

RAINBOW COMMUNITY ARTS OLYMPIA

2025 Annual Report

Overview

In 2025, Rainbow Community Arts Olympia (Rainbow) pursued its mission to support events (i.e., mural dedication events), murals and other public artworks that uplift the broader Olympia, Washington community and beyond with a strong focus on LGBTQ+ communities and communities of color. Following its first year's kick-off in 2024 that featured five successful pilot projects, Rainbow continued in 2025 with four completed arts projects, predevelopment for three more murals, and a deep dive into organizational development and fundraising.

Key Accomplishments

In 2025, Rainbow funded and supported the following mural and art projects:



Sound & Color Mural - Rainbow searched for and secured a wall on Pizzeria La Gitana restaurant's South-facing alley for the hummingbird studio to paint their mural. Rainbow also funded and organized the dedication event for the mural.

Location: 518 Capitol Way South, Olympia, WA.



Touchstones of the YMCA: Wellness Mural - In partnership with the South Sound YMCA, Rainbow coordinated and funded the first of an eight-panel mural concept featuring diverse communities for the Plum Street YMCA's North-facing wall.

Location: 505 Plum Street SE, Olympia, WA.



Hands Across the Generations - Rainbow coordinated an intergenerational project with Senior Services of South Sound and a fourth-grade class from Garfield Elementary School to create a large canvas of colorful handprints to be displayed in the Olympia Senior Center.

Location: 222 Columbia Avenue NW, Olympia.



The Alley Aquarium Mural - Each year, Rainbow works with families with children to restore existing fish and create additions to the undersea world in alleys throughout downtown. This year's work focused on Nineveh restaurant's North-facing wall.

Location: 113 Capitol Way North, Olympia.

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Fox Theater Mural (*Ongoing*)- Rainbow continues to negotiate with the City of Centralia and other downtown stakeholders to replace a faded, three-story mural on the city-owned Fox Theater. Rainbow has received funds for this proposal from the Cowlitz tribe and the Chehalis tribe. Artists from both tribes will paint the new mural.

Proposed Location: 123 South Tower St., Centralia, WA.



Estuarium Mural (*Ongoing*)- Rainbow continues to negotiate with The Puget Sound Estuarium, the property owners, and a local artist to create a third mural that will connect with two existing murals created by the same local artist. As with the first two murals, the third will celebrate the undersea world of the Puget Sound.

Proposed Location: 309 State Avenue SE, Olympia WA.

Organizational Development

Along with the above-listed projects, Rainbow focused on organizational development in 2025 to:

- Further develop its website
- Expand the board
- Clarify the initial organizational structure

Fiscal Report

In 2025, Rainbow raised a total of \$22,082 in new revenues, spent a total of \$4,685 on projects and related costs, and banked a total of \$17, 436 for future projects. Future projects include those noted as “*Ongoing*” under “Key Accomplishments” above.

<p>2025 Revenues Raised:</p> <p>\$17,000 -Tribal donations \$ 3,000 - Private donations \$ 750 - Grants – private non-profits \$ 800 - Property owner donations \$ 532 – In-kind donations \$ 39 – 2024 carryover funds \$22,121 - total revenues</p>	<p>2025 Expenditures:</p> <p>\$3,500 - Artist payments \$ 532 – Misc Expenses (paint, etc) \$ 318 - Dedication costs \$ 210 - PO Box rent <u>\$ 125 - Website & design work</u> \$4,685 total expenditures</p>
<p>Remaining (banked) Funds: \$17,436 remains as obligated for designated future projects.</p>	

For more information: Please visit us on the web to learn more about our projects <https://rainbowcommunityartsolympia.org> Or email us: Info@rainbowcommunityarts.org