

AGENDA ARTS COMMISSION December 11, 2025

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**CITY OF ELLENSBURG
ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA
Council Chambers
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom
Thursday, December 11, 2025
4:00 PM - Regular Meeting**

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

1.A Roll Call: Commissioner Eyre, Commissioner Dougherty, Commissioner Snedeker, Commissioner Wenz, Commissioner Young, Commissioner Lopez

2. Approval of Agenda (No Public Comment)

2.A **Review and approve the December 11, 2025, Arts Commission agenda as presented**

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A Review and approve November 13, 2025, Arts Commission meeting minutes as presented

4. Budget/Financial Report

4.A YTD 2025 and update for 2026 Arts Commission Budget Update

5. New Business

5.A Jane Orleman Scope of Work Change Request

5.B 2026-2028 Poet Laureate Year One Programming

5.C New Sidewalk Sign Options

5.D New Commissioner Onboarding

6. Unfinished Business

6.A Bus Shelter Schematic Review

6.B 2025 Project Grants Updates/Discussion:

- Open Remaining Projects
- Scope of Work Change Request

6.C January Retreat Agenda

7. Subcommittee Business

7.A

1. Funding & Advocacy: Jerry/Alex

2. First Friday Art Walk: Matt/Alex
3. City Art/Public Art: Jerry/Alex
4. Awards & Distinctions: Jeff/Staff
5. Ellensburg Creative District: Staff/Jeff/Alex

7.B New Commissioners Subcommittee Selection

8. Citizen Comment

9. Staff Update/Discussion Items

9.A Action Items Update

10. Commission Representative Update

11. Adjournment



For more information on the Ellensburg Arts Commission, contact Arts & Economic Development Manager Kelle Vandenberg at 509-962-7149.

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CITY OF ELLENSBURG
Meeting Date of Meeting
Start Time of Meeting
Place of Meeting

Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
Nov. 13, 2025
4:01 PM
City Hall, Council Conference Room

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

1.A Chair Eyre, Commissioner Dougherty, Commissioner Snedeker,
Commissioner Wenz
Absent: None
Welcome guest: Jensen Lopez,

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Nov. 13, 2025, Arts Commission meeting agenda as presented.
By: Commissioner Snedeker
Seconded: Commissioner Dougherty
In Favor: All in favor
Opposed: None
Abstain: None
Motion Carries

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve October 16, 2025, Arts Commission meeting minutes
By: Commissioner Eyre
Seconded: Commissioner Snedeker
In Favor: All
Opposed: None
Abstain: None
Motion Carries

4. Budget/Financial Report

4.A YTD 2025 Arts Commission Budget Update and review of 2026 Spending Plan.

Staff review current Arts Commission Budget (YTD) and proposed 2026 Spending Plan to recommend to City Council for approval.

- YTD 2025 reimbursements for Project Grant and administrative costs.

5. New Business

5.A Discuss 2026 Arts Commission Retreat Dates and Planning

Commission discussed priorities for the 2026 Arts Commission retreat

Date: Jan. 8, 2026, 4:00-6:00 pm

Potential Location: EDA Office

Topics:

Vacant store fronts/public art loan

Digital public art library

New Art Walk Signs

Review 2026 Awards/Celebration/timing

Action Item: Staff check with EDA for room availability

5.B 2026 Arts Commission Proposed Schedule

Commission reviewed proposed dates and staff can move forward with public posting of dates.

2026 Proposed Arts Commission Meeting Schedule

All Arts Commission meetings are on the second Thursday of each month.

January 8, 2026

February 12, 2026

March 12, 2026

April 9, 2026

May 14, 2026

June 11, 2026

July: No meeting

August 13, 2026

September 10, 2026

October 8, 2026

November 12, 2026

December 10, 2026

Action Item: Staff post 2026 dates on City website and City calendar

Bus Shelter Discussion: Reviewed the submissions (4)

Commissioners reviewed the bus shelter submitted art and ranked/scored the selected top three. However, due to the submitted pieces, the commissioners would like to see content on in schematic format—to determine if the submitted art pieces will work within the bus shelter framework. Selected art pieces may require editing/adjusting to fit within the schematic—need to see artwork in proper scale. This needs to happen before deciding where to put them:

Action Items: Staff will reach out to the selected artists and resend the schematic and relay the Commission decision. Copy Commissioner Eyre on the email to each artist.

Bus Shelter Locations: Rotary Park/Ruby and 3rd (near Light Curve)/ S. Ruby (behind Les Swab)

6. Unfinished Business:

6.A Review and move to recommended applicants for City Council approval to serve on the Ellensburg Arts Commission to fill the following vacancies:
Motion to approve recommendation to City Council for applicants Therese Young to the Arts Commission serving through May 31, 2027, and Jensen Lopez to the Arts Commission serving through May 31, 2029.

