



We activate and sustain Seattle through arts and culture.

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Greatness Starts Here by Ulises Mariscal



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

DIARAMA, 2018



Our Commitment to Racial Equity

We commit to an anti-racist work practice that centers the creativity and leadership of people of color—those most impacted by structural racism—to move toward systems that benefit us all.

Detail from *Together We Rise* by Matika Wilbur





Our Commitment to Racial Equity

We seek new solutions that use arts as a strategy to drive, not only our office but the City as a whole, toward racial equity and social justice.

Never Again Is Now by Erin Shigaki



Public Art

Our Public Art program gives people opportunities to encounter art in their daily lives.

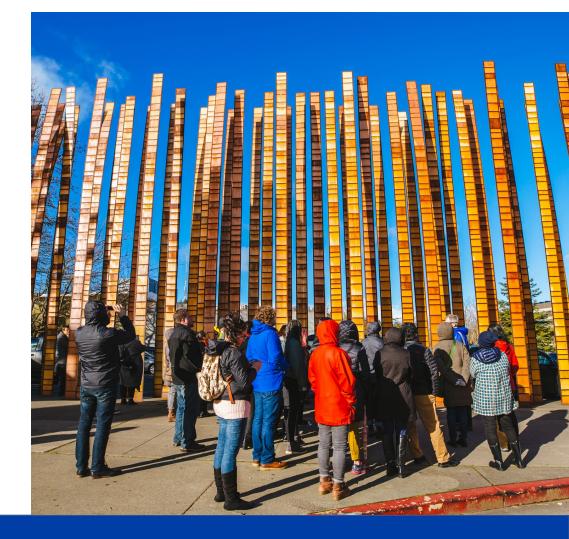






Public Art

When former Mayor Wes Ulman and the Seattle City Council created the program in 1973, they cited a city's responsibility to expand the public's experience with art, stating that art in public places enables people to better understand their communities and their lives.





Partnerships, Education, and Grants (PEG)

Our PEG programs make meaningful impacts by expanding access to arts and culture for residents and visitors of all ages throughout the city and build capacity of individual artists and arts organizations.



Here Lies Love Funded by Civic Partners



Arts Education - The Creative Advantage

We partner with Seattle Public Schools, the Seattle Foundation, and community arts organizations to reinvest in Seattle's students and our community's economic and creative future.



Grants

Our funding of cultural organizations and individual artists makes Seattle more vibrant and spurs economic growth.

Guelaguetza Funded by Arts in Parks









Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute (LHPAI)

(partnership between Parks and ARTS)





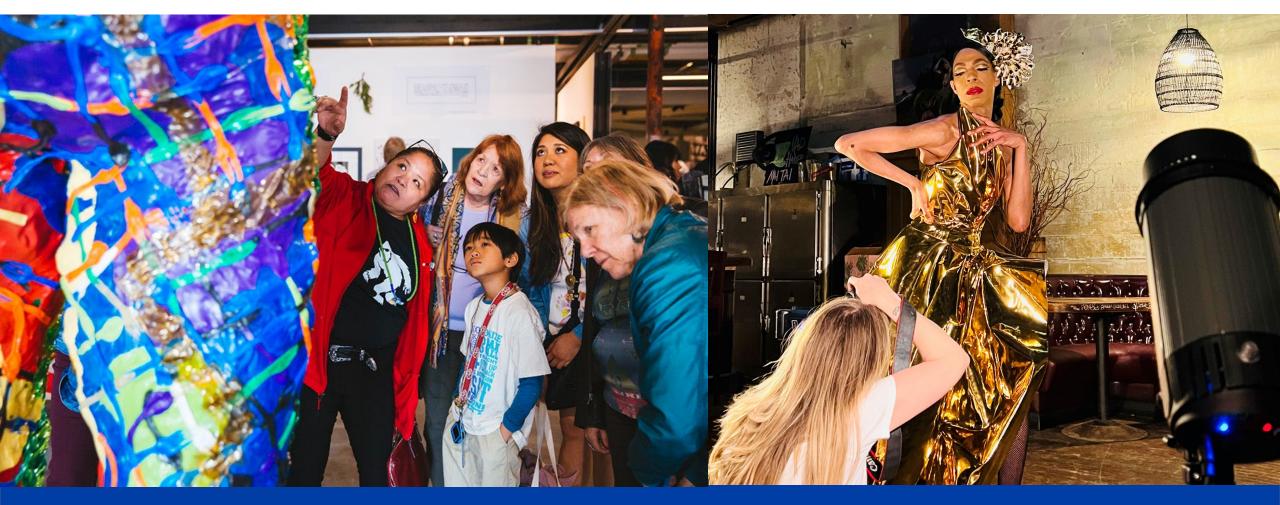
ARTS partners with the nonprofit orgs LANGSTON, Central District Forum for Arts and Ideas, and the Historic Central Area Arts and Cultural District to steward African American arts and culture at LHPAI.



The Every 28 Hours Plays

ARTS at King Street Station is a cultural space in the heart of the city, dedicated to increasing opportunities for communities of color to generate and present their work.







Denny
Substation
(partnership between
ARTS and City Light)

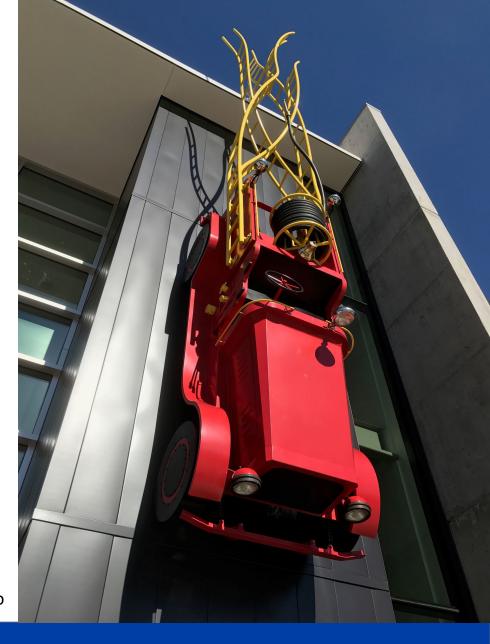




Funding Streams: 1% for Art

The 1% for art ordinance funds our Public Art programming and mandates capital construction departments to include "an amount for works of art equal to at least one percent (1%) of the total cost of any such construction project."

> Engine 32½ by Sean Orlando



Funding Streams: Admissions Tax

Carmina Burana
Spectrum Dance Theater

The admissions tax funds arts and cultural programming and operations.

ARTS uses these resources to build and sustain the creative sector.





Seattle Arts Commission

The Seattle Arts Commission supports the City by advocating for arts policy, creating access for equitable participation in the arts, and fostering and enriching arts engagement for all residents.

2024 Adopted Budget

Budget Summary Level	2024 Adopted Budget
Arts & Cultural Programs	\$12,319,962
Public Art	\$4,873,618
Cultural Space	\$986,750
Leadership & Administration	\$4,723,234
Total 2024 Adopted Budget	\$22,903,564
Total FTE Count: 41.34	

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2024 Priorities

- Downtown activation:
 - King Street Station
 - Denny Substation
 - Strategic Hope Corps investments
- Preparing for the 2026 World Cup
- Planning and policy development:
 - ARTS strategic planning
 - Preparing for a City-wide cultural plan