

ARTS COMMISSION PROJECT UPDATES

GRANT PROGRAMS

Cultural Facility Grants Program

Update: Staff are finalizing a timeline for the 2027-28 funding round.

2025 EAP & Project Grant Programs

Update: This item will be removed from future updates.

2026 EAP & Project Grant Programs

Update: On January 6, 2026, Vice Chair Enomoto and staff presented the Arts Commission's 2026 Art Project Grant recommendations to City Council for final approval.

PLANNING PROJECTS

BelRed Arts District

Update: The BelRed Look Forward Land Use Code Amendment process is underway. A presentation to the Planning Commission by Development Services staff is scheduled for 6 pm on 1/14. Information about the BelRed Land Use Code Amendment (often referred to as LUCA) process can be found here: <https://bellevuewa.gov/code-amendments/belred-look-forward-land-use-code-amendment>

Economic Development Plan

Update: The Economic Development Plan is scheduled to go to City Council for final approval in Q1 of 2026.

PUBLIC ART

Public Art Collection & Maintenance

No updates to report.

Temporary Public Art Projects

No update to report.

Portable Art Collection

No update to report.

Eastside Artist Roster

Update: 243 submitted applications.

Grand Connection

Update: Staff will give an update at this meeting.

Emerging Artist Public Art Projects

Update: Staff plans to launch two emerging artist public art projects in 2026. These will follow the model of the Crossroads Public Art Project recently completed – the projects should be a career catalyst for artists with little to no experience in public art. Selected artists will be paired with established public artist mentors. The projects will be located at Lake Hills Community Park and in Lakemont.

Factoria Public Art

Update: Staff plans to select an artist mid-2026 to design, fabricate and install a major artwork on Factoria Boulevard, just south of Interstate 90. The project site is owned by Washington State Department of Transportation. There will be a slightly modified concept design approval process as WSDOT will need to approve the concept independently of the Arts Commission's recommendation to approve the artwork's concept design.

Yonder Sky by Po Shu Wang

No update to report.

Rooted by Jill Anholt

No update to report.

Crossroads Public Art by Anna Mlasowsky

Update: A ribbon-cutting ceremony for this new artwork will be scheduled in the first half of 2026.