By: Commissioner Eyre

Seconded: Commissioner Snedeker

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carries

7. Subcommittee Business:

7.A Funding & Advocacy: Jerry/Alex: 2026 recommended Project Grants going to council for review and approval at the November 17, 2025, meeting.

First Friday Art Walk: Matt/Alex: Update on Nov. FFAW and discussed the Thursday CWU Art Walk at the Presidents residents. Publicity didn't get spread out. Good to have a follow up meeting. Potential conflicts

City Art/Public Art: Jerry/Alex: Set up meeting to discuss needs—December. Meet before the retreat. **Action Item:** Staff set up meeting with Jerry/Alex/Staff.

Awards & Distinctions: Jeff/Alex/Staff:

- Arts Treasure & Arts Advocate Award Discuss location for next year. Put certificates into frames. Art or gift for Advocate.
- Poet Laureate: Arts Commission selection for 2026-2028 Poet Laureate will be presented to City Council for approval on Nov. 17, 2025

Ellensburg Creative District: Jeff/Alex/Staff

- Sister City District meeting: Staff gave update on meeting
- ArtsWA Capital Grant update: Due to the nature of a reimbursement grant, the Arts Commission will pass on applying for the grant for this year.

8. Citizen Comment: No citizen comment

9. Staff Update/Discussion Items: No update given

10. Commission Representative Update: No update given

11. Adjournment Time: 5:22

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1	PROPOSED 2025 EAC Spending Plan			2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUALS	Outstanding Balance		NOTES
2		REVENUES:						
3								
4		100-162-308-41-00-000-000	Beginning Fund					
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8		100 162 347 90 00	Artwalk					<i>Invoices went out 3/3/25 to all venues</i>
9			The Clymer Art Gallery	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		<i>Reminders to two remaining unpaid went out 6/11/25</i>
10			D&M Coffee Downtown	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		Cancel venue location for 2026
11			Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
12			Gallery One	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
13			Gard Vintners	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
14			Kittitas County Historical Museum	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
15			The Mule	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
16			NuWave Gallery	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
17			The Palace Gallery	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
18			Hotel Windrow	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
19			The INK	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
20			Pearl Street Books	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
21								
22			Valo Cellars	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
23			The Fitterer's Blding/Woodin Enterprises	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
24						\$ -		
25						\$ -		
26						\$ -		
27						\$ -		
28		TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 700.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 50.00		
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32		EXPENDITURES:			2025 ACTUALS			
33		100 162 573 20 31	Operating Supplies					
34			Artwalk Annual meeting supplies	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		
35			Arts Treasure Award Engraving/Art Plaques	\$ 200.00	\$ 43.44	\$ 156.56		<i>Engraving services</i>
36			Treasure Award Ceremony Supplies	\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00		
37			Arts Treasure Award	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00		
38			Arts Treasure Stipend	\$ 500.00	\$ 541.00	\$ (41.00)		PO0146723-Creation of Arts Treasure Award from Maria Cristalli
39								
40								
41			Poet Laureate Supplies	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00		
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44								
45			Total Operating Supplies	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 584.44	\$ 2,040.56		
46								
47		100 162 573 20 41	Professional Services					
48			Americans For the Arts membership	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -		
49								
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51			Total Professional Services	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00			
52								
53		100 162 573 20 43	Professional Development-Travel					
54			Conferences-Travel					
55								
56		100 162 573 20 49	Professional Development-Misc					
57		100 162-573-20-44-013	Admin Services	\$ 13,000.00		\$ 13,000.00		Should have been pulled out in July. Have not seen
58		Total Professional Development		\$ 13,050.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 50.00		Aug. budget.
59								
60		100 162 573 20 44	Advertising					
61			NPR- for contract year	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 1,920.00			
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63		Total Advertising		\$ 1,920.00	\$ 1,920.00	\$ -		
64								
65		Ellensburg Creative District						
66				\$ 7,500.00				Additional grant from ArtsWA FY26 for Wayfinding
67		100-162-558-70-31-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District Supplies	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 2,711.35	\$ 6,788.65		Art Walk Maps & Posters, Wayfinding Design Services, sign costs, and WSDOT signs (1st invoice)
68								
69		100-162-558-70-35-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District-Small Tools/Eqpmt	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		
70								
71		100-162-558-70-41-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District-Prof. Services		\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)		Inspire Washington Annual Membership
72								
73		100-162-558-70-42-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District-Communication & Marketing			\$ -		
74								
75		Total Ellensburg Creative District		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,811.35	\$ 7,188.65		
76								
77		TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 27,645.00	\$ 20,335.79	\$ 7,309.21		
78								
79		Grant Dispersement		2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUALS	Balance		
80		100 162 573 20 40	2025 Art Grants					
81								
82		ECR	Gustfest	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,491.23	\$ 8.77		Reimbursement forms submitted for processing 9/16/25
83		Gallery One	Artist in Action in the Park	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -		Reimbursement submitted for processing 11/24/25
84		PIE	Poetry in Ellensburg	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
85		Valley Theatre Company	Rising Star Productions: Disney's Frozen Jr.	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -		Reimbursement forms submitted for processing 7/24/25
86		EDA	Busker's in the Burg	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -		Reimbursement forms submitted for processing 12/8/25
87		Ellensburg Dance Ensemble	A Charlie Brown Christmas	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
88		Michael Gallagher	Tiny Stage Concert Series	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		
89		Robin Mayberry	Pyrocene-Visual Arts	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -		Reimbursement forms submitted 9/23/25
90		KCHM, Inc	Display of Historic Epherma in KCHM Collection	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
91		Make Music Ellensburg	Strum-Along	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
92		Discovery Lab of Ellensburg	Strub Steppe Musical	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -		Reimbursement forms submitted for processing 9/16/25
93								
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95								
96		Total Art Grants		\$ 24,500.00	\$ 13,491.23	\$ 11,008.77		
97								
98		Capitol/Public Art		2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUALS	Balance		
99		100 162 573 20 40	Capital/Public Art					
100			City Permanent Acquisition	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00		1-27-25: Bus Shelter Call for Artist Pay Out: Jane Orleman
101								
102			Poet Laurate	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
103								
104		Total Capitol/Public Art		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 500.00			
105								
106		Total Budget		\$50,000.00	\$ 57,145.00	\$ 34,327.02		
107								
108			UNITY PARK PAYMENTS:					
109			Art Aquisition Payments:	\$ 46,500.00	\$ 46,500.00	\$ -		PO: 141516 \$10,000.00 1/13/25
110		Beginning Fund Balance						PO: 0143073 \$10,000 4/14/25
111								PO: 0144511 \$10,000 07/11/25
112								PO: 0144808 \$15,000 08/01/25
113								PO: 0140032 Gregg Schlanger \$500.00 10/11/24
114								PO: 0140032 Gregg Schlanger \$500.00 10/11/24
115								PO: 0140033 Crista Ann Ames \$500.00 10/11/24

