

Office of Arts & Culture Update

Arts Access Fund Oversight Committee Meeting

October 30, 2025

IGAs with school districts:

The Arts Education Program Manager has completed discussions with school district leaders around revisions to the IGAs and will move forward with executing the agreements. The revisions:

- Add language around the Arts Education Framework
 - Defines the Framework as a tool to define and assess quality; states a strengthening designation will be the goal for all schools to work toward
 - Establishes Framework survey due dates; states surveys need to be returned before second disbursements will be made
- Adds language around Charter Schools
 - Clarifies language on use of funds and ability to hire teachers from the Charter School Registry
- Adds language on retention of financial records
- Clarifies language on reporting roll-over funds to Revenue

Teacher Advisory Group

- The group held its first meeting in September and will meet three more times across the school year.
- This year the group includes teachers from all six school districts.
- The work plan for SY 2025-26 includes:
 - Provide input on plans for professional learning opportunities for arts educators
 - Co-create and uplift plans to celebrate arts education
 - Provide feedback on the arts education framework pilot
 - Provide feedback on draft goals from arts education work group

Arts Education Work Group

The arts education work group includes high-level leaders from the six school districts served by the Arts Access Fund, plus representatives from two arts organizations, The Oregon Symphony and PDX Jazz. The group will meet seven times during the school year. Based on a collective impact model, the work plan SY 2025-26 includes:

- Create guiding principles and practices for work group
- Develop collective vision for arts education in Portland
- Launch arts education framework and analyze data
- Use data to draft initial goals and action steps
- Share work with the community

Arts Education Framework Pilot:

Oregon Arts Watch published this article on the arts education framework: <https://www.orartswatch.org/schools-receiving-portland-arts-tax-funding-begin-piloting-new-assessment-tool/>

Committee email:

Beginning November 1 all committee business will be conducted via committee members' City email addresses.

Grants Update:

The Office of Arts & Culture will announce \$2.8 million in General Operating Support grants on October 23. As a reminder, GOS awards this year will be significantly less than in prior years because of Citywide budget cuts and reduced allocations from the Arts Access Fund.