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2021–2023 BUILDING FOR THE ARTS CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM RECEIVES \$16 MILLION

Seattle, WA – ArtsFund announced today that on May 19, 2021 with the passage of the 2021-2023 biennium state capital budget, the Building for the Arts program was awarded \$16 million, a receipt of the full funding requested for 21 capital projects across the state.

The Building for the Arts capital grant program was created in 1991 by ArtsFund and The Boeing Company to support Washington state arts and cultural organizations with facility improvements and expansion. Since then, this highly successful program has been awarded over \$129 million to support 262 projects across the state. This cycle marks an increase in funding to this important program for the first time in 30 years, making more support for capital projects available for more arts and cultural groups.

ArtsFund President & CEO, Michael Greer remarked, “We are grateful to the legislators who recognized the importance of this program, as well as to the many advocates, including participating arts groups, their constituents, and arts supporters. Many organizations in this biennium package are designing or redesigning their spaces to be more accessible to better serve their communities. Each project contributes to the economic health and cultural vibrancy of the region; these sites will be key gathering spaces for when we can come together again to rebuild and re-establish community. The new facilities and renovations made possible by the Building for the Arts grants will have positive economic and social impacts to communities across Washington State.”

ArtsFund thanks and recognizes the coalition of organizations with Building for the Arts projects, past and present, for their ongoing support of the program, as well the budget writers for their inclusion of full funding in the capital budget.

2021–2023 Building for the Arts Grant Recipients

Bainbridge Performing Arts | \$1,600,000
Bellevue Arts Museum | \$243,000
Classical KING FM 98.1 | \$814,000
Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation | \$1,600,000
Cornish College of the Arts | \$1,600,000
Hands-on Children’s Museum | \$1,600,000
Harlequin Productions | \$500,000
Imagine Children’s Museum | \$31,000
Kirkland Arts Center | \$220,000
Mini Mart City Park | \$200,000
Museum of Northwest Art | \$500,000
Orcas Center | \$133,000
Path with Art | \$1,757,000
Pilchuck Glass School | \$135,000
Port Angeles Waterfront Center dba Field Arts & Events Hall | \$2,000,000
Roxy Bremerton Foundation | \$269,000
Sequim City Band | \$250,000
Seattle Symphony Orchestra | \$418,000
Village Theatre – New Technical Studio Warehouse | \$409,000
Village Theatre – Francis J. Gaudette Theatre Renovation | \$257,000
Washington Center for the Performing Arts | \$1,464,000

For more information about the Building for the Arts program, click [here](#).

About ArtsFund:

ArtsFund’s Mission: ArtsFund supports the arts through leadership, advocacy, and grant making in order to build a healthy, equitable, and creative Washington.

ArtsFund’s Vision:

A community with a dynamic, equitable, and robust cultural sector where the arts are accessible to all and valued as central and critical to a healthy society.