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OF WHATCOM COUNTY

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Background:

Creative Spaces is a collaborative effort between Allied Arts of Whatcom County, the City of Bellingham, Downtown Partnership and local property managers, filling vacant storefronts and spaces with visual and performing arts thus welcoming locals and tourists, increasing community development.



The diverse array of 17 different programs lead by 75 artists within this project promotes a variety of publicly accessible arts opportunities in different mediums ranging from theater and music to visual arts exhibits and installations.



Established artists are highlighted in each program and emerging artists are provided opportunities with the assistance of trained staff.



Expenses:

Admin	\$3,000
Artist Fees	\$2,780
Supplies	\$170
Marketing	\$550
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$6,500

Program Goals:

- “Creative Spaces” increases the vibrant atmosphere in Bellingham’s Downtown area.
- Increases foot traffic and support for local businesses, generate
- New opportunities to foster and expand alliances with local businesses,
- Increase exposure for artist’s work in the Bellingham area. People of all cultural backgrounds and of any age will enjoy these activities.

Highlights:

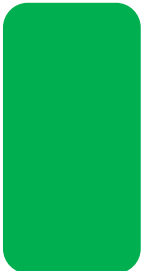
- Community Collaborative Mural for Francis Place lead by artist Deb McCunn
- 8 Street performances
- 6 Exhibits in vacant spaces
- Audience Totals: 2,100
- Artist Totals: 75
- Community Involvement: 18 organizations and businesses
- Volunteer participation: 85
- Vacant Spaces: 5 and 2 of them have since been rented.

Income:

Grants	\$3,750
Community Support	\$1,750
Donations	\$1,000
TOTAL INCOME:	\$6,500



**Creative Spaces:
Storefront Vacancy Program**



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