

# 2023 Arts Grants FAQ

CITY OF BELLEVUE ARTS PROGRAM

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## **Can I apply for an EAP Support grant and a Project grant?**

No, a single applicant (either an individual or an organization) can only apply for an EAP **or** Project grant. Applicants can choose to apply for the available add-on grant opportunities for each type of grant, though. Please review the guidelines for more about the add-on grants.

## **I am a 501 (c) 3 and eligible for both grants; should I apply for an EAP Support or Project grant?**

You are welcome to apply for either; EAP has a higher request limit but does not offer a guaranteed amount, whereas Project grants have a set request amount of \$3,000 for organizations. EAP grants are offered on a two-year basis, with applications open only during odd years.

## **What are some examples of past funded projects?**

Past council-approved awards can be found at the links below and on our [Grants webpage](#).

- [Projects, organizations, and artists funded in 2022](#)
- [Projects, organizations, and artists funded in 2021](#)
- [Projects, organizations, and artists funded in 2020](#)

## **Do you only fund performing art projects, programs, and performances?**

No, we fund various projects and are always open to new ideas as long as they are feasible, eligible, and align with our program goals. Reviewing the above example of past funded projects may help show the breadth of what we have been able to support.

## **I have a project idea, but I am unsure if it is eligible, can I run it by someone before applying?**

Yes, we would be more than happy to hear from you and learn more about your proposal. Please reach out to Manette Stamm and Lorie Hoffman to set up a time to talk before the application deadline.

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**If I am not in Bellevue, can I apply?**

Yes, but if you are not a resident or organization based in Bellevue, you must have a program or project take place in Bellevue. If it is virtual, you will need to demonstrate how you are serving Bellevue residents.

**What does the requirement of having a program or project “open to the public” and having a public benefit mean?**

Open to the public means that an organization or individual must offer a program, reading, performance, workshop, lecture, lesson, etc open to the general public to fulfill the gift of public funds requirement in Washington state. An example of something not open to the public could be a lecture only for members of a private organization or a board meeting. Grant applications will be evaluated on how public access and benefits are addressed – please review the evaluation criteria in the grant guidelines for more on this.

**For the BelRed Bonus grant, where is the arts district?**

The BelRed Arts District is in the BelRed neighborhood of Bellevue and currently spans the entire area. To learn more about the district, [visit the city's website here](#). Staff are also happy to discuss opportunities and space in BelRed, so please reach out to us!

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