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	02/27/2026		
Organization or Individual's Name	B's Bagels LLC	**Non-Profit?** ☐ Yes ■ No	
Name of Contact	Brittany Erwin		
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	3308 Uddenberg Ln Gig Harbor WA 98335		
Phone Number	6033707377 (cell)	**Email**	bsbagelsnbutters@gmail.com
Project Title	Mothers Day Market		
Date(s) of Project *Final project report and invoice must be received by **December 7, 2026**.*	May 9 & 10 2026		
Amount Requested	$800		
Total Budget *Attach detailed budget*	$1900		
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 Mother ' s Day Makers Market is important to us because it creates a space where local artists feel supported and our community feels connected. As a small business in downtown Gig Harbor, we see firsthand how much talent exists here—and how valuable it is to create real opportunities for artists to earn income and be seen.

By hosting 15 vendors per day, we are intentionally keeping the market manageable and curated so each artist has meaningful exposure and sales potential. Lowering vendor participation fees allows makers to keep more of what they earn, which directly supports working artists and small creative businesses in our area.

This event also helps fill the gap left by a previously held market weekend, maintaining energy in downtown Gig Harbor during an important pre-summer period. Increased foot traffic benefits neighboring businesses and reinforces downtown as a welcoming, active gathering place.

Beyond the economic impact, we are especially focused on engagement. We will host a free arts and crafts station for families so children and parents can create something together. Providing hands-on activities removes financial barriers and allows families to participate in the arts, regardless of whether they are shopping. We want attendees to feel invited to make, explore, and connect—not just purchase.

One of the most meaningful aspects of a small-scale market is the direct interaction between artists and the public. Visitors can talk with makers about their process, materials, and inspiration. Those conversations build appreciation for handmade work and strengthen relationships within our community.

Our small business is organizing this event as a community initiative, not as a revenue source. We do not plan to financially benefit. Grant support will allow us to cover essential infrastructure such as restroom rental, marketing materials, signage, and supplies for the arts and crafts station while keeping vendor costs accessible.

Ultimately, this project supports local artists, activates downtown space, encourages family participation in the arts, and strengthens the creative culture of Gig Harbor in a way that feels personal, welcoming, and community-centered.

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

The market provides visibility for local creatives and reinforces the value of arts and handmade work within our community culture. By highlighting local talent, it helps cultivate pride in the creative identity of Gig Harbor and strengthens relationships between artists and residents.

The event also contributes to a sense of vibrancy and activity downtown, helping maintain momentum during a seasonal transition period. Community members are given an opportunity to participate in something festive and meaningful close to home, rather than needing to travel outside the area for arts-focused experiences.

In addition, offering a hands-on arts activity for families encourages creativity across generations and makes the event approachable for all ages. This type of accessible programming helps foster early appreciation for the arts and supports long-term cultural engagement within the community.

Overall, the Mother ' s Day Makers Market enhances community connection, supports a thriving local arts presence, and contributes to a lively and welcoming downtown atmosphere.

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.

City funding will directly support the essential infrastructure and accessibility components of the Mother ' s Day Makers Market. Specifically, grant funds will help cover the cost of restroom rental, printed flyers and signage for community outreach, and supplies for the family arts and crafts station.

As a small business organizing this event, we do not intend to financially benefit from it. Without city support, these costs would need to be absorbed personally or offset through higher vendor participation fees. Grant funding allows us to reduce that financial burden and keep booth fees lower, ensuring artists can retain more of their earnings from the weekend.

The project could still take place without city funding; however, it would operate at a more limited capacity. We would likely need to scale back marketing efforts, reduce printed materials and signage, or limit the scope of the family arts activity in order to manage costs. Vendor fees may also need to increase slightly to cover infrastructure expenses, which would directly impact artist income.

If partially funded, the grant would still significantly improve the event by allowing us to prioritize the most community-facing elements—such as the arts and crafts station and public-facing signage—while reducing the overall financial strain of hosting the event. Even partial support would help maintain accessibility for both artists and families.

City funding strengthens the project by ensuring it remains community-centered rather than cost-driven. It allows us to focus on creating a welcoming, well-organized experience while keeping participation affordable and inclusive. Ultimately, grant support enhances the quality, accessibility, and sustainability of the Mother ' s Day Makers Market and reinforces its role as a community-focused arts event rather than a profit-based venture.

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 Mother ' s Day Makers Market is designed to serve Gig Harbor residents while also attracting visitors from surrounding communities. We believe this balance is important—creating a meaningful event for locals while introducing new visitors to downtown Gig Harbor and its small businesses.

For residents, the market provides a convenient, family-friendly arts experience close to home during a celebratory holiday weekend. It offers an opportunity to shop locally, gather downtown, and participate in a creative community event without needing to travel outside the area.

At the same time, we intentionally hope to draw visitors from neighboring communities such as Tacoma, Port Orchard, and areas in between. Bringing in outside visitors supports not only the participating artists but also surrounding restaurants and retail businesses, helping to expand economic impact beyond the event itself.

Our promotion strategy reflects this dual focus. We will actively promote the event through our business social media platforms and encourage each participating vendor to share the event with their own audiences. This collaborative promotion significantly broadens reach, as many vendors have established followings in surrounding cities.

In addition to digital marketing, we will design and print flyers to post locally throughout Gig Harbor as well as in Tacoma, Port Orchard, and nearby communities. Placing physical signage in neighboring areas helps reach audiences who may not follow our social media channels and encourages regional attendance.

By combining coordinated social media outreach with printed materials in both local and neighboring markets, we aim to ensure strong visibility among Gig Harbor residents while successfully attracting visitors to experience downtown Gig Harbor during this special weekend.

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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? The Mothers Day Makers Market will be held outdoors in downtown Gig Harbor.The event layout will be intentionally arranged with generous spacing between vendor booths to create wide, navigable pathways and minimize congestion. The market will take place on natural grass terrain. While the open setting allows for flexibility, we recognize that grass surfaces and uneven ground may present navigation challenges in certain areas, particularly depending on weather conditions. We will thoughtfully design the layout to maintain the most stable and accessible pathways possible within the space. There are no sidewalks directly on our street; however, the site is accessible from nearby downtown areas and we have 3 ada compliant parking stalls on site. The rented portable restroom on-site is not ADA accessible; however, ADA-accessible restrooms are available inside the restaurant adjacent to the event space. The restaurant will remain open for the full duration of the market, ensuring accessible restroom facilities are consistently available to attendees. The event is free and open to the public, with no stairs, enclosed entry points, or ticketing barriers. We are committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment and will continue to consider accessibility needs throughout final site planning and event setup.
**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.

Mother’s Day Makers Market –

Fixed Costs

- Restroom Rental: **$370.80**
- City Permit Fee: **$277.00**

Marketing & Promotion

- Printing – 50 (8.5x11) Flyers: **$75.00**
- 3 A-Frame Signs: **$300.00**
- Social Media Advertising: **$150.00**

Community Arts Activity – Paint & Plant Flower Pots

- Pots (300 total): **$189.00**
- Soil: **$120.00**
- Herb Seeds: **$60.00**
- Paint & Supplies: **$175.00**