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## WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

**2003-04**

(session year)

**Assembly**

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

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May 21, 2003

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (6) Representatives F. Lasee, Loeffelholz, Musser,  
Weber, Zepnick and Wasserman.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Musser, seconded by Representative  
Wasserman that **Assembly Bill 176** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (6) Representatives F. Lasee, Loeffelholz,  
Musser, Weber, Zepnick and Wasserman.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 0



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Lance Burri  
Committee Clerk

Vote Record

Committee on Government Operations and Spending  
Limitations

Date: 5-21-03

Moved by: Musser

Seconded by: Wasserman

AB 176

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Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_

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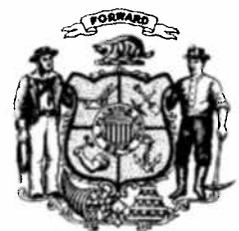
Committee Member

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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<b>Representative Gabe Loeffelholz</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Terry Musser</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Becky Weber</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Josh Zepnick</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Sheldon Wasserman</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





# Madison Cultural Arts District

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January 17, 2003

To: Rep. Steve Wieckert

VIA FAX: 282-3657

I am writing to offer my support for LRB 0849.

I find this to be thoughtful legislation, which if enacted could be of great value in assisting the further development of cultural facilities throughout the State of Wisconsin by providing access to tax exempt capital markets not previously available to cultural institutions that are not a part of a governmental unit.

I am sure that arts organizations across the state and their many thousands of patrons will appreciate the future impact of this legislation.

Very Sincerely,

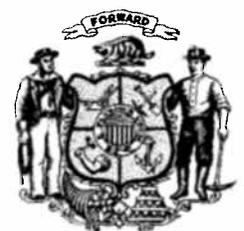
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# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



# AIA Wisconsin

A Society of The American Institute of Architects



January 17, 2003

State Representative Steve Wieckert  
Wisconsin Assembly  
P.O. Box 8953  
Madison, WI 53708-8953

RE: TAX-EXEMPT BONDING FOR CULTURAL FACILITES

Dear Rep. Wieckert:

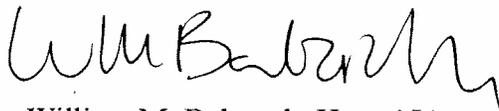
It is our understanding that you plan to introduce proposed legislation, LRB 0849, that would authorize tax-exempt bonds for cultural institutions.

AIA Wisconsin, the state society of The American Institute of Architects, supports the proposed legislation. It would help reduce the cost of construction for facilities that enhance the quality of life in our communities.

Please let me know what AIA Wisconsin members can do to help support this proposed legislation.

Cordially,

AIA Wisconsin

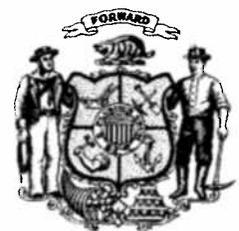


William M. Babcock, Hon. AIA  
Executive Director

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# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority  
18000 West Sarah Lane, Suite 140  
Brookfield, Wisconsin 53045-5841  
Phone (262) 792-0466 Fax (262) 792-0649

LAWRENCE R. NINES  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 21, 2003

Representative Steve Wieckert  
P.O. Box 8953  
Madison, WI 53708

Re: Bills to expand WHEFA eligibility to include K-12 Private Schools and Cultural Facilities

Dear Representative Wieckert,

I am writing to express support for your renewed interest in expanding WHEFA bonding authority to include K-12 private schools (LRB#0848) and cultural facilities (LRB #0849). Both were considered last session and make good policy as a way to strengthen these two important segments of our state's economy.

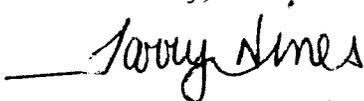
As you know, federal tax laws allow tax -exempt, 501 (c)3 K-12 schools and cultural facilities to borrow for their capital projects on a federally tax-exempt basis. Your bills would create the state eligibility to make this easily available in Wisconsin. There would be no state tax exemption, only a federal exemption, so no fiscal impact on state tax revenues.

Some other states, which have similar authorization, include Missouri, Oregon, Connecticut, Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Bonds issued by WHEFA are not a liability of, or guaranteed by, the State of Wisconsin. WHEFA receives no state funding and would not require additional staffing to serve these additional borrowers.

We look forward to helping meet the capital needs of Wisconsin's K-12 private schools and cultural facilities.