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3								
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13			Hotel Windrow	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
14			IQOF	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
15			Kittitas County Historical Museum	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
16			NuWave Gallery	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
17			Pearl Street Books	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
18			Rock-n-Roll History Presents	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
19			Royal Junction	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
20			The INK	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
21			The Mule	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
22			The Palace Gallery	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
23			Valo Cellars	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
24			The Fitterer's Blding/Woodin Enterprises	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
25						\$ -		
26						\$ -		
27						\$ -		
28						\$ -		
29		TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00		
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33		EXPENDITURES:		2026 Budget	2026 ACTUALS			
34		100 162 573 20 31	Operating Supplies					
35			Artwalk Annual meeting supplies	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		
36			Artwalk Sidewalk Signs	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00		(\$1,000.00/signs \$500.00 Printing posters)
37			Arts Treasure Award Engraving/Art Plaques	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		
38			Treasure Award Ceremony Supplies	\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00		
39			Arts Treasure/Advocate Awards (creation of award)	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		
40			Poet Laureate Supplies	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00		
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44			Total Operating Supplies	\$ 3,775.00		\$ 3,775.00		
45								
46		100 162 573 20 41	Professional Services					
47			Americans For the Arts membership	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00		
48			Inspire Washington Membership	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		
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50			Total Professional Services	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00		
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52		100 162 573 20 43	Professional Development-Travel					
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61			ArtWalk Maps/Posters	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		
62		Total Advertising		\$ 2,920.00		\$ 2,920.00		
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70		100-162-558-70-41-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District-Prof. Services			\$ -		
71								
72		100-162-558-70-42-558-000	Ellensburg Creative District-Communication & Marketing			\$ -		
73								
74		Total Ellensburg Creative District		\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00		
75								
76		TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 23,995.00		\$ 23,995.00		(UP TO \$24,000 FOR OPERATIONS/CREATIVE DIST.)
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78		Grant Dispersement		2026 BUDGET		Balance		
79		100 162 573 20 40	2026 Art Grants					
80								
81		CWU Sarah Spurgeon Gallery	Ferrous Exhibition	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
82		Make Music Ellensburg	Strum-Along	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
83		Ellensburg Community Radio	GustFest	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
84		Calliope Arts	Shakespeare in Unity Park	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
85		LHAF dba Valley Theatre Company	Rising Star: Tuck Everlasting	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
86		Central Washington Dance Academy	Peter Pan	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
87		Ellensburg Dance Ensemble	2026 Dance Season	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
88		Jane Orleman	Totem Restoration	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		
89		Discovery Lab of Ellensburg	Shrub Steppe The Musical	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
90		Nuwave Gallery	UNIFY: The Art of Coming Together	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		
91						\$ -		
92								
93		Total Art Grants		\$ 22,000.00		\$ 22,000.00		
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95		Capitol/Public Art		2026 BUDGET		Balance		
96		100 162 573 20 40	Capital/Public Art					
97			City Permanent Acquisition	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
98			Public Art Plaquards	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00		
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101		Total Capitol/Public Art		\$ 4,000.00				
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103		Total Budget		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 49,995.00			
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107		Beginning Fund Balance						
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Meeting Date: November 17, 2025
City of Ellensburg
City Council Agenda Report

