



# WASHINGTON STATE ARTS COMMISSION

## Grants to Organizations



Collaboration with Duwamish Youth Corps. Participating teens designed, created, and installed Black Lives Matter art murals through South Park community. Photo courtesy FREE2LUV.

### Overview

Grants to Organizations (GTO) helps communities nurture and grow the arts. These communities are in rural and urban areas across the state. Our goal is to equitably serve diverse populations.

Our grants focus on cultural equity and the creative economy. They include professional training in the arts. We fund projects, programs, and services spanning artistic disciplines, cultures, and traditions. State and federal funds support our grants.

### In FY 21, GTO programs supported:

- *General operating costs.* These cover regular operating expenses so arts organizations can focus on programming to benefit the public.
- *Art Projects.* These grants went to organizations that do not have an arts mission, like civic organizations or libraries. The grants support production of arts, culture, and heritage experiences that engage the public.
- *Art Service Organizations.* These grants support professional development services, such as training workshops or technical assistance, to established and emerging arts professionals.
- *Pandemic Relief.* These grants went to arts organizations to stabilize operations, stimulate hiring and rehiring, and relaunch public programs due to COVID-19 disruptions.

### About ArtsWA

Established in 1961, the Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA) is Washington State's arts agency. Our mission is to be a catalyst for the arts, advancing the role of the arts in the lives of individuals and communities throughout the state.

### Grants to Organizations BY THE NUMBERS



695

GRANTS FUNDED IN FY 2021



\$4,371,570

TOTAL AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED



56%

GRANTEES FROM  
OUTSIDE KING COUNTY

(50% GTO, 60% CARES 1.0,  
58% CARES 2.0)

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