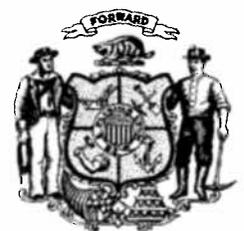
Sincerely,



Larry Nines  
Executive Director



# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



# STEFANIE H. WEILL

CENTER for the PERFORMING ARTS

January 26, 2003

Representative Steve Wieckert  
16W, State Capitol  
P.O. Box 8953  
Madison, WI 53708-8953

Dear Representative Wieckert:

The Sheboygan Community Theatre Foundation, Inc. supports LRB 0849 which would authorize the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority (WHEFA) to issue bonds to finance projects related to cultural facilities. The Sheboygan Community Theatre Foundation is a non-profit corporation chartered in the State of Wisconsin and has received a 501 (c) (3) designation from the Internal Revenue Service.

The Sheboygan Community Theatre Foundation acquired the historic Sheboygan Theater in 1996 and has invested \$10.6 million to renovate and expand the theater into the Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts. The facility opened on October 13, 2001 and has had a major impact on downtown Sheboygan. The Weill Center is home to the Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra, the Community Concerts, Men of Harmony and the Rotary Club Concert Series. Since the facility opened almost 60,000 patrons have attended events at the Center. The Weill Center has become a favorite facility to raise funds for numerous non-profit entities in the Sheboygan. Just last week the Sheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce held a fund raiser at the Center and made about \$8,000 for their scholarship program.

The downtown merchants are very supportive of the facility because of the increased traffic in the downtown on show days. Many of the restaurants have extended hours on performance nights because studies have shown that about 50% of the patrons of cultural facilities, like the Weill Center, have dinner out either before or after a performance.

The Sheboygan Community Theatre Foundation (SCTF) has plans to add a rehearsal hall and grand lobby to the Weill Center after our current debt of \$2 million is retired. The rehearsal hall will cost about \$1 million and the grand lobby about \$2 million and the SCTF might well take advantage of the proposed bonding program by WHEFA.

Prior to the development of the Weill Center the local groups that now call the Weill Center home performed in various schools. By moving to the Weill Center they have been able to substantially increase their attendance. For example, the Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra sold 630 when they performed in the Kohler High School. This past season they sold 950 season tickets. The Men of Harmony, sponsors of the Wisconsin Gospel Music series, used to perform before 1,000 patrons at Urban Middle School; they now have added a matinee and perform before 1,850 patrons. Further, 42% of the Men of Harmony's season ticket holders come from outside of Sheboygan County. Recent concerts by Brenda Lee and the BoDeans attracted patrons from the Chicago area that stayed overnight in Sheboygan motels.

In conclusion, the restoration of the historic Sheboygan Theater not only preserved a unique structure that is now on the National Register of Historic Places but has contributed to the economic revitalization of downtown Sheboygan.

If you have any questions or need additional information please call me at (920) 452-1704. Thank you for the opportunity to support LRB 0849.

Sincerely,

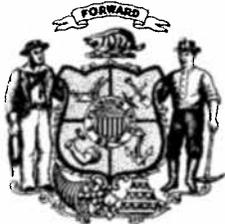
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert R. Peterson".

Robert R. Peterson  
President

cc: Mayor James R. Schramm  
Dee Olsen, Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce



# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





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Executive Director:  
Max Harris

\*Governor's Appointee

31 January 2003

The Honorable Steve Wieckert  
P. O. Box 8953  
Madison  
WI 53708-8953

Dear Steve,

I'm writing to express my strong support for LRB-0849/1 and to thank you for introducing it. It makes excellent sense to give institutions that bring the arts and humanities to public audiences throughout the state the same opportunity to obtain tax-exempt bonding that is currently offered to health and educational facilities. The health of the mind, fostered by the arts and humanities, is no less important than the health of the body. Moreover, the enjoyment of the arts and humanities should be as available to members of the working public as it is to those enrolled in formal education.

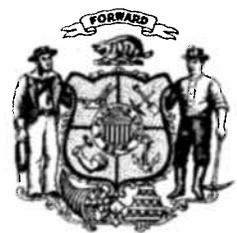
The mission of the Wisconsin Humanities Council is "to create opportunities for all the people of Wisconsin to engage in critical exploration of the histories, arts, ideas, and values of their own and other communities. It does so in the belief that such exploration is essential both to self-knowledge and to a healthy human community." Although we have no plans to build in the foreseeable future and will not, therefore, benefit directly from your bill, we are delighted to support your efforts to advance the broad availability and affordability of the arts and humanities in this way.

