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Mari's Place for the Arts to Receive \$10,000 Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts

City of Everett—Mari's Place for the Arts has been approved for a \$10,000 Challenge America award to support Mari's Place for the Arts Summer Performance Project. This project will help participants in the program learn and prepare theatrical, dance, and artistic works to present at a July Fourth festival in Everett, Washington. Mari's Place for the Arts' students are primarily BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) children and youth from low-income families who have limited access to affordable or free arts programming. Intended Beneficiaries: The project serves Mari's Place students, families, and the local communities in Snohomish County, Washington. Mari's Place for the Art's project is among 168 projects across America totaling \$1,680,000 that were selected to receive fiscal year 2022 funding in the Challenge America grant category.

"The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support arts projects like this one from Mari's Place for the Arts that help support the community's creative economy," said NEA Acting Chair Ann Eilers. "Mari's Place for the Arts in Everett is among the organizations nationwide that are using the arts as a source of strength, a path to well-being, and providing access and opportunity for people to connect and find joy through the arts."

"Mari's Place for the Arts enriches our communities by making the arts and cultural opportunities more accessible to students and working families in Snohomish County," said Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02). "This award enables local children and youth to continue to discover their artistic talents and to express their creativity at Everett's annual July Fourth festival."

This project will serve the children and youth of Mari's Place for the Arts, their families and their local community.

Please consider donating to Mari's Place for the Arts, we are trying to raise \$10,000 by March 31st to match this award. Contributions will go to Summer 2022 programming and performances. Donate by scanning the QR code or visiting marisplaceforthearts.org/donate

For more information on other projects included in the Arts Endowment grant announcement, visit arts.gov/news.