Agenda Subject: Arts Commission 2026 Project Grants and Spending Plan (Public Comment Opportunity)
Submitted by: Kelle Vandenberg, Arts & Economic Development Manager
Department: Arts Commission

Suggested Motion/Action:

1. Consider the award recommendation and authorize the 2026 grant funding awards in the amount of \$22,000.00 for the 2026 Ellensburg Arts Commission Project Grants.
2. Move to approve the 2026 Arts Commission Spending Plan as presented in staff report.

Background/Summary:

The Arts Commission is dedicated to promoting and funding artistic endeavors through the City grant application cycle. The Ellensburg Arts Commission supports artists, creators, innovators, and organizations throughout the community to create and enrich the arts and drive the creative economy in Ellensburg. To further these goals, the EAC solicited and received grant applications to support artist-led projects with a community benefit. Submitted applications were due back to the City by the August 30, 2025, advertised deadline. The Art Commissioners reviewed each proposed project against the eligibility requirements and have recommended awards for Council's consideration.

Previous Council Action:

In 2016, the Ellensburg City Council designated 10% of construction sales tax revenue to community art, with an annual minimum of \$25,000.00 and a maximum of \$50,000.00. Additionally, previous council action to support recommended grant awardees has created an avenue to advance the arts in Ellensburg, contributed to an elevated quality of life, and grown the creative economy in the community.

Analysis:

The selection of projects in the attached report cover a wide array of disciplines and age groups. The Arts Commission reviewed all the submissions and scored them based on artistic merit, public benefit, and the ability to see the project through to completion, with supporting documentation and budgets. The 2026 Arts Commission Project Grant award recommendations represent \$22,000.00 in funding and include projects with an emphasis on artistic youth programming, the exploration of new projects, and projects that celebrate our regional artistic cultural history.

Financial Impact:

The 2026 Project Grants total \$22,000.00, and are included in the Council's proposed 2026 Arts Commission Spending Plan:

Operations	\$20,000.00
Project Grants	\$22,000.00
Creative District	\$ 4,000.00
Public Art	\$4,000.00

Budget Adjustment: No

Attachments:

1. 2026 ELLENSBURG ARTS COMMISSION PROJECT GRANTS COUNCIL REPORT



2025 ELLENSBURG ARTS COMMISSION PROJECT GRANTS: Overview

Organization/Indv.	Project	Award	Category
Calliope Arts/dba Ellensburg Shakespeare Project	Shakespeare in Unity Park	\$2,500.00	All ages/historical theatre/outdoor theatre
Central Washington Dance Academy	Peter Pan	\$2,500.00	Youth/dance
CWU Sarah Spurgeon Gallery	Ferrous Exhibition	\$2,500.00	Professional artists
Discovery Lab of Ellensburg	The Wonders of the Shrub Steppe	\$2,500.00	Youth/multi-age/music/theatre
Ellensburg Community Radio	GustFest	\$2,500.00	Music/cultural preservation
Ellensburg Dance Ensemble	2026 Dance Season	\$2,500.00	All ages/dance
Jane Orleman	Totem Renovation	\$1,000.00	Cultural preservation
LHAF dba: Valley Theatre Company	Rising Star Production: Tuck Everlasting	\$2,500.00	Youth/theatre
Make Music Ellensburg	Strum-Along	\$2,500.00	Youth/multi-age/music
Nuwave Gallery	UNIFY: The Art of Coming Together	\$1,000.00	Youth/multi-age art

Ellensburg Arts Commission Grants: Historical Overview

8 YR TOTAL AWARD	\$191,366
TOTAL NUMBER OF AWARDS	109
AVERAGE \$ PER AWARD (8 YR)	\$1,932.99

The numbers above include 2026 grant cycle.

TOTAL AWARDED TO ORGANIZATIONS	\$ 167,133.00
TOTAL AWARDED TO INDIVIDUALS	\$ 24,233.00

The numbers above include 2026 grant cycle.



