

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 6790

AN ORDINANCE establishing the Arts and Cultural Facility Grant Program and adopting a new chapter 4.45 of the Bellevue City Code.

WHEREAS, the City Council values the arts in all forms for the betterment of the communities of the city of Bellevue;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish grant programs to partner with entities to provide for the needs of the residents of the city of Bellevue for recreation and education related to arts and culture;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish grant programs to deliver additional arts and cultural facilities or improve or maintain such facilities in the city of Bellevue to improve the quality of life in the City for its residents and to promote tourism;

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. New Chapter 4.45. A new chapter 4.45 is hereby added to the Bellevue City Code, to be titled “Arts and Cultural Facility Grant Program” and to read as follows:

4.45.010 Purpose.

Investing in arts and cultural venues in Bellevue that will deliver excellent and varied performance and visual arts as well as education about dance, music, crafts, and rituals reflecting the cultural traditions of people who live in Bellevue for the benefit and enjoyment of Bellevue’s residents and visitors is a priority for the City of Bellevue.

The City of Bellevue wishes to establish a grant program to encourage both private and public investment in additional facilities, as well as improvements to and maintenance of existing buildings and spaces dedicated to the mission of delivering arts and culture for the benefit and enjoyment of Bellevue’s residents, to enhance the quality of life in the City, and to promote tourism and economic development.

4.45.020 Definitions.

“Art facility” shall mean a building or demised premises within a building dedicated to public performance, display, or presentation of art, dance, or music, or general public education about art, dance, or music.

“Cultural facility” shall mean a building or demised premises within a building dedicated to public performance, display, presentation of art, dance, music, crafts or rituals reflecting cultural traditions, or general public education about art, dance, music, crafts, or rituals reflecting cultural traditions of groups of people who share different cultural identities residing in or having a meaningful connection to Bellevue. Cultural facility does not mean any building or demised premises whose purposes include the practice or advancement of any particular religion or political ideology.

4.45.030 Establishment of grant program.

There is hereby created and established a grant program to award grants of city monies, through competitive processes, to nonprofit entities for the acquisition, development, construction, improvement, or maintenance of facilities that provide for the performance, display, or presentation of art, dance, or music, or education about dance, music, crafts, and rituals reflecting cultural traditions for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public.

4.45.040 Responsibility.

The director of the community development department shall establish and publish the parameters for the grant program or programs, rules, competitive process, application, and award recommendation criteria and process for each funded grant program and cycle, as resourced through the biennial budget appropriation, as amended.

4.45.050 Funding.

The arts and cultural facility grant program may be funded with general city tax resources, or external resources should they be donated for an arts or cultural facility purpose.

4.45.060 Awards.

Every recommendation to city council for award of a grant to a project under the arts and cultural facility grant program shall articulate the public purpose and benefit of the project. The public purpose and benefit to be accomplished by each project and the applicable funding conditions, including funding and match amounts, timelines for deliverables, and recourse and remedies shall be described in the resolution and addressed in the project funding agreement.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after its passage and legal publication.

Passed by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2024
and signed in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____,
2024.

(SEAL)

Lynne Robinson, Mayor

Approved as to form:
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Attest:

Charmaine Arredondo, City Clerk

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