

Information and Discussion

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Bellevue Arts Commission

1E-113 or Zoom Meeting, 4:30 pm

City of Bellevue, WA

Art and Cultural Capital Facility Grant Program Update

At today's meeting, staff will present a brief update on the grant program's status.

Background

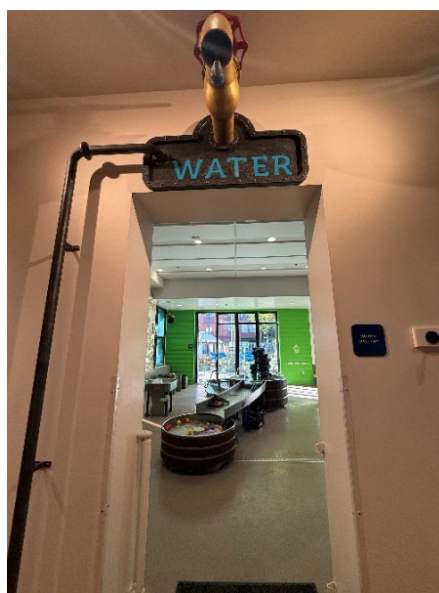
In 2024 and 2025, the Bellevue City Council passed an ordinance and resolution to create and approve the first round of awards for the Art and Cultural Capital Facility Grant Program. The City of Bellevue received a total of \$22,703,498 in requests from five applicants across seven total applications. The Allocations Committee recommended allocating a total of \$1,800,000 to four applicants across five applications, all of which were later approved by Council.

KidsQuest Children's Museum – Capital Project

Award: \$400,000

The water room renovation is complete and officially opened in August. While the museum is making moves to acquire a new, larger space in Bellevue, this space will receive regular use for the next few years while KidsQuest acquires and builds out its potential new space.

This grant contract is fully closed out.

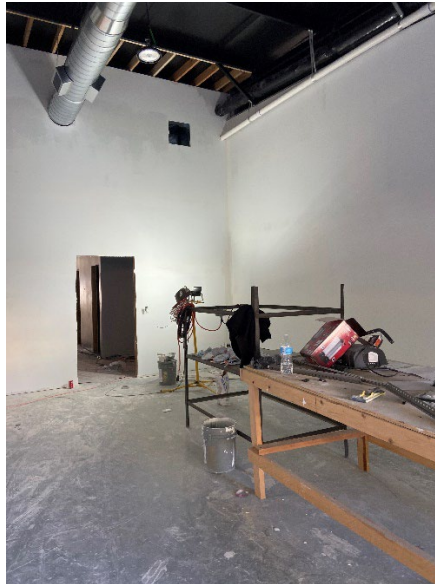


Theatre33 – Capital Project

Award: \$462,500

The construction of the black box theatre is complete – this grant was used for a project with expenses dating back two years, which is an allowable use of the program funds.

This grant contract is currently partially spent.



Theatre33 – Maintenance

Award: \$87,500

Theatre33 applied for an additional maintenance grant to complete their HVAC system, notably to install air conditioning in a space that experiences significant heat during the summer months when the theatre is used for many summer camps. The AC installation has allowed the theatre to remain operational (and comfortable for both users and participants) during warm days this year.

This grant contract is currently partially spent.



The two remaining contracts are currently being processed for signing.

American Asian Performing Arts Theatre – Capital Project

Award: \$600,000

Bellevue College Foundation – Maintenance

Award: \$250,000

Next Steps

Continue to monitor projects, process remaining contracts and invoices to fully close this round of funding by the end of 2026.

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