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	Tacoma Art Museum	**Non-Profit?** ■ Yes ☐ No	
Name of Contact	Nick Cail		
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.	n/a		
Address	1701 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402		
Phone Number	2066830909	**Email**	ncail@tacomaartmuseum.org
Project Title	Up and Atom STEAM Library Events		
Date(s) of Project *Final project report and invoice must be received by **December 7, 2026**.*	April 1, 2026 - October 31, 2026		
Amount Requested	$3,000		
Total Budget *Attach detailed budget*	$29,826		
Admission Charged	$0.00		
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.	Forest Foundation, Sequoia Foundation, Woodworth Family Foundation		

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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.

Tacoma Art Museum's (TAM) Up and Atom STEAM mornings are fun, hands on arts, science, and culture workshops for children, ages 5-12. The program currently takes place monthly across all Tacoma Public Library branches. At the event, children and their families learn about an artist currently on exhibition at TAM and engage in hands-on art making activity based on that lesson. The events are always free and all materials are provided in order to eliminate any barriers

For example, TAM recently hosted a free Saturday morning event at Wheelock Tacoma Public Library branch. This event centered on a hand-on zine making project. Zine making is the process of creating small, self-published booklets or magazines that allow individuals to express ideas, art, and personal perspectives outside mainstream media. The event was attended by 22 students.

At the event students and families learned how to fold their own small zines using copy paper. The zine was to be a "Gossip" magazine, based on the currently open exhibition, Gossip: Between Us. The hands-on activity invited children to focus on the question of "how do you communicate?" they can interpret this prompt as literal, or as open ended as they see fit and can draw or collage their zine representing their style or styles of communication and how they transmit their knowledge to others.

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

Up and Atom STEAM events align seamlessly with the funding guidelines of the Arts Commission as the events are free to the public and increase the community's access to the arts in Gig Harbor.

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.

In 2026, TAM has funding in place to conduct this free, popular program on a monthly occasion at all nine Tacoma Public Library branches -- with the capacity to serve up to three Pierce County Library branches if funding is identified. Arts Commission support will directly fund three Up and Atom STEAM events at Gig Harbor Library between April 1, 2026 - October 31, 2026. Tacoma Art Museum will be unable to schedule these events without requested funding.

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.

Up and Atom STEAM events will take place at the Pierce County Gig Harbor Library branch at 4424 Point Fosdick Drive. The events are designed to bring the artistic resources and current exhibitions of TAM directly to youth and their families in the library settings they are familiar with.

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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.

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Pierce Co. Accessibility Fund & School Tours Budget FY26

EXPENSES			
Museum Educators (3)			$45,498
Program Supplies			$4,328
	TOTAL	EXPENSE	$49,826

REVENUE			
Sequoia Foundation			$15,000
Tacoma Creates			$19,708
Forest Foundation (Pending)			$5,000
Bamford Family Foundation			$6,000
Woodworth Family Foundation			$5,000
	TOTAL	REVENUE	$50,708