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Growing Stage

2006	\$8,520	Exterior Assessment
2007	\$13,928	Architectural Services
2008	\$126,914	Façade Restoration
2009	\$10,960	Contract Documents
2010	\$215,296	Front Façade Restoration
2014	\$19,360	Construction Documents
2015	\$261,480	Phase III Exterior Restoration
2017	\$148,080	Structural Upgrades
2019	\$34,100	Construction Documents
2020	\$274,800	Fly System Restoration
2022	\$8,000	Construction Documents

Grant Recipient: Growing Stage - The Children's Theatre of New Jersey

Location: Netcong Boro.

Built in 1919 as the Palace Theatre, the building is an excellent example of a vernacular interpretation of a grand era in theater design, at a time when live productions were "sharing the stage" with the fledgling movie industry. The building is also significant as an early example of the use of concrete construction in theaters and in its rare use of drapery as a decorative ceiling treatment. Currently utilized as the Growing Stage Theatre for Young Audiences, it is individually listed in both the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places.

A Preservation Plan was completed with a 2006 grant.

The 2008 and 2010 grants provided for the restoration and rehabilitation of the front façade, front entrance, two former storefronts, marquee and building cornice.

The 2015 and 2017 grants provided for the exterior restoration of the building including structural upgrades of roof framing, and roof replacement.

The 2019 and 2020 grants assisted with the restoration of the theater fly system including the removal of existing ceiling in the fly tower and construction of a new structural ceiling, and the purchase and installation of a new fly system.

The 2022 grant will provide for completion of Construction Documents for structural upgrades at the stage, replacement of the stage flooring, and exterior lighting.