

#### **Department Overview**

*Mission*: We activate and sustain Seattle through arts and culture.

**Vision**: We envision a city driven by creativity that provides the opportunity for everyone to engage in diverse arts and cultural experiences.



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## **Summary**

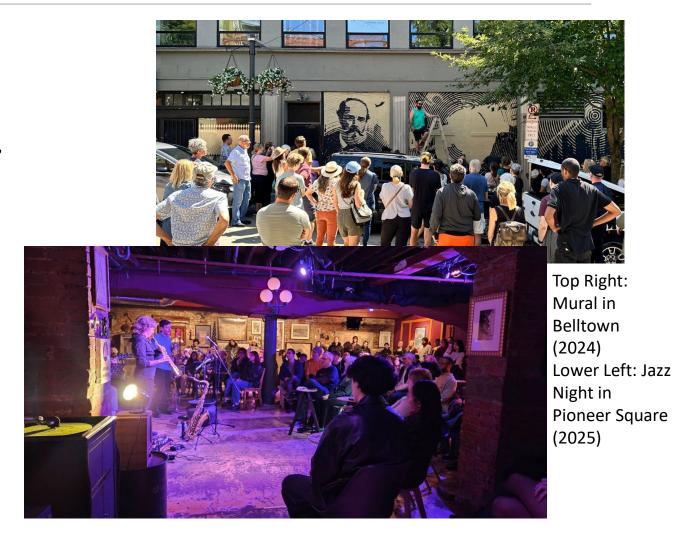
ARTS is committing significant funding to downtown activations and preparations for the World Cup. The 2026 Proposed Budget includes investments in Hope Corps, graffiti interventions, and cultural planning.

(\$000s)	2025 Adopted	2026 Endorsed	2026 Proposed	% Change (Endorsed to Proposed)
Arts & Culture Fund	\$19,341	\$17,300	\$17,640	1.8%
Municipal Arts Fund	\$5,703	\$5,804	\$5,890	1.4%
FTE	43.75	43.75	44.75	2%

## **Significant Additions**

#### 1. Hope Corps (\$350k, ongoing)

- The Mayor's 2026 Proposed Budget makes Hope Corps, which had previously been funded year-to-year, into an ongoing program. This \$350,000 investment includes funds for staffing and programming.
- ARTS will assess options to appropriately scale the program to align with available funding considering factors such as geographic reach to ensure its effectiveness.



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#### 2. Cultural Planning (\$200k, one-time)

- Proposed Budget includes \$200,000 in one-time funding to lead a cultural planning process
- The process will involve community engagement, cultural asset mapping, data analysis, and the development of a broad plan to guide future investments in the cultural landscape in Seattle.
- A successful cultural plan will depend on the depth of community engagement and the strength of stakeholder buy-in in the process



ARTS staff, Otts Bolisay, working on a strategic planning exercise in 2024

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#### 3. Graffiti Specialist Program One-Year Extension (\$160k, one-time)

- The role supports working with the Mayor's Office and partners on education and remediation programs for graffiti.
- This is a part of a \$1.6
  million/6.0 FTE investment in
  the One Seattle Graffiti Plan,
  focused on graffiti removal,
  enforcement and assistance to
  businesses, and support for
  public art and volunteer cleanup efforts.



# Thank You

**Questions?**