope of this grant request. The requested funds will cover the cost of four air conditioning units and four electrical circuits, including hardware and labor.

4. American Asian Performing Arts Theatre: \$600,000 for a Capital Project

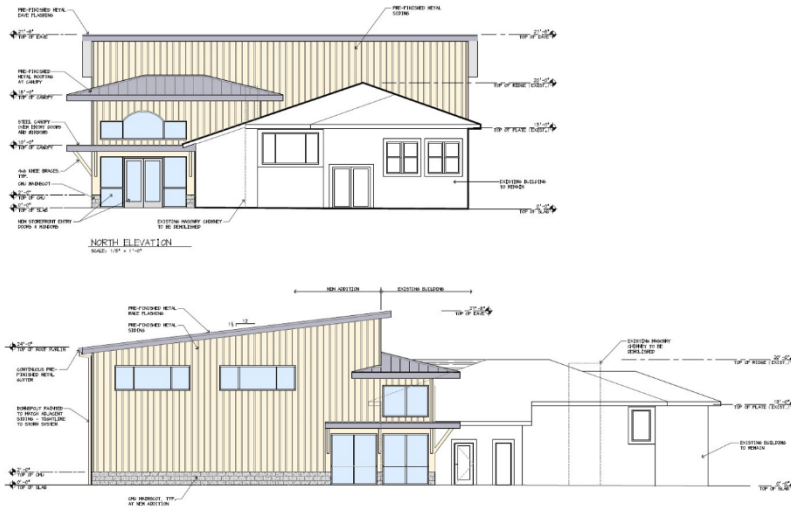


Image 4: East Elevation plans for studio expansion.

American Asian Performing Arts Theatre's (AAPAT) project involves constructing a 2,400-square-foot extension to the existing structure where AAPAT is currently located. Since 2021, the theatre has been collaborating with architects and a team of professional consultants on the building design. Concurrently, AAPAT is working closely with the

City of Bellevue to ensure full compliance with all permit requirements and criteria. AAPAT has also initiated strong fundraising efforts in 2021 with several successful events and has additional events planned for 2024 and 2025.

5. Bellevue College Foundation: \$250,000 for Maintenance



Image 5: Before a show at Carlson Theatre.

Bellevue College is renovating and upgrading the Carlson Theatre. While the theater complex was created for arts, drama, dance and music on campus, it is used for much more. It is a gathering space for campus and a center for engagement for our broader community. It is a resource for the college's K-12 partners, and it is the only opportunity many of our students and their families have for exposure to high-level art in professionally designed spaces. It is a welcoming space for the larger community to engage in arts, education and performance. It is a center for lectures, speaking tours, cultural engagement, teaching and transformation. Many of the activities in this space are offered at no cost to our students or community. Bellevue College serves 20,000+ students each year (the largest in the CTC system and the 3rd largest college in the state after UW and WSU) and is known as a "majority-minority" campus. Our students represent more than 70 countries and have countless lived experiences. Many

students and our local community face disparities in access to school and community resources like technology, professional machinery, and professional art spaces, widening the gap between our neighbors from different economic backgrounds.

The grant funds would support the major renovation of the dated theatre, which includes new LED lighting, furniture, cabinetry, carpet, and surfaces. This remodel also includes rebuilding and reupholstering theater seating and a public entry space.

The outcome of the renovation is multi-layered. We would have a fantastic art and gathering space for the campus and community. Bellevue residents would have access to high-level arts and programming that might not otherwise be affordable. It would enable our already committed, stretched financial resources to be used on other critical projects on campus. It would provide increased exposure to top-notch arts and education programs as we work to expand our impact in our community.

Applications not selected for funding but are encouraged for further consideration.

6. KidsQuest: \$20,000,000 Capital Project Request

KidsQuest Children’s Museum is at a pivotal point in its 20-year history. To meet community demand and continue providing critical learning experiences for children and families, the Museum needs to expand. Its current building is not sustainable based on its 17,000 sq ft size, the rising costs of operations, and the large number of people and programming requests being turned away (lost business) due to lack of building capacity.



Image 6: KidsQuest new facility rendering.

An exciting opportunity has presented itself, in partnership with SRM Development, to build a brand new 40,000 sq ft KidsQuest Children's Museum with 46 affordable housing units above (2-3 bedrooms, designed for families). There would be 8,000 sq ft of outdoor play space, as well as 100+ parking stalls dedicated to Museum use. KidsQuest would fully own the entirety of its space. The development is located at 969 118th Ave SE in Bellevue and is part of a larger campus that also includes two additional affordable housing buildings.

