

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Connecting to Capital Grants for Nonprofits  
Community Capital Facilities

October, 2013



Three Programs for Capital Facilities  
2013-2015 Appropriations

- Building for the Arts - \$10.2 million
- Building Communities Fund - \$5.3 million
- Youth Recreational Facility Program - \$4.1 million



Building for the Arts Program

- Arts & cultural projects
- More than \$82 million awarded since 1991
- Grants of up to \$2 million per project
- \$12 million cap on total awarded per biennium
- Match up to 20 percent of eligible costs
- RCW 43.63A.750



Building Communities Fund

- Non-residential community/social service projects
- \$47 million awarded since 2009
- No minimum or maximum awards
- Matches 25 percent or more\* of eligible costs
- RCW 43.63A.125



Youth Recreational Facilities  
Program

- Indoor recreation with an education and/or social service component
- \$28 million awarded since 2005
- Grants of up to \$800,000 per project
- \$12 million cap on total awarded per biennium
- Match up to 25 percent of eligible costs
- RCW 43.63A.135



Guidelines for Capital Grant Programs

- Available to 501(c)3 nonprofits
- Site control (ownership or long-term lease)
- All require matching funds from grantee
- Non-state share to complete projects must be committed before funds are released
- Reimbursement only; no advance payments
- All use a citizens Advisory Board to review applications



## Allowable Use of Funds

- Only “bricks and mortar” costs eligible
- Architectural costs and engineering
- Building permits and fees
- Demolition and site preparation
- Capitalized equipment
- IT infrastructure
- Landscaping



## Ineligible Costs

- Internal administrative costs
- Project management
- Fundraising activities
- Feasibility studies
- Computers
- Rolling stock
- Moving costs



## Prevailing Wages

- All projects included in the Capital Budget must agree to pay prevailing wages beginning the day the Governor signs budget
- Acquisition-only projects are exempt. These projects must result in a usable facility
- Department of Labor and Industries implements prevailing wage law



## Archaeological Review – Executive Order #05-05

- Signed by Governor in November, 2005
- Projects must be reviewed by the state Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and affected tribes to determine potential impacts to cultural resources.
- Projects undergoing Federal Section 106 review under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 are exempt.



## High-Performance Building Standards (LEED)

- Major capital projects that receive state capital grants must meet the LEED silver standard, or receive an exemption based on statute.
- Exemptions to this state law include:
  - Acquisition-only projects
  - Projects that involve “piecemeal” renovations
  - New construction under 5,000 square feet
- May result in somewhat greater up-front costs, but buildings will be more efficient to operate, improve worker performance, and use recycled materials.



## Grant Process Timeline

- Applications Available – April, 2014
- Grant Workshops – May, 2014
- Applications Due – June, 2014
- Advisory Board Review – July-August, 2014
- Recommendations to the Governor – September, 2014
- Governor’s Capital Budget Released – December, 2014
- 2013-2015 Capital Budget Signed – June, 2015
- Funds Released to Commerce – September, 2015



### Capital Programs Projects



Snowy Owl Theater  
Building for the Arts



Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners  
Building Communities Fund



Camp Korey  
Youth Recreational Facilities



### Direct Appropriations

- Local and Community Projects
- Projects That Strengthen Communities and Quality of Life
- Projects That Strengthen Youth and Families
- Projects for Jobs and Economic Development
- Individual Provisos
- Most of the same requirements as competitive grants



### Questions / Comments

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