

# Building For the Arts

## A Program With a History of Success

# 2019-2021

Since its inception in 1991, the Building for the Arts program has raised over \$101 million in state capital construction funds for over 220 arts projects in 29 counties across Washington State. Thanks to administration by the Department of Commerce and a citizens advisory board, only projects that have demonstrated sound planning, fiscal solvency, and an ability to raise substantial funds locally are recommended for funding. Reimbursement funds may not exceed 20% of total project costs, nor may they exceed \$2,000,000 total per organization.

This year's Building for the Arts program proposes 14 capital projects requesting a total of \$12,000,000. Participating organizations represent 6 counties (Clallam, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Pierce & Snohomish) and 9 legislative districts (23rd, 24th, 26th, 27th, 33rd, 36th, 38th, 43rd & 48th).

## Building Significant Economic Impact

The 2019-2021 Building for the Arts program's request of \$12,000,000 in the capital budget is only 7.6% of the \$156.8 million total cost of capital projects proposed, and is a modest investment in the returns it will bring to the state.

In addition to the quality of life contributions these projects will help arts organizations bring to their communities, they will also have an impact on the state's economy through tax revenue and job creation. Furthermore, when the construction is complete, arts organizations and their patrons spur business and jobs in restaurants, retail stores, hotels, transportation, and many other service industries.

2019-21 BFA Projects	District	Request
Seattle Theatre Group	43	\$310,000
Music Center of the Northwest	36	\$300,000
Seattle Symphony	43	\$912,000
Tacoma Arts Live	27	\$586,000
Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network	23	\$1,057,000
Nordic Museum	36	\$2,000,000
Imagine Children's Museum	38	\$2,000,000
Seattle Opera	36	\$526,000
KidsQuest Children's Museum	48	\$816,000
Central Stage Theatre of County Kitsap	23	\$964,000
Roxy Bremerton Foundation	26	\$51,000
Port Angeles Waterfront Center	24	\$1,112,000
Fort Worden Foundation	24	\$712,000
Sea Mar Community Health Centers	33	\$654,000

**Total Request: \$12,000,000**

Impacts of the \$156.8 million in construction expenditures on Washington's economy<sup>1</sup>:

**Direct State Sales Tax** \$9.37 million  
**Direct Local Sales Tax** \$4.18 million  
**B&O Tax** \$2.2 million  
**Total Tax Impact** \$27.12 million

**Aggregate Sales Impacts** \$378.39 million  
**Total Jobs Created** 1,952  
**Labor Income Impacts** \$117.78 million

<sup>1</sup>Estimates calculated using the 2007 Washington Input-Output Model produced by state agencies and legislative staff under the direction of University of Washington Professor Dr. William Beyers and the Office of Financial Management. For more information on Building for the Arts, please contact Katy Corella at [katycorella@artsfund.org](mailto:katycorella@artsfund.org).