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	3/1/2026		
Organization or Individual's Name	NW Choir Resources / Spectrum Choral Academy	**Non-Profit?** ■ Yes ☐ No	
Name of Contact	Stephanie Charbonneau		
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	4459 SE Scenic View LN, Port Orchard, WA 98367		
Phone Number	360-271-8086	**Email**	spectrumchoir@gmail.com
Project Title	2026 Gig Harbor SINGS! Music & Art Camp		
Date(s) of Project *Final project report and invoice must be received by **December 7, 2026**.*	Mon-Thur, July 27-30, 2026		
Amount Requested	$5000		
Total Budget *Attach detailed budget*	$29,400-37,950		
Admission Charged	$225 per camper family contribution. Concert admission is free.		
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.	none		

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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 5th Annual Gig Harbor SINGS! Music & Art Camp will bring together 100-150 Gig Harbor area youth for a week of quality choral singing and hands-on art exploration with the staff of Spectrum Choral Academy. Each day at choir camp includes choir rehearsals, music theory and ear training workshops, classic camp games (outdoors in the sun!) and arts/crafts (example: watercolor, collages, acrylic paint on wood, tie dye fabric, etc).

Choral music will expose campers to a variety of genres/languages/styles in preparation for a concert on the final day. This concert will be free and open to the public. Rehearsals include instruction on healthy vocal production and breathing techniques in an interactive and joyful setting - including music with choreography, allowing singers to make choral singing a full-body experience.

Spectrum Choral Academy is an established Gig Harbor based community choral organization - founded in 2012. We offer 4 choir levels (for singers age 5 to adult), annual camps/festivals and tours. Spectrum is part of Northwest Choir Resources - a 501(c)3 organization.

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

Gig Harbor area youth will have the opportunity to participate as campers - allowing more of our local children and teens to experience a professional-level youth choral program and gain exposure to quality art creation. Local, experienced-musician teens will also be invited to apply for volunteer counselor positions - gaining leadership experience and an opportunity for volunteer service hours. All campers and counselors will experience beautiful harmony singing and positive messages through lyrics, while working with professional musicians to create high quality music. Active participation in live music - and specifically choral singing - has been scientifically proven to improve participants physical and mental health. Singing and playing together, laughing and having shared experiences while belonging to part of a team is now more important than ever.

In addition - we will share our music and display art creations with the greater Gig Harbor community in a free concert - open to the public - on the final evening.

The concert and camp will be documented by a professional videographer and memorialized on YouTube - to be shared with family, friends, the people of Gig Harbor and the greater public. Please see last year's videos on our YouTube channel!
www.youtube.com/spectrumchoir

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 funding would help cover the costs required to host an event of this size - facility rentals, matching souvenir T-shirts (to be worn as the performance uniform at the concert - then campers proudly wear them around town for years to come!), music purchase, art supplies, music theory class supplies, documenting the event by professional videographer and posting to YouTube, marketing/publicity, and personnel to run the event.

In order for this event to take place without the requested funds, participating families would need to pay a much higher fee for each singer, or we would need to gather funding from other supporters/sources.

Receiving this grant funding allows us to make this program more affordable for all local youth, regardless of their family's ability to pay. We would also make sure families know the true cost/value of this event - so they appreciate the value of what they are receiving (and some parents may choose to pay the full price per camper, allowing even more youth to participate). Past Spectrum Choral Academy Gig Harbor SINGS! events funded by this grant have been well attended (to maximum capacity!). Our camp and the arts grant are greatly appreciated by the community.

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.

This entire project is designed for Gig Harbor area residents - youth, their families and the entire community. Local families will be invited to register their children (first come, first served) so that the youth in our community experience the beauty of quality choral music within a professional setting. All local community members will be invited to attend the final concert - experiencing the impressive quality of music that young people are capable of with the right instruction.

Children make beautiful music, but more importantly, music makes beautiful children.

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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.

2026 Gig Harbor SINGS! Budget			
Camp Budget		100 campers & 20 counselors / staff	120 campers & 40 counselors / staff
Personnel	Piano Accompanist / Music Class Teachers	$5,000.00	$6,000.00
	Choir Directors / Event Planners	$4,000.00	$5,000.00
	Camp Activities Manager & Administrative Staff	$2,000.00	$3,000.00
Supplies	T-shirt for each singer/staff ($20 per person)	$2,400.00	$3,200.00
	Music for each singer/staff ($35 per person)	$4,200.00	$5,600.00
	Art & Craft Supplies ($30 per person)	$3,600.00	$4,800.00
	Music Theory Class Supplies	$2,000.00	$3,000.00
Facility Rental	Chapel Hill Church Gathering Place / Sanctuary / Classrooms	$3,500.00	$4,500.00
Publicity & Printing	Color Printing for Posters / Flyers / Postcard Invitations (volunteers will distribute)	$200.00	$200.00
	Concert Program	$300.00	$450.00
	Facebook ads	$200.00	$200.00
	**we would also use as much free advertising as possible - numerous social media posts, joint tags, emails to past participants, flyers to local music teachers and schools, event postings and press releases to to local news sources.*		
Documentation	Professional Videographer & Photographer - to document / record the final camp / concert and post videos to YouTube	$2,000.00	$2,000.00
TOTALS		$29,400.00	$37,950.00
Minus Camper Family Contribution ($225 per singer)		$22,500.00	$33,750.00
BALANCE		$6,900.00	$4,200.00