Best wishes,

Max Harris  
Executive Director



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

Jim Doyle, Governor

Kevin Shibilski, Secretary

February 11, 2003

The Honorable Steve Wieckert  
Representative, 57<sup>th</sup> District  
Wisconsin State Assembly  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708-8952

Dear Representative Wieckert,

I fully support the Cultural Facilities Bill (LRB 0849) you have introduced that would allow cultural centers, museums and other arts organizations to receive Federal tax-exemption on bonding for capital projects.

The Department of Tourism has and will continue to support the advancement of arts and cultural organizations in Wisconsin because of the significant positive impact they have on the state's economy. These organizations are part of an industry that generated nearly \$11.4 billion in traveler expenditures in 2001 while contributing more than \$1.8 billion in tax revenue to state and local governments.

However, tourism is not the only industry in the state that would see the benefits of the development that this bill would facilitate. I feel it is a responsible and forward-thinking proposal that will improve the overall quality of life for Wisconsin's residents and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

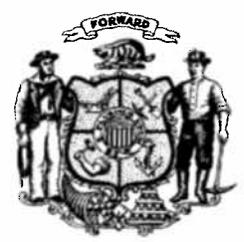
Kevin Shibilski  
Secretary

KS/jk





# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





April 22, 2003

Chairman Frank Lasee  
Assembly Government Operation and Spending Limitations  
105 West, State Capitol  
P O Box 8953  
Madison, WI 53708-8953

Dear Chairman Lasee,

The directors and management of the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center heartily endorse Representative Wicckert's proposed legislation Assembly Bill 176 supporting the Arts.

The arts are a key component of the quality of life in Wisconsin. They also generate a significant portion of Wisconsin's gross state product and tax revenue associated with the many levels that support and surround them.

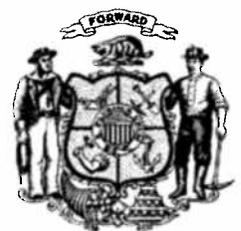
Wisconsin should be known as the state that creates an environment for arts organizations to grow and flourish!

Sincerely,

Walter S. Rugland  
Interim Executive Director  
& Secretary/Treasurer



# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



**Testimony before the Assembly Committee on Government Operations  
Regarding Assembly Bill 176**

April 23, 2003

Good Morning. I am here today to speak in favor of Assembly Bill 176 and to offer some basic insights into the impact this bill would have in our state. My comments will also apply to all financing activity undertaken by WHEFA. Most importantly, I am here to answer any questions or concerns that you may have about this bill.

WHEFA has been providing active capital financing assistance to Wisconsin tax-exempt healthcare institutions since 1979. Our statute was subsequently expanded in 1987 to include the issuance of bonds for the benefit of independent colleges and universities.

The Authority staff assists eligible healthcare and educational institutions in analyzing financing alternatives and in structuring revenue bond issues to meet their capital needs. Bonds are sold to institutional and individual investors in the private capital markets. No public funds are employed.

The credit supporting any Authority bond issue is the credit of the borrowing institution. There is no guarantee or moral obligation extended by either WHEFA or the State of Wisconsin.

Interest paid on WHEFA bonds is exempt from federal income taxation, which results in borrowing costs that are 60 to 70 percent of conventional financing alternatives. Interest paid on WHEFA bonds is not exempt from present Wisconsin income taxation.

WHEFA receives no state funding for either its operations or lending programs. WHEFA expenses are paid for by a nominal fee assessment on borrowers utilizing our programs and services.

The current bond issuance by WHEFA does not, and any additional issuance created by AB 176 will not, affect the bonding authority, caps or limits of any other state issuer.

Several of our nation's states including Illinois, Colorado, Massachusetts and Oregon now authorize a state level issuer like WHEFA to assist cultural facilities in meeting their capital project bonding needs.

Annually, WHEFA completes between 20 and 30 financings. Approval of AB 176 could add two or three financings per annum.

If approved, the WHEFA staff would look forward to helping meet the capital needs of Wisconsin's cultural facilities.

I would be happy to answer any questions which you may have.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Wisconsin Health & Educational Facilities Authority actively assists all eligible Wisconsin health care and educational institutions to obtain and maintain access to the broadest range of low cost, private capital market financing possible.