**2025 ELLENSBURG ARTS COMMISSION PROJECT GRANT
DETAILED REPORT**

Organization/Individual	Project Name	Recommended Funding
Calliope Arts/dba: Ellensburg Shakespeare Project	Shakespeare in Unity Park	\$2,500.00

Project Description: Newly formed Calliope Arts is producing free outdoor performances of one of Shakespeare’s classic plays in Unity Park. As demonstrated by our 2025 production, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, a successful and free production of outdoor Shakespeare brought many people to the park on multiple occasions during the week in the evening. Expanding on the production’s success in 2025, Calliope Arts will again produce, teach, and stage classic Shakespeare theatre in downtown Ellensburg at Unity Park. It is an opportunity to enrich not only those who are involved in the production, but for all those who come to the performances and experience Shakespeare in an outdoor theatre as intended. Our auditions are open to everyone 14 years old and older, providing opportunities for intergenerational collaboration. In 2025, we had an exceptionally strong cross-over between CWU students, staff, and faculty with other Ellensburg residents, building community through a shared experience.

Organization/Individual	Project Name	Recommended Funding
Central Washington Dance Academy	Peter Pan	\$2,500.00

Project Description: The project will present a full dance adaptation of Peter Pan. Auditions are open to all dance students from the local community and neighboring areas. Artistic direction is provided by Jane Venezia, with choreography by Cindy Bruns and Taylor Bir. The production is designed to engage the entire Ellensburg community and audience members of all ages. In addition, extending its reach across Kittitas County. Other target audiences will include the cities of Selah, Yakima, and Wenatchee. This event will offer creative opportunities for local dancers and broaden access to the arts within Kittitas County and other towns within a 45 minute to one hour drive to Ellensburg.

Organization/Individual	Project Name	Recommended Funding
CWU Sarah Spurgeon Gallery	Ferrous Exhibition	\$2,500.00

Project Description: Curated by Renee Adams, Ferrous will be a three-week exhibition scheduled to be shown at the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery on the CWU campus January 15 – February 7, 2026, and featuring 15 artists from across the US who transform iron into sculptural works of art. In conjunction with the exhibition, a curator talk will be scheduled at 4pm in CWU’s Randall Hall just before the opening on January 15 and a later in-person talk will be held on campus (time and location to be determined) by Lisa Geertsen, one of the founding members of the Society of Inclusive Blacksmiths. Following the talk, a panel of artists from the exhibition will join Lisa on Zoom to answer questions and discuss their work and vision as contemporary artists working in iron.



Organization/Individual	Project Name	Recommended Funding
Discovery Lab of Ellensburg	The Wonders of the Shrub Steppe	\$2,500.00

Project Description: Due in part to a grant from the Ellensburg Arts Commission, we now have a completed musical "The Wonders of the Shrub Steppe" written. In 2026, we would like to procure all the requirements for performance, including backdrops, props, choreography, direction, and production. Our intention is to put the show on live in the Summer of 2026 at Morgan Middle School (with Hal Holmes as a backup). Participation in the show will be open to all community members and at least one show will be pay what you can. The target audience for this project is community members in Ellensburg of all ages. The musical has many parts for children and adults in performance and production. We envision this show being enjoyed by people of all ages. It is entertaining, informative, and helps shed light on some often-overlooked flora and fauna from the Ellensburg region in a fun, fantastical story.
 *Note: In 2025, the Discovery Lab completed the writing and composing of the music and of the script, performing in a Readers Theatre style production.

Organization/Individual	Project Name	Recommended Funding
Ellensburg Community Radio	GustFest	\$2,500.00

Project Description: Ellensburg Community Radio stages Gustfest in collaboration with the Kittitas County Historical Society, Inc.(DBA Kittitas County Historical Museum), the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, the Ellensburg Downtown Association, Make Music Ellensburg and the city of Ellensburg. The event brings together musicians and artists in a one-day event to celebrate the performing and visual art and unique sound of Ellensburg at the Kittitas Valley Event Center. In its second year, the event drew more than 500 spectators over the course of the day, many from out of the region, and featured eight bands with 26 musicians, almost entirely from Kittitas County. The musicians spanned genres and age ranges, reflecting, and celebrating the history of the local music scene while spotlighting contemporary artists and their work. The event's success enabled organizers to double the pay promised to musicians. The event makes good use of the facilities at KVEC, with space for local vendors inside and outside the buildings. The main stage provides the reliability needed for a June event while allowing traffic to filter outside. Attendees came from across the region, drawing many people with local ties back to the community, creating a reunion feel to the event.

