

*Multi-Use Event Space Concept
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The working vision of the Armory: Creative Campus is to support the arts as integral to Olympia’s way of life; encourage community growth through creativity and innovation; use the arts to connect people, ideas, and place; while operating from an equity framework. This offers a glimpse into the possibilities and a guide for understanding the added value the Armory: Creative Campus can bring. This vision will continue to be shaped with the community’s evolving needs and hopes to guide it.

As the National Guard prepares to surplus the building in 2021, the City is preparing for potential acquisition. Key factors point to the Armory as an ideal space for leveraging multiple strategies for community development through the arts in Olympia. With a concept plan and Council support now in place, a feasibility study is being initiated to continue the community visioning process and explore housing options.

Community support continues to grow— Arbutus Folk School, Eastside Neighborhood Association, SOGO, Olympia Dance Association, PARC Foundation, and The Washington Center have independently communicated support for the project. In addition, MSGS Architects worked with staff pro-bono to create concept renderings and draft floor plans of the main building to help illustrate potential space use. Preliminary renderings project the 6,500 SF outbuilding could become

Working Concept

The 50,000 SF building and outbuilding are adaptable to a range of uses with only minor alterations. The 10,000 SF drill floor, commercial kitchen, industrial loading dock, storage, and ample offices are well-suited to this new program use. The building could house community events, rehearsals, maker’s and tech labs, exhibits, studios, admin office, restaurant or café, affordable housing units, and resident organizations. There is physical capacity and flexibility to shape the program to the community’s needs. Initial funding is needed for code, safety and access improvements.



A Phased Approach

Activate sections of the building in phases while growing programs and partnerships for increased capacity and facility use. Additional elements could include:

- Continue exploring various sustainability and funding strategies
- Apply for grant funding such as a Washington State Building for the Arts
- Work with partners to advance and inform the work



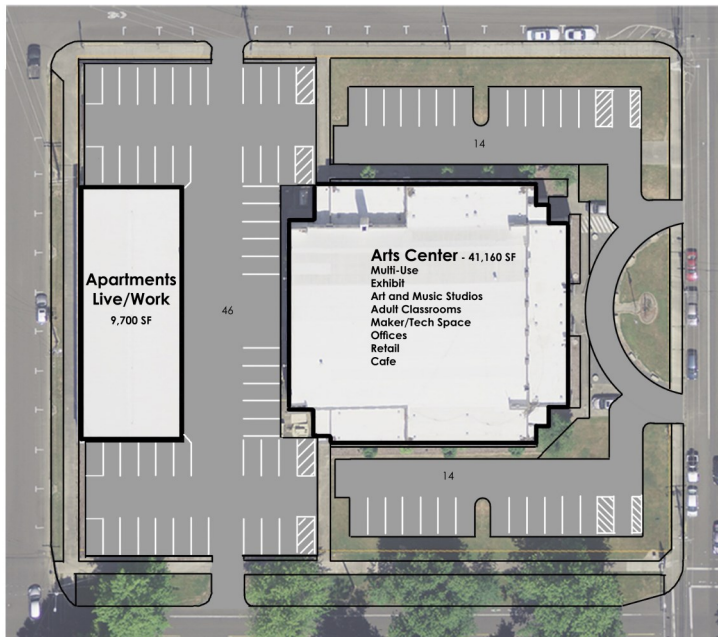
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Preliminary Concept Samples

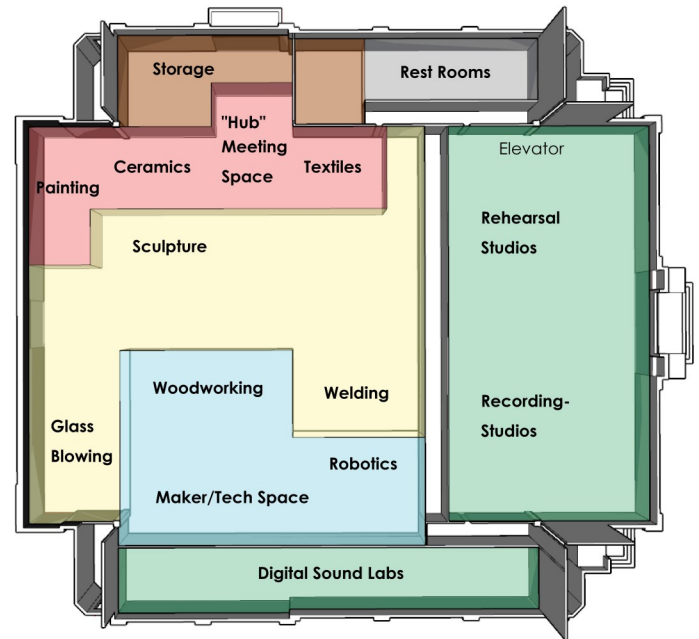
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Additional Site and Floor Plans available on request

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Long Term Site Plan



Basement Floor Plan



Space Renderings



Exhibit Space



Events Space



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Balcony