WHEFA implements its mission by:

- promoting its financial advisory and debt issuance capabilities
- employing qualified staff and financing team members
- analyzing, developing and implementing numerous financing options
- actively administering its outstanding bond portfolio
- communicating the needs and benefits of this low cost financing
- providing no guaranty of its debt issued
- not utilizing any public funds
- financing only qualified, financially feasible projects
- adhering to the requirements of Chapter 231, Wisconsin Statutes, and applicable federal tax law

## WHEFA MEMBERS

Daniel P. Blask, *Chairperson*  
Tim Size, *Vice-Chairperson*  
Edward M. Arahamian  
Paul B. Luber  
John A. Noreika  
Dean K. Roe  
Paul J. Senty

## WHEFA STAFF

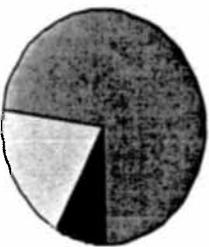
Lawrence R. Nines, *Executive Director*  
Dennis P. Reilly, *Associate Executive Director*  
Tanya L. Wilson, *Operations & Finance Analyst*  
Stephanie L. Schirripa, *Administrative Assistant*

## WISCONSIN HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

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## WHEFA ACTIVITY (TOTAL DOLLARS ISSUED - as of 6/30/02)

74% Hospitals & Other Acute Health Care



19% Other Health Care

7% Colleges & Universities

## WISCONSIN HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

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(262) 792-0649 Fax  
whefa@excepc.com E-Mail  
www.whefa.com Web Site

## THE AUTHORITY

WHEFA has been providing active capital financing assistance to Wisconsin non-profit healthcare institutions since 1979. The Authority's statute has been subsequently expanded to include the issuance of bonds for the benefit of independent colleges and universities, continuing care facilities and health education centers. Interest cost savings from Authority financings are reflected in lower costs to the consumer through the rates, fees and tuition established by the borrowing institutions.

The Authority staff assists healthcare and educational institutions in analyzing financing alternatives and in structuring revenue bond issues to meet their needs. Funds for each project are obtained through the sale of revenue bonds of the Authority. Bonds are sold to institutional lenders in "direct placement" transactions and to individual and institutional investors in "public offerings". Bond sale proceeds are loaned by the Authority to the borrowing institution or project sponsor. Additional benefits and economies are gained when the Authority does system financings, pooled loan programs, or structured financing programs which are utilized by multiple borrowers.

The credit supporting any Authority bond issue is the credit of the borrowing institutions involved. The availability of financing depends in each case upon the credit-worthiness of those institutions. The Authority's bonds are not a debt liability, or "moral" obligation of the State of Wisconsin. In most cases, interest paid on Authority bonds is exempt from federal income taxation, resulting in materially lower financing costs to the borrowing institution. Interest on bonds issued by the Authority is not exempt from present Wisconsin income taxation.

## THE BENEFITS OF A WHEFA FINANCING

- WHEFA staff assists healthcare and educational institutions in a variety of different ways, which may include:
  - Providing front end analysis and advice when borrowers are deciding among financing alternatives and credit enhancements.
  - Imparting the knowledge and experiences from one transaction to another.
  - Employing high quality professionals, thereby standardizing work at a high level.
  - Confirming bond pricing levels are appropriate.
  - Expediting the financing process.
  - Verifying that costs of issuance are appropriate.
  - Having the ability to issue one series of bonds for multiple locations (including contiguous states).
  - Providing educational assistance through newsletters and conferences.
  - Offering assistance in the determination of eligibility for tax-exempt financing.
  - Developing unique financing alternatives.
  - Advocating for the continuation and improvement of the tax-exempt financing process.
  - Maintaining professional competence through membership in the National Council of Health Facilities Finance Authorities and the National Association of Higher Educational Facilities Authorities.

## WHEFA ACTIVITY

During its fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, WHEFA successfully completed 20 financings totaling \$837,350,000. Seven percent of the bonds issued were used to refinance outstanding debt, thus substantially reducing debt service costs. Five borrowers used WHEFA for the first time. As of June 30, 2002, WHEFA has participated in 416 bond issues in excess of \$7.80 billion over its 24 year history.