Preliminary estimates for the Museum portion of the development are \$60-\$70 million. KidsQuest needs to secure \$30 million in commitments by Q1 2025 to move forward with the partnership and project, which would be developed over the next five years.

Note: This project scored very high in the evaluation criteria and was seen as a highly worthwhile endeavor, but the funding needs are outside of the scope of this program. The Allocation Committee recommends the city find an alternate way to support this project.

7. Tasveer: \$500,000 Capital Project Request

In 2022, the Tasveer board approved the initiative to establish the Tasveer Art Center (TAC) in Bellevue, selected for its strategic location and burgeoning South Asian community. This multifunctional facility is envisioned as a vibrant hub for South Asian visual, performing, musical, and literary arts. It will also consolidate Tasveer's headquarters, provide office space, and house a film theater. The Tasveer Art Center aims to become a premier destination that celebrates diverse arts and culture with a strong commitment to accessibility.

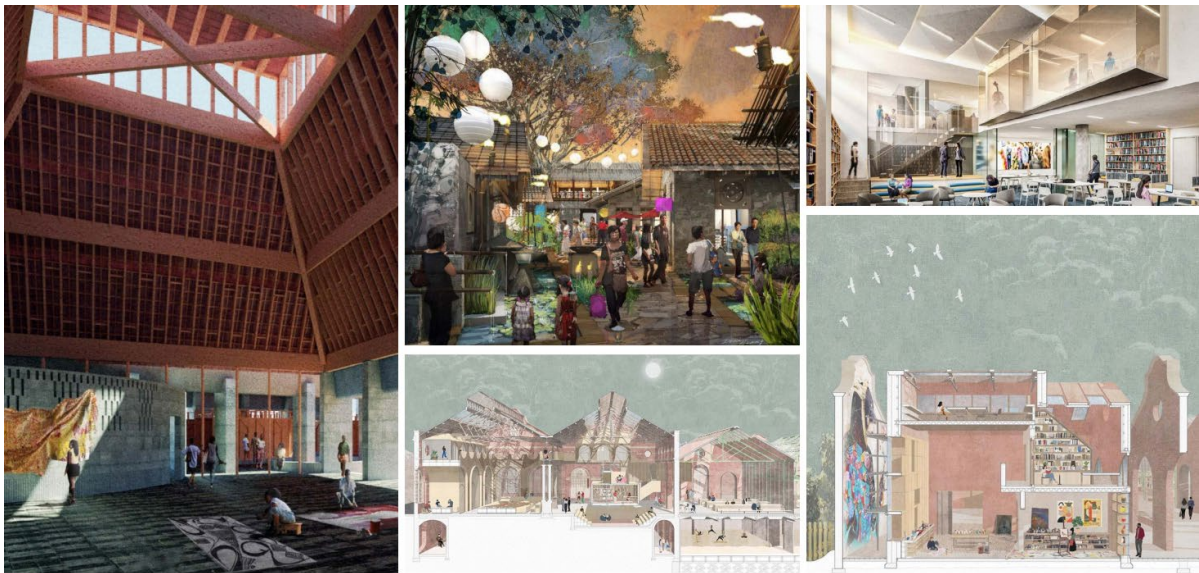


Image 7: Preliminary visual supporting materials.

The grant funds are sought for the acquisition of land to construct this new facility or to purchase and retrofit an existing building to suit the Tasveer Art Center's specific needs. The proposed center will feature:

- A culturally rich and visually appealing environment that reflects South Asian traditions.
- A modern theater with state-of-the-art audio/visual capabilities and seating for 150 attendees.
- Office space for ten staff members.
- A versatile community events area that can accommodate up to 300 guests for various functions, including those hosted by Tasveer and our community partners.
- Educational classrooms for both youth and adults, alongside shared spaces for workshops and activities, available for rent or use by organizational partners.
- A lounge and café offering a selection of South Asian foods and beverages.
- Additional office spaces dedicated to Tasveer and our partner organizations.

Tasveer has already secured \$250,000 from the State of Washington as a commitment toward the development of the Tasveer Art Center. Additionally, a capital campaign is actively underway, supported by our dedicated board and community stakeholders, including notable members such as Josef Krebs of Scanduzzi Krebs Partner, Policy Counsel Samir Junejo, and Shailaja Rao, President of the Tasveer Board. This funding and community backing are integral to ensuring the successful realization of the Tasveer Art Center.

Note: This project has not selected a site yet, which is a requirement of the grant at the time of contracting. Once a site is selected, applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for the next funding cycle.