

Arts council receives \$400,000 grant

The Arts Council of Snohomish County recently received a \$400,000 challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation for the construction of its visual arts education center.

To meet the Kresge challenge, the Arts Council needs to raise \$1.7 million in new gifts and pledges for its visual arts education center capital campaign by Feb. 1, 2010. More than \$2.7 million of a \$6 million goal has been raised in the campaign, which began in 2006. The campaign also was recently recommended for \$1 million in Washington State Building for the Arts funding.

The Arts Council is working with Artspace Projects Inc. to build a new multiuse regional arts center in downtown Everett. The 80,000-square-foot facility is intended to provide a new home for Arts Council programs and affordable housing for working artists and their families through Artspace.

The Kresge Foundation is a private organization located in Troy, Mich. Last year, the foundation awarded 283 grants throughout the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and South Africa, totaling \$178 million.