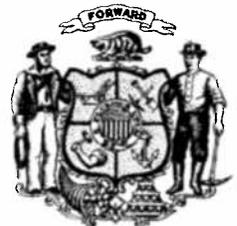
## RECENT WHEFA FINANCINGS

WHEFA has successfully completed a number of financings during fiscal year 2002. Some recent activity includes:

- Viterbo University, LaCrosse  
New Money - \$5,000,000
- Divine Savior Healthcare, Portage  
New Money - \$30,000,000
- Hudson Memorial Hospital, Hudson  
New Money - \$27,475,000
- Benevolent Corporation Cedar Community,  
West Bend  
New Money - \$3,600,000
- Beloit College, Beloit  
New Money - \$3,000,000



# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



Testimony of  
State Representative Steve Wieckert  
Before the  
Assembly Committee on Government Operations and Spending  
Limitations  
Regarding  
AB176-Federal Tax Exemptions for Cultural Facilities  
April 23, 2003

Dear Mr. Chairman and committee members,

Thank you for holding this hearing on Assembly Bill 176,  
regarding activating a federal tax exemption for cultural facilities.

In a way this is a rather amazing piece of legislation, because it  
allows Wisconsin to receive a federal tax exemption at a cost of no  
revenue loss to the state government.

Previously enacted federal legislation allows states to receive  
this federal tax exemption if they specifically vote in favor of activating  
this federal exemption through a special state authority.

We will not be the first state to take advantage of this opportunity. Other states including Illinois, Colorado, Massachusetts, and Oregon, to name a few, have already enacted this federal tax exemption.

This federal exemption would be targeted to the construction of non-profit cultural facilities such as museums, performing arts centers, art institutes, ecological museums, and other related facilities. In Illinois, for example, this exemption was used to help construct the Adler Planetarium, Chicago Children's Museum, Field Museum of Natural History, Lincoln Park Zoological Society, Ravina Festival Association, Shedd Aquarium Society, and Museum of Science and Industry.

This federal tax exemption would apply to construction bonding. This means that when a facility offers capital project bonding, the purchaser of the bonds would not be required to pay federal income taxes on the interest which the bonds generate.

This is important because it would allow these facilities to offer bonds at a lower interest rate while still allowing the bond purchaser to receive a reasonable return on their investment of the purchase of these bonds. This could save the arts center or museum millions of dollars over the life of the bonds.

This exemption would benefit Wisconsin in numerous ways. It could incrementally encourage the construction of larger facilities or allow a project to begin which may otherwise have not been initiated. This would benefit the local community and the state through cultural enrichment—an important quality of life factor. It would also benefit the construction industry and trades, helping to employ more people. This bill would also help stimulate economic growth through these construction projects. Tourism could also be enhanced as visitors to these communities would have an additional place to visit.

It is also important to note what this bill does not do. It does not provide a state tax exemption, and therefore there is no revenue lost to our state treasury. Also, the state or the reviewing agency has absolutely no obligation for these bonds, whether they are successful or not, so the state has no additional liability.

The Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority is the administering agency, which would be used to review these bonds and qualify Wisconsin for these federal tax exemptions. WHEFA is an existing state agency, created in 1979, which already reviews construction bonding for federal tax exemption status for many universities and hospitals and has an outstanding reputation.

This legislation has the support of:

The Wisconsin Department of Tourism

The Wisconsin Humanities Council

The Sheboygan Community Theatre Foundation

The American Institute of Architects of Wisconsin

The Madison Cultural Arts District

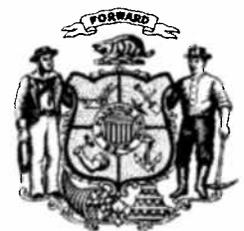
and The Fox Cities Performing Arts Center.

In a time of tight budgets, we can still move Wisconsin forward and advance the interest of the arts and humanities without additional cost to state government, and that's what this bill does, as well as helping to stimulate economic growth and provide for additional Wisconsin jobs.

Thank you for listening to my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions.



# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



# Cultural Facility Activity in Wisconsin as of March 2003

There's an arts building boom in Wisconsin! These new and renovated cultural facility projects have been completed in the past ten years or are in-progress, in small towns, suburbs, and cities from Kenosha to Superior. These new community resources join the many established arts facilities already in place across the state.

