



FY2025-2027 BUDGET REQUESTS

Strengthen statewide arts & culture workforce – \$310,865 Annual Operating budget request

ArtsWA seeks investment to enhance the arts & culture workforce through professional development, translation services, public art training, and community support. Funding will ensure equitable, sustainable growth and resilience in Washington's cultural sector.

Provide critical funding to arts & culture – \$4,490,000 Annual Operating budget request

The nonprofit sector of Washington's creative economy faces challenges from pandemic impacts and rising costs. ArtsWA seeks critical funding to support nonprofits, expand arts education, bolster local economies, increase military wellness grants, and improve accessibility.

Sustain programs and improve accessibility – \$1,141,519 Annual Operating budget request

Hire key staff in communications, outreach, and administration to support operations and activities. Enhance equity through improved website accessibility, staff training, and community engagement.

Maintain agency CRM system – \$385,385 Annual Operating budget request

The legislature has invested \$1.2 million in ArtsWA's Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system. ArtsWA requests ongoing maintenance funds to keep this critical tool up to date.

Sustain ongoing arts education research – \$100,000 Annual Operating budget request

Washington's 15-year gap in comprehensive arts education data hurts teachers and students. ArtsWA requests ongoing funding to assess data, trends and impact over time.

Make temporary conservation position permanent – \$154,708 Annual Operating budget request

The legislature funded a temporary position to care for public art and address the maintenance backlog. ArtsWA requests funding to make this high-impact conservation position permanent.

Support the Indigenous creative economy – \$11,522,571 Annual Operating budget request

ArtsWA has identified excessive gaps in access for Indigenous communities, artists, and organizations. ArtsWA requests funding to ensure equity and expand the Tribal Cultural Affairs program.

Celebrate diverse histories for America's 250th – \$550,000 One-time Operating budget request

ArtsWA's America 250 Project aims to celebrate diversity, support underserved communities, and inspire future unity through a grant program to spotlight underrepresented histories and heritage.

Fund Creative District capital projects – \$416,000 Annual Capital budget request

Provide current and future Creative Districts the ability to install small-scale capital projects within their Creative Districts. These projects include wayfinding signage, murals, festival streets, and more.

Advance to 1% for Art – 1% of state-funded building construction costs: Agency Request Legislation

Public art enhances community spaces and provides meaningful work for both artists and local vendors. ArtsWA seeks to expand funding from one-half of 1% to a full 1% of building construction costs, with implementation in 2027.