

**Neighborhood Development Grants Program
2011 Neighborhood Development Project Application**

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deadline: noon, 12/17/10, City Hall, CEDO offices, 149 Church Street
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Project Name: Integrated Arts Academy Performance Space Renovations

Project Location/Address: 6 Archibald St, Burlington, VT

This Grant Request \$ 4,634.00

Neighborhood Planning Assembly Steering Committee Signature(s):

City Department Signature(s)

Department: _____ Signature: _____

Department _____ Signature: _____

1. What is your project? What do you hope to accomplish? Please be specific:

This project will transform the gymnasium at the Integrated Arts Academy at H.O. Wheeler (IAA) into a community performance space for use by students and the Old North End community (while maintaining its capacity to serve as a gymnasium).

Specifically, this proposal will address the first phase of renovations, which involve the installation of audio/video equipment. This equipment is essential to making the space suitable for performance art. The second phase of work will involve repainting the space, and the third phase will see a new stage curtain added.

Community Development Block Grant funding will make this space suitable for students at IAA and for the Old North End community more generally.

2. What particular neighborhood need or problem will the project address? How was it identified? Is it part of or coordinated with a larger municipal plan? How will it benefit low-moderate income residents?

The project will address the need to provide a suitable performing arts space at the Integrated Arts Academy. IAA is a magnet school with the primary goal of using art to create a dynamic approach to learning. Inadequate performance facilities severely limit the ability of the school to achieve this goal.

Additionally, IAA is a neighborhood anchor that serves community groups across the Old North End. The Old North End lacks suitable indoor performance spaces for community groups, and these upgrades will remedy this deficiency.

These needs were identified through discussion with IAA staff, PTO, and members of the Old North End community.

This area of the city is home to many low/moderate income residents who lack a suitable performance space to come together as a community and share the experience of performance art (as performers and audience). IAA serves low/moderate income students (80% free and reduced lunch), including many children from Burlington's refugee resettlement efforts. IAA also partners with the Very Merry Theatre and the Burlington Boys & Girls Club to provide opportunities in addition to school programming.

3. How will the project improve the neighborhood? Please be specific:

This project will improve the neighborhood by enhancing the quality of the IAA's educational offerings to students and provide the neighborhood with an indoor performance art venue for artists of all ages. IAA is used for numerous community functions, and these improvements would enhance its capacity in this regard.

4. Who will the project benefit? How will it specifically benefit people living in poverty?

This project will benefit the entire Old North End community. IAA truly is a community school and actively serves community groups as well as students. Additionally, these improvements will allow the facility to serve as a performing arts space for local artists from throughout the city.

The entire Old North End is considered a low/moderate income area, with over half of the residents living in households whose income is 80% or less of the area median income (according to 2000 U.S. Census data)

5. Is there clear community support for the project? How has it been demonstrated?

The Old North End community has been consistently supportive of efforts to improve education and community opportunities at IAA. Additionally, the following community leaders support this effort:

**Brian Williams, Integrated Arts Academy Principal
Colby Kervick, PTO President
Garth Allen, PTO Treasurer, City Center Little League Treasurer
Kathleen Kleman, PTO Co-Vice President
Erinn Simon, PTO Executive Board
Stu McGowan, past PTO president
David Berezniak, Ward 2 City Councilor
Bram Kranichfeld, Ward 2 City Councilor
Emma Mulvaney-Stanak, Ward 3 City Councilor
Matt Conger, Ward 2 School Commissioner**

6. How will the project leverage matching dollars, volunteer commitments or other community resources? What, specifically, are those commitments?

Installation costs for completion of the first phase will be paid for by the Burlington School District. The second phase of the renovations (painting the stage area, adding murals around the audience area) will be accomplished via volunteer labor organized by the PTO.

7. Who will carry out the project? How will they be accountable to the neighborhood?

IAA Principal Brian Williams will supervise installation of this equipment. IAA will publicize the availability of the upgraded space in local media, the school newsletter, and the school's website. Local artists will be invited to view the improvements with an eye toward increasing the visibility of the arts in the neighborhood.

8. What is the timeline for completing the project (funding is available no earlier than 7/1/11 through 6/30/13)? What City departments will be involved in the project? Have those departments been consulted about the project?

Purchase and installation of the equipment will be completed as soon as funding becomes available, with the goal of completing the installation prior to the start of the 2011-2012 school year (September 2011).

9. How will the project will be sustained / maintained over the long term?

No annual maintenance is anticipated. Periodic maintenance, such as replacing a light bulb, will be funded from the school's budget.

10. Line Item Budget: Show how you plan to pay for this project.

- Detail all items and services you will need to implement this project. Show the estimated cost of each, and list at least two sources for each estimate (please use Burlington-based businesses where possible).
- Detail all in-kind donations you plan to utilize, including volunteer hours, showing the “cost” for that donation in parentheses (). Please note that the value of an hour of volunteer time is \$20.25.

Item / Service	Cost Estimate
<u>LCD projector (CDWG.com, salesstores.com)</u>	\$ <u>1,000</u>
<u>RCA cable (monoprice.com, ebay.com)</u>	\$ <u>15</u>
<u>VGA cable x2 (monoprice, ebay)</u>	\$ <u>42</u>
<u>Projector ceiling mount (CDWG.com, ebay)</u>	\$ <u>160</u>
<u>Mounting component (CDWG.com, ebay)</u>	\$ <u>100</u>
<u>Pipe clamp adaptor (CDWG, ebay)</u>	\$ <u>135</u>
<u>Cart (Advance Music, Burlington)</u>	\$ <u>160</u>
<u>Speaker cable (50ft) (Advance, monoprice)</u>	\$ <u>135</u>
<u>Speaker poles (Advance, monoprice)</u>	\$ <u>95</u>
<u>Speaker cable (100ft) (Advance, monoprice)</u>	\$ <u>240</u>
<u>Sound mixer (Advance, monoprice)</u>	\$ <u>130</u>

<u>Wall mounted speakers (Advance, monoprice)</u>	\$ <u>516</u>
<u>Amplifier (Advance, musiciansbuy.com)</u>	\$ <u>630</u>
<u>Sub woofer (Advance, musiciansbuy)</u>	\$ <u>1276</u>

In-Kind Services and Donations

Cost Estimate

<u>100 volunteer painting & renovation hours</u>	\$ <u>(2025)</u>
<u>_____</u>	\$ <u>_____</u>
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Total Budget for this Project (add all lines) \$ 6659

Total value of all in-kind services and donations \$ 2025

Total amount of Grant Request \$ 4634