Organization/Individual	Project Name	Recommended Funding
Ellensburg Dance Ensemble	2026 Dance Season	\$2,500.00

Project Description: Ellensburg Dance Ensemble is the region's only nonprofit dance company, dedicated to creating high-quality, original productions that showcase local talent and inspire audiences of all ages. The Studio by EDE serves as our home for dance education, offering classes for children and adults in a variety of styles, from ballet to musical theatre, in an inclusive and welcoming environment.



Ellensburg Dance Ensemble is seeking support for the enchanting 2026 season filled with artistry, storytelling, and the joy of dance. Our year will feature two original ballet productions, each offering audiences a unique blend of timeless literature and EDE’s signature choreography.

Spring 2026 – The Little Prince

Winter 2026 – A New Holiday Ballet

Organization/Individual	Project Name	Recommended Funding
Jane Orleman	Totem Renovation	\$1,000.00

Project Description: There are 24 totem poles along on the North side of Dick & Jane's Spot. This is part of a 10' easement granted by the City of Ellensburg to create a tourist walkway so that viewers could safely walk around the Spot and not be in the parking area. Over time (approximately 20 years) these totems have degraded due to natural weathering. Proposed is a project to restoration and/or recreate 6 most degraded totems on the North side of Dick & Jane's Spot.

Organization/Individual	Project Name	Recommended Funding
LHAF dba: Valley Theatre Company	Rising Star Production: Tuck Everlasting	\$2,500.00

Project Description: Valley Theatre Company’s (VTC) Rising Stars is a project developed to serve as an expressive and artistic outlet for area youth. VTC gives students an introduction to acting and a foundation of skills they can use in future plays or musicals. Participants gain communication skills, discipline, and the confidence to perform publicly within a safe, nurturing environment—building not only stage presence but a lasting love of theatre. Under the direction of CharRé Burnum, the program also includes a curriculum and workbook with lessons in theatre basics, memorization, character development, puppetry, makeup, improv, and stagecraft. High school drama students also participate behind the scenes, taking on leadership roles and mentoring younger cast members. In Spring 2026, Rising Stars will present Tuck Everlasting, adapted from Natalie Babbitt’s beloved novel. Students in grades 3–8 will bring to life the story of Winnie Foster, a curious 10-year-old whose encounter with the Tuck family sparks powerful questions about life, mortality, and choice, and what it truly means to grow up.

Organization/Individual	Project Name	Recommended Funding
Make Music Ellensburg	Strum-Along	\$2,500.00

Project Description: The Ellensburg Strum-Along is a free, drop-in jam session for musicians of all kinds led by a core group of professionals. Strum-Along meets every six to eight weeks, with most sessions multiple ages, for hobby players through experienced performers. We cater to guitar & ukulele, but have regular bass guitarists & vocalists as well as random other instruments join us - violin, percussion, mandolin, banjo, etc. Make Music Ellensburg is always striving to bring people together, across all political, socio-economic, age, cultural, racial, & other divides. We create a safe & welcoming environment for all people to play music together,



which is an incredible way to build stronger communities & happier people.

Organization/Individual	Project Name	Recommended Funding
Nuwave Gallery	UNIFY: The Art of Coming Together	\$1,000.00

Project Description: UNIFY: The Art of Coming Together is a two-month art exhibition and public art initiative held at Nuwave Gallery during March and April 2026. The show will feature collaborative artworks created by pairs or groups of artists—highlighting how creativity can be a bridge between people, experiences, and communities. During Ellensburg’s March and April First Friday Art Walks, the public will be invited to take part in interactive mural-making stations. These community-created murals will be completed with inspiring quotes painted by Erin Oostra and donated to the Ellensburg Downtown Association to be displayed publicly. The project also includes student art takeovers of Nuwave Gallery’s Community Wall, providing a platform for youth to showcase their work in a professional setting.

Email sent: 12/2/25

Hi Kelle,

My thanks to the Arts Commission for this year's grant.

I would like to add an element to the project. I don't have a Dick & Jane's Spot website & think it would be a good addition. The projects on the totems will go forward but I would like to include this element. It would give me a good place to acknowledge the Arts Commission in a more substantial way.

Would the commission approve & amend the contract to include creating a website?

Thank you, Jane

On Nov 19, 2025, at 12:29 PM, Kelle Vandenberg <vandenbergk@ellensburgwa.gov> wrote:

- **Any changes to the scope of work must be pre-approved by the Arts Commission.**
- Grantees will be expected to sign a contract with the City of Ellensburg and abide by the terms of the contract.
- Share/tag promotional opportunities with staff liaison.



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POET LAUREATE 2026 INTENDED PROGRAMMING

The proposed program for the first year, January 2026 to December 2026 of the Poet Laureate's tenure.

