



OFFICE OF ARTS & CULTURE  
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## Cultural Facilities Fund: Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Cultural Facilities Fund?

The City of Seattle Office of Arts & Culture’s Cultural Space program exists to preserve, create and activate cultural square footage in the city of Seattle; to work with artists and arts organizations to strengthen their role in charting the future of their creative spaces; and to work with developers and builders to incorporate arts and culture into new projects. Your participation in this questionnaire will help us realize these goals.

The Cultural Facilities Fund started in 2012 and is designed to support capital projects that improve Seattle’s arts and cultural spaces in significant and lasting ways. The fund’s goal is to help Seattle-based organizations build and improve their facilities in ways that will ultimately advance their missions and strengthen Seattle’s cultural scene by creating greater accessibility. More information about the fund can be found at <https://www.seattle.gov/arts/cultural-facilities>.

### What is the definition of Cultural Space?

Cultural Space includes “all spaces whose primary purpose is to present or support artists and their art.” This includes arts presentation space; spaces dedicated to artists’ creative process and the creation of artistic product; all publicly accessible spaces that supply the means of creative production; all arts training and arts education, artists’ live/work space; work space for arts support organizations; space primarily occupied or utilized by cultural heritage organizations.<sup>1</sup>

### What is the purpose of this survey?

This survey is a way for us to reach out to prospective applicants and stakeholders in Seattle to tell us how to best allocate resources for cultural space with our increased budget allocation.

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<sup>1</sup> City of Seattle Office of Arts & Culture. “The CAP Report,” May 2017, p. 20-21, see also definition available online at <https://www.seattle.gov/arts/programs/cultural-space#adefinitionofculturalspace>.

**Who will the survey try to reach?**

We are interested in hearing from arts and cultural community nonprofit organizations of every size, intergovernmental agencies, private sector partners and stakeholders, and their networks. Of course, we wish to hear from previous grantees and prospective grantees.

**How does the survey relate to the Race and Social Justice Initiatives within the City of Seattle?**

Our office is also guided by a commitment to racial equity and social justice, which informs this assessment process. Our cultural spaces define the social character of our neighborhoods. They are the bricks-and-mortar portals to the creative vibrancy our city has to offer. In alignment with the City's Race and Social Justice Initiative, we work to eliminate institutional racism in our programs, policies and practices.

**Which organizations have been funded in the past?**

Past recipients include Densho, Seattle Repertory Theater, Pottery Northwest, and other funded partners. Past recipients could request up to \$50,000 to support direct capital project expenses.

You can see the full list

here: <https://www.seattle.gov/arts/cultural-facilities#2016>