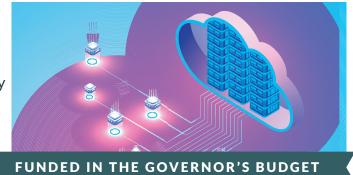


Maintain agency CRM system – \$385,385 Annual Operating budget request

The Washington State Legislature knows how vital a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) tool is to ArtsWA's operations. Over the past two years, the legislature invested \$1.2 million to bring this technology online at ArtsWA. ArtsWA requests ongoing funding to cover the second and final phase of this project: maintenance, licensing, and staffing support for the agency CRM.



Fund Creative District capital projects – \$416,00 Annual Capital budget request

Creative Districts encourage economic development and job creation in the creative sector, which generates over 10% of Washington State's GDP. ArtsWA anticipates several new Creative Districts to be certified within the next 2-3 years. ArtsWA requests continued funding to support small-scale capital projects for existing, new, and forthcoming Creative Districts.



FUNDED IN THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET

Washington State's Own Your Own Art Program – HB 1841 / SB 5759



Washington State's Own Your Own Art program would offer 12-month interest-free or low-interest loans to U.S. residents for purchasing artworks by contemporary Washington State artists from participating arts businesses. This program is designed to support art buyers, artists, galleries, and arts businesses, fostering a thriving and accessible arts ecosystem.

This request is supported by proposed legislation from Rep. Wylie (House Bill 1841) and Sen. Wellman (Senate Bill 5759). These bills set up the groundwork for the program at no cost to the state.

Investing in Indigenous Art and Culture – \$1,000,000 Legislative budget request

This funding will greatly enhance state partnerships with Tribal entities and Native arts and culture organizations. It will provide substantial accessible funding for Tribes and Native artists to provide cultural programming for their communities.

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Funded in the Governor's budget

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.

Fund Creative District capital projects – \$416,00 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.

Not funded in the Governor's budget

Strengthen statewide arts & culture workforce – \$310,865 Annual Operating budget request Enhance the cultural workforce through professional development and community support.

Provide critical funding to arts & culture – \$4,490,000 Annual Operating budget request Support nonprofits, 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 and operations. Invest in accessibility and equity-based staff training.

Sustain ongoing arts education research – \$100,000 Annual Operating budget request Ongoing funding for arts education data to assess data, trends and impact over time.

Make temporary conservation position permanent — \$154,708 Annual Operating budget request Make a high-impact conservation position permanent.

Support the Indigenous creative economy – \$11,522,571 Annual Operating budget request Address gaps in access to cultural funding for Indigenous communities, artists, and organizations.

Celebrate diverse histories for America's 250th – \$550,000 One-time Operating budget request Inspire unity through a grant program to spotlight underrepresented histories and heritage.

Advance to 1% for Art – 1% of state-funded building construction costs: Agency Request Legislation Expand funding from one-half of 1% to a full 1% of building construction costs, to take effect in 2027.

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