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Budget Action description:

This green sheet would use \$40,000 in Arts Account fund balance for a project that chronicles the history and observes the centennial of the opening of the Ship Canal in 1917. The Lake Washington Ship Canal is a vital marine transportation corridor serving Seattle’s maritime, fisheries, manufacturing and recreational boating sectors. Using public and private funds, the project proposes to develop 30 new online historical essays at the free resource HistoryLink.org, a coffee table book, a traveling presentation, and educational content for K-12 classes.

The total budget for this project will be \$200,000, with projected financial support from the City of Seattle (\$40,000), King County (\$40,000) and Washington State (\$100,000) as well as from private donations and grants (\$20,000). The City provided funding for a similar centennial celebration of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in 2009.

Ship Canal construction had profound implications, both positive and negative, for our region’s economy, ecology, culture and geography. HistoryLink describes the Ship Canal dig as “one of the largest public works projects in King County [that] reshaped the region by opening over 100 miles of freshwater shoreline, cutting off water to the Black River and ending the Black and Cedar rivers’ salmon runs, lowering Lake Washington by nearly 9 feet and Lake Sammamish by about 6 feet, raising Salmon Bay by about 15 feet and replacing its saltwater with freshwater, radically altering the shorelines of communities from Issaquah to Renton to Kenmore, digging cuts between Salmon Bay and Lake Union, replacing four fixed bridges with bascule bridges at Fremont, Ballard, the University District and Montlake, and much, much more.”

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Budget Action Transactions

Budget Action Title: Use \$40,000 in Arts Account fund balance to provide partial funding for a history of the creation of the Lake Washington Ship Canal.

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase use of unexpended fund balance for Ship Canal Centennial Project				ARTS	Use of/(Contribution to) Fund Balance	379100	00140	2016	\$40,000	
2	Increase appropriation for Ship Canal Centennial Project				ARTS	Arts Account	VA140	00140	2016		\$40,000