Scheduled Events/Opportunities

April 18, 2026: National Poetry Month

1. Ekphrastic Poetry Event in partnership with Gallery One
Ekphrastic poetry is inspired by a visual work of art. Pairing 10 local visual artists with 10 local poets. Art will be featured in a visual slide show with the poet sharing their poem. Actual art will be displayed through April at Gallery One.
2. Reading children's poetry on Ellensburg Community Radio (ECR) during the 'Read Along with Grammy' program on alternate Thursdays. As one of the 'Grammies', I could compose an original poem to read.

June 20, 2026: Valley Voices Community Choir Annual Classics & Rock Concert

Liaise with Jan Jaffe, Director, to either recite an original poem, or perform an original song/poem, (lyrics and melody composed by me) as Poet Laureate. (I have been a member of the choir since 2022)

July 2026: Ellensburg Public Library Summer Reading Program

During the month of July, I would hold poetry writing events; one for adults, and another for teens. (two events in July)

November 7, 2026: Poet's Writing Retreat

Hosted and conducted by City of Ellensburg's Poet Laureate
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Venue to be determined
Maximum 10 poets



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Poetry-based Community Activities

These would be in addition to the scheduled events noted above and engage a wide variety of community members.

1. Poetry writing workshop at the Adult Activity Center (March 2026)
2. Poetry Slam at the middle and high schools
3. Bilingual poetry reading/writing at Bilingual Class held at the Hal Holmes Community Center
4. Poetry Sheets Educational Learning at the Frontier Village Schoolhouse during the Kittitas County Rodeo/Fair (September 2026)
5. Poetry Competition: Fixed format. Poems submitted online and selected poems will be read live at a special event, and on ECR by the poets themselves
6. Open Mic Poetry sessions



