

2025 Arts Grants Allocations

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Direction Needed from Council

- Consider a motion to approve the Arts Commission recommendations for 2025 Eastside Arts Partnership Support and Project grant allocations.

Image: Barvinok Dance Ensemble



Agenda

1. Arts Grants Overview and Guiding Principles
2. 2025-26 Budget
3. 2025 Grant Allocation Recommendations
4. Public Benefit
5. Award highlights



Image: Artma Popup at Factoria Mall

Guiding Principles

Approved by
council on
March 28, 2022



Ensure grant program reflects current needs of our arts and culture community.



Ensure equitable access, by simplifying the application process.



Center underserved communities in funding priorities.



Activate the BelRed Arts District through arts grants incentives.



Explore multi-year support to streamline and reduce work.



Grant Overview

Eastside Arts Partnership (EAP) Support Grants

- PowerUp Bonus

Project Grants

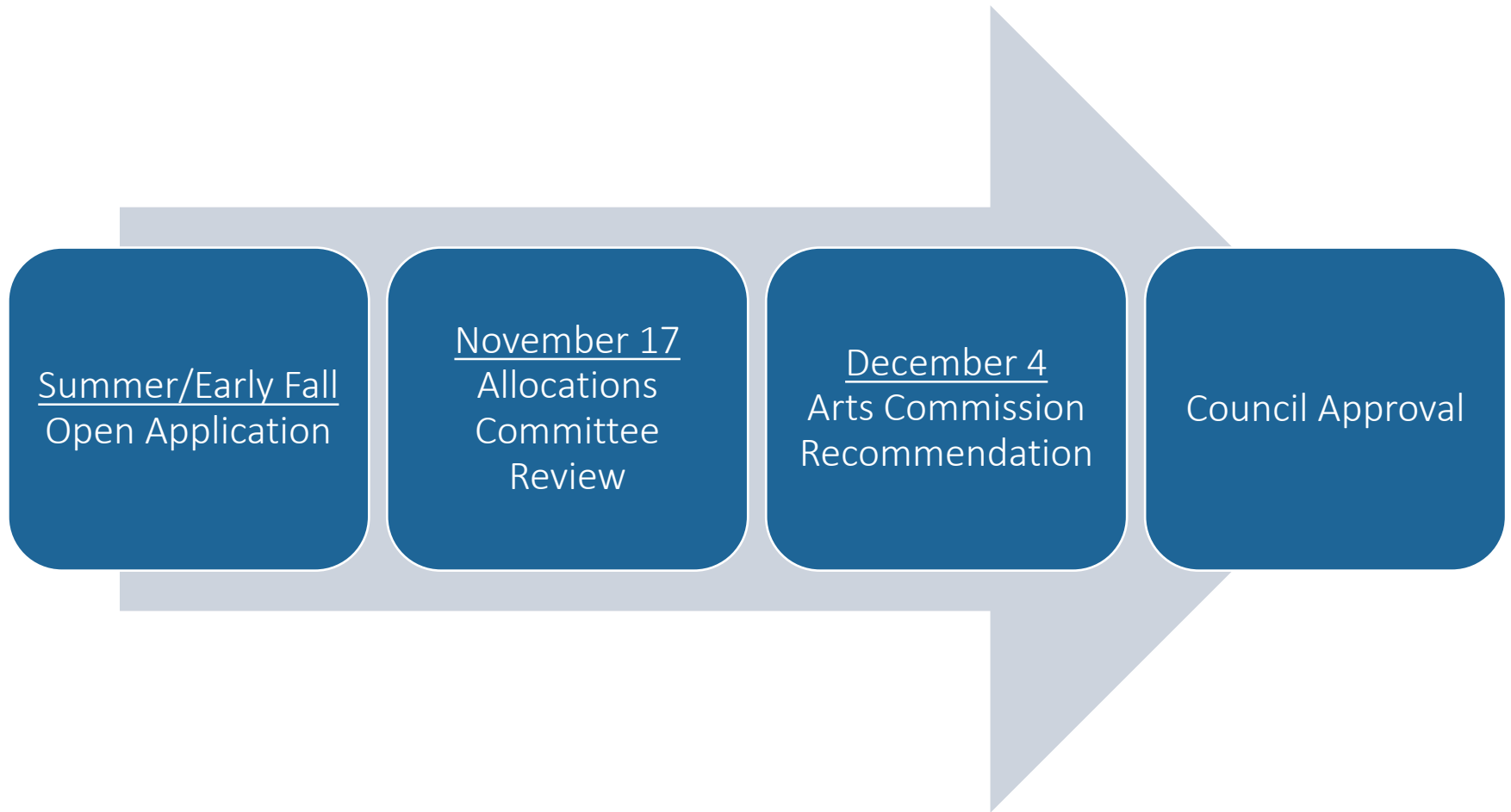
- BelRed Bonus



Image: Japan Fair at
Meydenbauer



Process



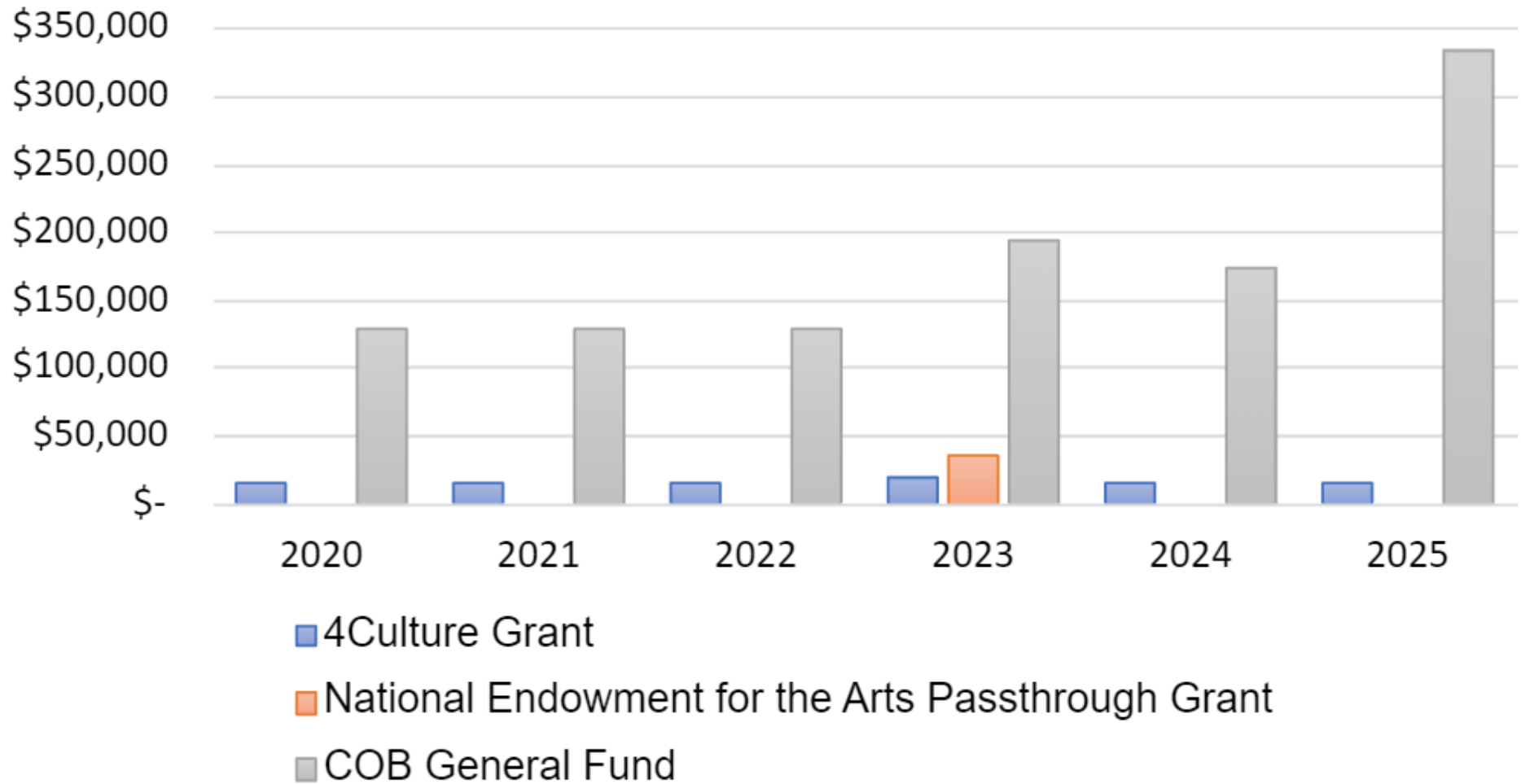
2025 Request

- \$350,000 available budget
- Received 66 grant applications totaling \$573,250 in funding requests



Image: Free2Luv's mental health art workshops with Bellevue School District students

Funding History & Sources



2025 Allocations

Eastside Arts Partnerships (EAP) Support Grants

- \$259,000 allocation

Project Grants

- \$68,000 allocation

- PowerUp Bonus: \$20,000 allocation
- BelRed Bonus: \$3,000 allocation





Public Benefits

- Organizations/artists serve ~1.6 million residents and visitors
- ~275,000 free and reduced admissions
- Provide support for diverse organizations
- Boosts tourism and creative identity

Image: Rock band camp at Music Works





ACME Foundation

- New EAP applicant
- Indian classical music and dance focus
- Recommended award: \$6,000





Bellevue Youth Choirs

- EAP and PowerUp applicant
- Youth musicianship training and performance opportunities
- Recommended awards: \$9,000 EAP and \$5,000 PowerUp





Kerry Sutton

- New Project applicant
- Youth engagement and education, reclaimed art
- Recommended awards: \$3,000 Project grant, \$1,000 BelRed bonus





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Image: Observational drawing workshop by Coco Allred at the Bellevue Botanical Garden

