Gig Harbor Arts Commission

2026 Creative Endeavor Grant Application

- Please submit the completed application as an attachment to an email and send to cityclerk@gigharborwa.gov.
- Applications must be received by **March 2, 2026**.
- Funding recommendations will be announced at the Arts Commission meeting on March 17, 2026.

Date of Application	March 1, 2026		
Organization or Individual's Name	Narrows Music Society/Harbor Winds Concert Band	**Non-Profit?** ■ Yes ☐ No	
Name of Contact	Corey S. Berman		
If applicant is under the age of 18, please provide the name of an adult willing sign an agreement with the city on the applicant's behalf.			
Address	5114 Point Fosdick Drive, Suite F, PMB 35, Gig Harbor, WA 98335		
Phone Number	773-259-1932	**Email**	projects@narrowsmusicsociety.org
Project Title	Harbor Winds Concert Band Young Artists' Concert		
Date(s) of Project *Final project report and invoice must be received by **December 7, 2026**.*	May 31, 2026		
Amount Requested	$2,000.00		
Total Budget *Attach detailed budget*	$4,500.00		
Admission Charged	$0		
Donations Accepted	■ Yes ☐ No		
Is there at least one free or "pay what you wish" performance?	■ Yes ☐ No		
Has the applicant/project received grant funding in the past?	■ Yes ☐ No		
If funding was received before, was the project successful?	■ Yes ☐ No		
Please list other sponsoring agencies to whom you have applied.			

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Please limit responses to 500 words or less, per question.

1. Provide a summary of the project for which you are requesting financial support.

The purpose of this grant request is to bring to the Gig Harbor community a free concert featuring Gig Harbor high school and middle school musicians. A draft flyer for the Young Artists' Concert is attached.

The Harbor Winds Concert Band ("Harbor Winds") is a local adult community band that performs several times a year in Gig Harbor. Every year since its inception in 2013, Harbor Winds has presented a Young Artists' Concert that showcases musicians from both Gig Harbor High School and Peninsula High School. These young and upcoming instrumentalists get the opportunity to play alongside the group's adult musicians and one student from each high school gets the opportunity to perform a solo with Harbor Winds. The high school soloists will have successfully competed in the 2026 Washington Music Educators Association-sponsored Solo and Ensemble Competition, which took place in February. The concert will also

2. Describe the benefit to the community (see Funding Guidelines) and explain how this project will directly engage the audience and/or participants.

There are not many free performances by community members for community members. Narrows Music Society ("NMS") and Harbor Winds were established in 2013 to provide the greater Gig Harbor community with live music opportunities that had not previously existed in the area. NMS is the not-for-profit corporate entity that supports Harbor Winds' concert performances. NMS also provides a Dixieland group for various informal functions, a Ceremonial Band for Memorial Day and other more formal functions, and other groups as requested by the community. Membership in NMS groups is open to all by audition. NMS would be delighted if everyone who had ever played an instrument through high school or beyond could audition and join Harbor Winds or be otherwise involved in NMS ensembles. Short of that, NMS would love to see hundreds from the Gig Harbor community turn out for every one of Harbor Winds' free concerts.

NMS and Harbor Winds comprise active and retired music educators, as well as other non-music professionals and area residents who have made music a part of

3. Explain how the city's funding will support this project. If the project can still be done without city funding, show how the requested funds will improve the project, even if only partially funded.

The Commission can see that Narrows Music Society operates on a very narrow budget. NMS, which includes Harbor Winds, relies entirely on voluntary community financial support for its programming. Concerts are always free. As inflation and rising costs continue to weigh on the community, NMS has found that monetary donations have significantly decreased despite increased community attendance at Harbor Winds concerts. Furthermore, Pierce County arts funding tends to not support concerts in Gig Harbor. Pierce County wants to bring arts exposure to lower income communities such as the Key Peninsula. NMS has previously requested and been turned down for funding for projects that did not directly service Key Peninsula residents. Thus the importance of this Creative Endeavor grant.

The City's funding will only support Harbor Winds' direct operating costs for the Young Artists' Concert. These direct costs include compensation for

4. Explain how the project will target Gig Harbor residents or, if the event is designed to bring in visitors from outside the area, how you will advertise to potential visitors.

The Young Artists' Concert targets Gig Harbor residents in two ways: First, the Harbor Winds Concert Band is Gig Harbor's only community band. Harbor Winds began in 2013 as a way to provide local amateur and professional musicians with performance opportunities in a concert band setting. The musicians participating in and performing the Spring Concert with Harbor Winds will be almost entirely Gig Harbor residents. The students participating in the Young Artists' concert are exclusively from Gig Harbor-area schools or are home schooled in the Gig Harbor community.

Second, the Young Artists' Concert will take place at a central Gig Harbor location - Gig Harbor High School, Harbor Winds' usual performance venue. With the exception of the rare performance at the Key Peninsula Community Center, Harbor Winds and Narrows Music Society's various smaller ensembles perform exclusively in Gig Harbor for the Gig Harbor community and visitors. The Sunday afternoon free

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Venue Accessibility Information

If this project involves a venue – is the venue ADA accessible*?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If you answered no, what considerations for accessibility have been made?	
**Accessible means that anyone in a wheelchair, scooter, walker, or on crutches or cane(s) can gain access and entry to and enjoy/participate in the event being held as can anyone who is temporarily able-bodied. This includes access to parking, building entry, and restroom/toilet facilities.*	

Please direct questions about the application or application process to cityclerk@gigharborwa.gov.

NARROWS MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

HARBOR WINDS DIRECTED BY MEL BRAZLEY

GLORY

Young Artists Concert

FEATURING

LOCAL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND STUDENTS

Music by Michael Colgrass, Susan Botti, Leonard Bernstein, Jay Bocook, Carol Brittin Chambers, JaRod Hall, Kevin Day and more

3:00PM | MAY 31, 2026
GIG HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS WELCOME

FREE KP BUS

RSVP ONLINE

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Harbor Winds

NMS Budget - Young Artists' Concert 2026	
Receipts	
Advertising and Sponsors	
Business	
Individuals	$100.00
Donations	
Concerts @ the door	$400.00
Bus Transportation to/from KP (restricted donation)	$1,120.00
Dues $50 per concert $130 per year	
Total	$1,300.00
Grants	
Gig Harbor Creative Endeavor (Applied for)	$2,000.00
Expenses	
1/3 of Yearly Expenses	
Permits/Filings	$5.00
Liability Insurance	$150.00
Web Domain	$30.00
Mailbox	$70.00
Other Administrative (Bookkeeping, et al.)	$350.00
Bus Transportation to/from KP (per restricted donation)	$1,120.00
Music Purchase/Rental	$450.00
Printing/Postage	$350.00
Conductor Mel Brazley	$1,000.00
Rental Space (6 rehearsals + concert @ GHHS)	$875.00
Misc.	$100.00
Gross Expenses	$4,500.00
Gross Receipts (without Creative Endeavor grant)	$2,920.00
Gross Receipts (with Creative Endeavor grant)	$4,920.00
Net Gain (Loss) (without Creative Endeavor grant)	**-$1,580.00**
Net Gain (Loss) (with Creative Endeavor grant)	**$420.00**