## Arts/cultural facilities connected to schools

- Bay Port High School, Green Bay
- Black River Falls High School
- Boscobel High School
- Cedarburg Performing Arts Center, Cedarburg High School
- Cedar Grove High School
- DeForest High School
- Door Community Auditorium, Fish Creek
- Edgerton Performing Arts Center, Edgerton High School
- Evansville High School
- Fond du Lac High School
- Fort Atkinson High School
- Hortonville High School
- Hudson High School
- Kettle Moraine High School, Hartland
- Lodi High School
- Mauston High School
- Lincoln High School, Manitowoc
- Roncalli High School, Manitowoc
- Merrill High School
- Middleton-Cross Plains High School
- Robert and Marie Hansen Family Fine Arts Theater, Divine Savior Holy Angels High School, Milwaukee
- E.F. Schwan Performing Arts Center, Monona Grove High School, Monona
- E.J. Creske Community Center, Mosinee High School
- New London High School
- Neillsville High School
- Falls Area Performing Arts Center, Oconto Falls High School
- Oregon High School
- Osseo High School
- Pittsville Perf. Arts Center, Pittsville Area Schools
- Portage High School
- Pulaski High School
- Community Arts and Learning Center, Reedsburg Area High School
- Richland Center High School
- River Falls High School
- Rosholt High School
- River Arts Center, Sauk/Prairie High School, Prairie du Sac
- River Valley Community Fine Arts Center, Spring Green
- Shawano High School
- Southern Door High School, Door County
- LuCille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer Area Schools, Spencer
- Stoughton High School
- Superior High School
- Verona Performing Arts Center, Verona High School
- Watertown High School
- Waunakee High School
- McComb/Bruchs Performing Arts Center, Wautoma High School, Wautoma
- West Salem High School
- Whitewater High School
- Lincoln High School, Wisconsin Rapids

## Community cultural facility projects

- Appleton Art Center (renovation)
- Fox Cities PAC, Appleton (new facility)
- Mary Hulings Rice Center for the Fine Arts, Northland College, Ashland (new facility)
- Al. Ringling Theatre, Baraboo (renovation)
- Beloit Fine Arts Incubator (renovation)
- Sharon Lynn Wilson Center for the Arts, Brookfield (new facility)
- Heyde Center for the Arts, Chippewa Falls (renovation and expansion)
- Cumberland Theatre Company (renovation)
- Chippewa Valley Museum, Eau Claire (renovation)
- Peninsula Arts School, Fish Creek (new facility)
- Windhover Center for the Arts, Fond du Lac (expansion)
- Ten Chimneys, Genesee Depot (renovation)
- Meyer Theatre, Green Bay (renovation)
- Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay (expansion)
- Thrasher's Opera House, Green Lake (renovation)

## Community cultural facility projects

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- Schauer Arts and Activities Center, Hartford (renovation and new facility)
- Janesville Performing Arts Center (renovation)
- Kenosha Institute of Arts (expansion)
- Kenosha Theatre, Kenosha (renovation)
- Rhode Opera House, Kenosha (renovation)
- Kenosha Public Museum (new facility)
- Bartell Theatre, Madison (renovation)
- Edgewood College Visual Arts Center, Madison (new facility)
- Overture Center, Madison (new facility)
- Brin Theatre, Menasha (renovation)
- Mabel Tainter Memorial Theatre, Menomonie (renovation)
- Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Milwaukee (renovation)
- Milwaukee Art Museum (expansion)
- Milw. Institute of Art and Design (new facility)
- WI Conservatory of Music, Milwaukee (renovation)
- United Community Center/Latino Arts, Milwaukee (renovation/addition)
- Mineral Point Opera House (renovation)
- Monroe Arts Center (renovation)
- New Glarus Town Hall (renovation)
- Racine Art Museum (new facility, expansion)
- John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan (expansion)
- Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts, Sheboygan (renovation)
- Shell Lake Outdoor Amphitheatre (new facility)
- Lucius Woods Center for the Performing Arts, Solon Springs (new facility)
- Riverfront Arts Center, Stevens Point (renovation)
- Stoughton Opera House (renovation)
- William S. Fairfield Public Gallery, Sturgeon Bay (new facility)
- Miller Art Museum, Sturgeon Bay (expansion)
- Third Avenue Playhouse, Sturgeon Bay (renovation)
- Fairlawn Mansion and Museum, Superior (renovation)
- Temple Theatre, Viroqua (renovation)
- Waukesha Civic Theatre (new facility)
- ArtsBlock, Wausau (new facility and renovation)
- Wausau Conservatory of Music (expansion)
- West Bend Art Museum (renovation)
- Young Auditorium, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (new facility)
- Central Wisconsin Cultural Center, Wisconsin Rapids (renovation)