

Building For the Arts

2017-2019

A Program With a History of Success

Since its inception in 1991, the Building for the Arts program has raised nearly \$90 million in state capital construction funds for over 200 arts projects in 27 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 16 capital projects requesting a total of \$12,000,000. Participating organizations represent areas all over the state including Bellevue, Bellingham, Bremerton, Chewelah, Olympia, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, and Walla Walla.

Building Significant Economic Impact

The 2017-2019 Building for the Arts program's request of \$12,000,000 in the capital budget is only 7% of the \$168.7 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.

Impacts of the \$168.7 million in construction expenditures on Washington's economy¹:

Direct State Sales Tax	\$8.29 million
Direct Local Sales Tax	\$3.70 million
B&O Tax	\$1.96 million
Total Tax Impact	\$24.05 million

2017-19 BFA Projects	District	Request
Town Hall Association	43	\$1,520,000
Pacific Northwest Ballet— Francia Russell Center	48	\$1,520,000
Seattle Art Museum	43	\$1,520,000
Chewelah Performing & Cultural Arts	7	\$97,000
Seattle Opera	36	\$1,520,000
Tacoma Art Museum	27	\$1,020,000
Fort Worden Foundation	24	\$1,270,000
Seattle Repertory Theatre	36	\$258,000
Richard Hugo House	43	\$1,032,000
Washington Center for the Performing Arts	22	\$689,000
Admiral Theatre Foundation	36	\$150,000
Pratt Fine Arts Center	37	\$520,000
Northwest Choirs	43	\$75,000
Power House Theatre Walla Walla Inc.	16	\$335,000
Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association	34	\$140,000
Sylvia Center for the Arts	42	\$334,000

Total Request: \$12,000,000

Aggregate Sales Impacts	\$335.37 million
Total Jobs Created	1,760
Labor Income Impacts	\$104.50 million

¹Estimates 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 Andrew Golden at andrew@artsfund.org.