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A Space for Grace is a corporation in the process of becoming a non-profit organization. It is located on the second floor of 1 Marginal Way, Portland. The first floor is Enterprise Rent-A-Car to the back, and A Space for Grace has a private entrance at the front of the building. There is a room to the left (11' x 31'6") in which I would like to make an art gallery. All of the art is donated to the space for a time determined by the artist, and I will only sell certain pieces with the artist's permission. This will constitute less than 1% of the activities and revenue for A Space for Grace, ASFG. Down the hall, in the main activities room (25'6" x 27'), is where classes will be held on a regular basis, except for Thursdays when ASFG will be closed. This will also be the area where bands will have an allocated space (shown in floor plan) to set up their equipment and play live music once or twice a week. I have applied for a Concert Hall Permit for this request as well. The square footage of the main activities room is 697.5 square feet, making the occupant load 100 people. The square footage of the art gallery is 346.5 square feet, making the occupant load 50 people. I plan on having only festival seating (people standing) in both rooms for concerts, making it an assembly.

The majority (about 90%) of ASFG's activities and revenue will come from its regular classes, taught by volunteers who donate their time - typically either one hour per week or a few hours once a month. Subjects will include, but are not limited to, mixed media, activism, crafting, health and wellness, polarity yoga, self defense, essential oils, dance, lifehackers, meditation, hula-hooping and hoop making, Spanish discussion, audio engineering, dream interpretation, bead weaving, introductory art and lyrical analysis. The class limit will vary between 20 and 60 students, depending on the subject. There will be a drop-in fee per class (\$10), unless the participant chooses to purchase a monthly membership pass (\$60 for 30 days). There will also be a free activism class offered, where participation will involve volunteering at other local non-profits. A Space for Grace is available for all age groups. Everyone is welcome.