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Triad foundation boosts support for Tanger Center to \$5 million

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The Phillips Foundation has increased its support for the Steven Tanger Center for the Performing Arts with an additional grant of \$1.5 million.

The new grant brings the foundation's contributions to-date to \$5 million and will be used to commission a piece of public art for the lobby of the downtown Greensboro performing arts center.

"The Tanger Center project has progressed to a point where we are confident in extending our commitment," said [Elizabeth Phillips](#), executive director of the Phillips Foundation. "We want the community to be proud of this civic asset, and the inclusion of noteworthy public art will further enhance the draw and aesthetic of this future downtown destination."

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A renewed effort to increase private support for the performing arts center has followed the release late last month of renderings of the 105,000-square-foot center that supporters say will feature state-of-the-art sound and theater technology.

The 8,000-square-foot main lobby will be named Phillips Hall in honor of the \$3.5 million lead grant the foundation offered to the project in May 2013 when private fundraising efforts were just getting underway.

City contributions to the project total \$39.6 million, and private fundraising efforts as of the end of January had generated \$38 million in private donations to the project.

The additional \$1.5 million contribution from the Phillips Foundation was included in the \$38 million tally announced last month, but the specific contribution and its intended use were not made public until today.

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