

City & Borough of Juneau Community Funding Request

Basic Information

Name of Requesting Group or Organization	Juneau Arts & Humanities Council
Summary of request (sentence or phrase)	Increased funding for JAHC/CBJ Major Grants, and incorporating regular inflationary increases into the JAHC annual base funding.
Amount of request	\$182,262.52
Assemblymember Sponsor	Ella Adkison, Wade Bryson
Is this a request for a one-time event, purchase or grant match?	No
Does this request provide monetary support for the group's ongoing or operating expenses?	Yes
Primary contact individual for this group	Phil Huebschen
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1. Funding Request (Project) Title (Suggested heading):

Additional JAHC Funding - Major Grants & Inflationary Increase

2. Project description and benefit. Describe the project (in half a page or less), including specific aspects of the funding request and project. Explain how the project will benefit the community. What sector(s) of the community will this project benefit and/or serve?

While we are ahead of our major grant application deadline and therefore do not have solid numbers or updates from previous requests to report, we are confident stating we will have another year of high funding requests from the community. Last year, 18 organizations applied, totaling \$295,500 in requests to the JAHC. With our award last year, \$266,000 was allocated for these purposes, with \$151,000 of it being one-time funding.

Many organizations were able to increase and implement education activities in light of the financial crisis with the Juneau School District, although some of the smaller groups require more consistent funding to meaningfully plan for such activities. With the arts funding situation in the School District not having meaningfully improved, we will surely see comparable application numbers come May.

The City and Borough of Juneau arts funding is an investment in the economy and well-being of Juneau. Last year, arts organizations have leveraged awards from this grant to bring in nearly \$30M in revenue. The payroll of these organizations to employees has been nearly \$7.5M. The

value of this funding is beyond just these fiscal indicators as we look to reinvigorate and fortify our community and ensure our pipeline of arts education remains intact.

We ask that the City and Borough of Juneau maintain its focus on the importance of arts education in Juneau - not just from an economic standpoint, but in understanding its importance in development and education of young people across Juneau. In providing increased grant and operational support to the JAHC, you ensure that other local cultural institutions have access to the resources they need to adequately serve our community and students.

As with last year, we will focus on Technically Art Workshops, and collaborate with other arts & culture organizations in offering accessible educational opportunities. To reinforce the focus on educational programs in our grant application process, we will continue to ask applicants to describe exactly how their organization is bolstering community arts education initiatives.

Included in our request are the following allocations, incorporating 3 years of average 4% inflationary increase, as line items have remained static. We ask that a 4% inflationary increase is also incorporated into the JAHC's base funding each year moving forward to keep our funding levels appropriate and effective:

- Grants & Scholarships: \$146,232.32
- Increased Major Grants: \$157,040.00
- Rental Support: \$13,498.36
- JAHC Admin Fee: \$67,491.84
- TOTAL: \$384,262.52
 - Increase of **\$182,262.52** from annual funding in manager's budget

3. Plans and progress. Describe (in one or two paragraphs) what has been accomplished so far (if anything) toward this project's or funding's goal. This may include studies, designs, grant application status, fundraising activity, and total funds raised to date.

Following last year's funding, we held a town-hall meeting between all major grant recipients and the Juneau School District, to explore means of increased collaboration between all parties to benefit Juneau's students. As a result of this meeting, many of the organizations have been able to implement increased and new activities between their organization and JSD, including, but not limited to, classroom & off-site workshops, artist residencies, student excursions, and theatrical experiences. More detail has been delivered to the Assembly in our prior presentations.

4. Project support. Is the project supported in CBJ or other community plans (List where the project is mentioned or supports concepts in planning documents such as the Assembly Goals, Legislative Priorities, CIP Plan, etc.

FY25 Legislative Goal to "Grow the Arts in Juneau". JAHC Operational activities are closely related to Legislative Goal #11 and Assembly goals relating to the Capitol Civic Center, and supporting the convention and visitor economy. Also related to increasing revenue from visitor activity, and early childhood education in Assembly goals under community, wellness, and public safety.

5. Goal of project. In one sentence or less, state the goal of the project. For example "economic development" or "improve non-motorized transportation routes."

Increased youth arts education, and inflationary funding increases.

6. Total cost:

A. TOTAL COST (including funds already secured) = \$384,262.52

B. AMOUNT SECURED (include funding source) = \$202,000 (CBI Regular Annual Funding)

7. Timeline: Indicate when you hope to complete the project.

Close of FY26

8. Physical Location. Please provide the address or physical description of where the project is located.

Juneau Arts and Culture Center
350 Whittier St
Juneau, AK 99801

Juneau-wide activities