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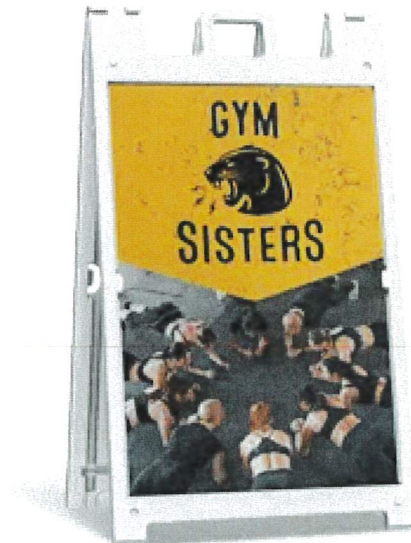
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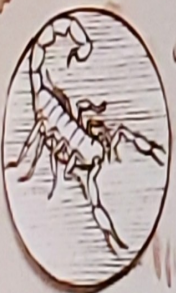
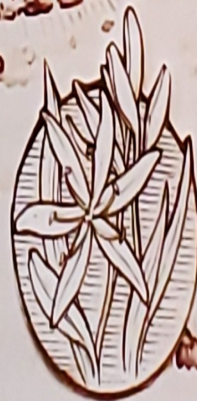
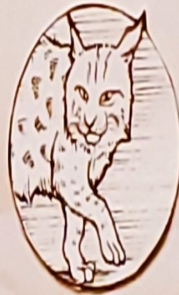
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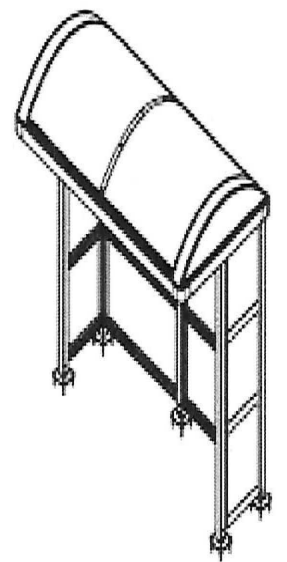
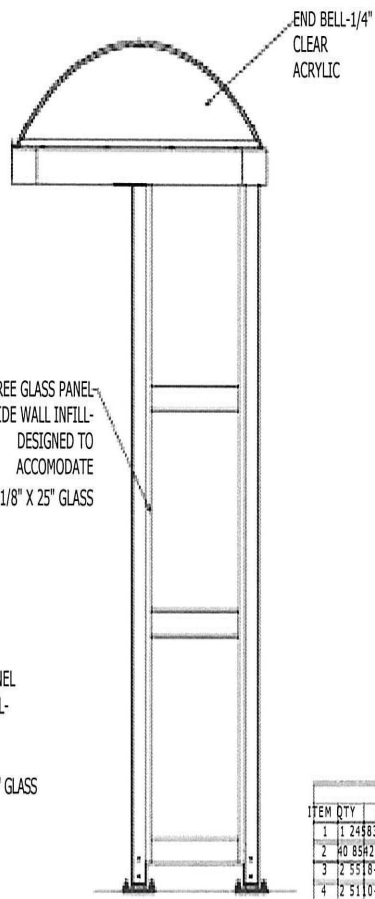
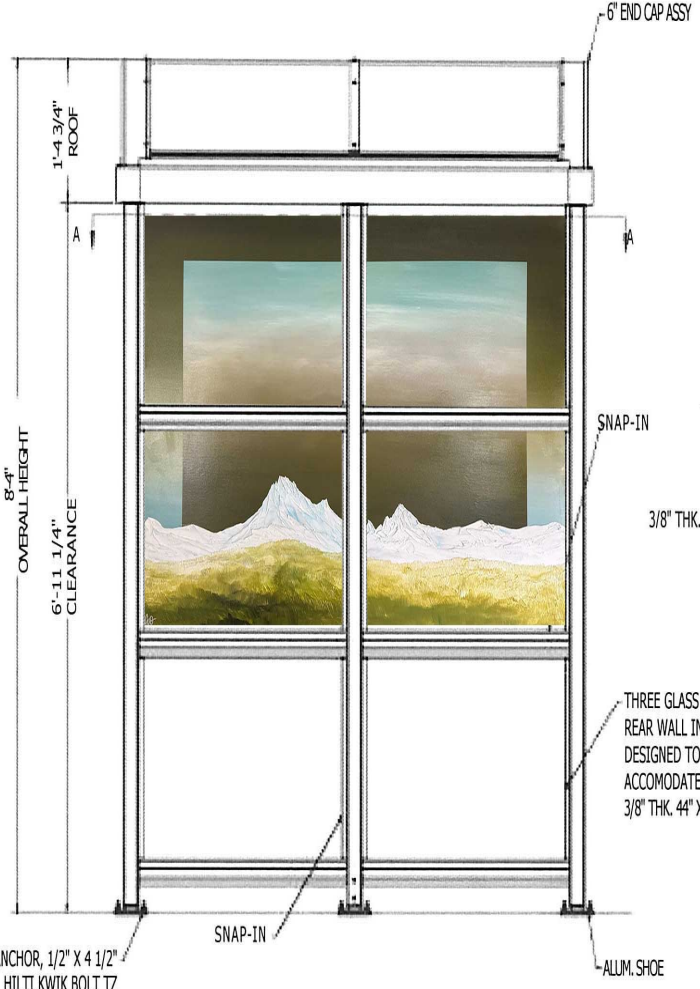
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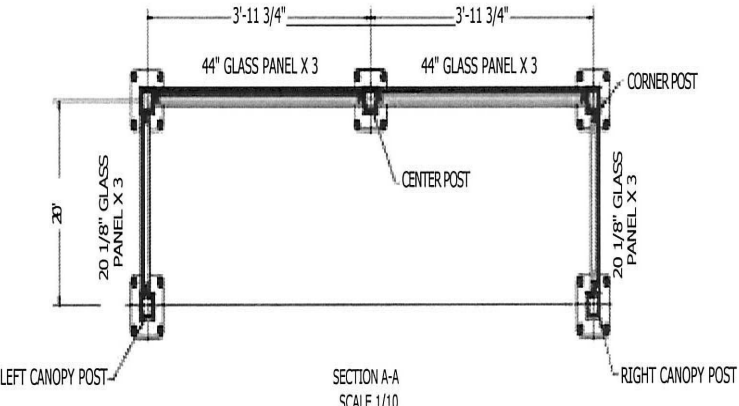


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Dear Kelle Vandenberg & Ellensburg Arts Commission Members,

We are writing to request a formal Scope of Work change for our upcoming winter production under the **Ellensburg Arts Commission Project Art Grant 2025**. While the overall budget, timeline, and intended project outcomes remain unchanged, we are requesting approval to modify the production title.

Originally, our plan was to stage **A Charlie Brown Christmas**. However, after an extensive rights inquiry, we were unable to secure the necessary music permissions required to produce the show as intended. Because of this, we have shifted to creating an original production that aligns with the same goals, community impact, and artistic vision outlined in our grant proposal. The new production is **'Twas the Night Before Christmas, a Holiday Ballet**.

This change did not increase the project budget. However, it did require additional time and creative effort from our production team, including:

- Developing a new storyline and scenes
- Selecting and licensing alternative music
- Adjusting choreography and dance styles to align with the new narrative
- Coordinating added creative planning meetings to ensure a cohesive final production

All other elements of the project—including participating dancers, performance dates, community outreach efforts, and anticipated audience engagement—remain consistent with the original Scope of Work.

We respectfully request approval of this programmatic adjustment so we may move forward with the revised production. Please let us know if any supplemental documentation would be helpful.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support of our work.

Warm regards,

Kim Rivera

EDE President

Ellensburg Dance Ensemble

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