2019 SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANT ALLOCATIONS

Program Goals

Special Projects fosters creativity and innovation in the arts and access to art, culture and heritage by new and under-served people and communities. Project funding encourages innovative projects by artists and communities that fill in cultural gaps and inspire new forms of creative participation, particularly for under-served groups.

Process and criteria for evaluation

Panelists separately reviewed and scored the applications on how well they demonstrated the stated criteria on a scale of 1-10. The scale consists of six qualities in ascending order from no achievement to most achievement: not competitive (1); fair (2-3); good (4-5); great (6-7); excellent (8-9); exceptional (10). Panelists provided scores for the following criteria:

1. Artistic Innovation

- Quality and promise of the proposed arts, cultural, and heritage project to meet the cultural needs of an audience and/or constituent group.
- Innovative approach to foster creative and civic participation by Bellevue's diverse residents and visitors, particularly underserved people and communities.
- Fills a gap in art, cultural, or heritage offerings and opportunities not regularly available to Bellevue residents and visitors.

2. Public Access and Benefit for Bellevue Residents and Visitors

- Quality and extent of public benefits offered to Bellevue residents and visitors.
- One or more compelling, feasible public events in Bellevue is clearly described.
- Marketing strategies and reach are appropriate to target audience(s) and attendance.

3. Project Feasibility

- Demonstrated experience of project leaders to accomplish the scope and scale of the project.
- Evidence of thoughtful planning including clearly articulated goals and process for evaluation.
- Realistic budget and timeline.

Recommended 2019 New and Renewal Special Projects Grant Allocations

ARTIST OR ORGANIZATION	ARTISTIC SERVICES & PUBLIC BENEFIT	REQUEST Project Budget	2019 ALLOCATION
Eastside Jazz Club (Renewal)	Our funding is required to help pay for the costs involved in producing Jazz Concerts. As per last year we will present innovative performances by professional musicians.	\$1,200 \$11,000	\$830
Kennard Holley	This is a local historic film about the Buffalo Soldiers of the Pacific Northwest, made for educational purpose. We'll also be provide FREE screenings at Bellevue Crossroads Center and other independent local theaters.	\$3,000 \$46,000	\$2,430
Northwest Sound Men's Chorus (Renewal)	A 6-week session of free singing lessons to men in the community to build awareness and appreciation of a cappella singing.	\$2,000 \$2,000	\$1,180
Sammamish Symphony Orchestra (Renewal)	The Sammamish Symphony Orchestra seeks to continue our tradition of 6 years of providing 4 or 5 great symphonic orchestral performances and educational sessions at Meydenbauer Theatre for the citizens of Bellevue.	\$5,000 \$5,000	\$2,500
Seattle Young Philharmonic (Renewal)	For a Chinese Moon Festival cello concert on September 15, cellist Kai Chen will collaborate with Guzhen, electric key board, piano, and drum musicians to explore cello music in both classical and popular music forms.	\$3,000 \$29,000	\$1,500
Seattle-Tashkent Sister-City Association	For the 21st annual celebration of Central-Asian Navruz at Vasa Park Ballroom in Bellevue that brings together American and Uzbek families and friends and attracts more than 700 people.	\$3,000 \$5,000	\$1,000
The Sustain Music Project	For a season of three chamber music concerts at Resonance at Soma Towers, and for three free concerts given at organizations in Bellevue for people who have little access to classical music (like Sophia's Place).	\$3,000 \$15,000	\$2,530

\$20,200 \$11,970