



DOORS OPEN

King County's Cultural Access Program

DOORS OPEN OVERVIEW

Legislation and funding distribution model:

- December 5, 2023, King County Council adopted WA's Cultural Access legislation with unanimous support. Their Doors open ordinance increases funding to the County's arts, heritage, science, and historic preservation non-profit organizations through a 0.1 percent sales tax.
- 4Culture (a PDA) is the County's designated agency to distribute these funds.
- When established, it is anticipated to be approximately \$100 million per year.
- A minimum of 25% of all Doors Open funding will go to organizations outside of the city of Seattle.
- Program was designed to be a countywide program serving historically underserved areas.



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Eligibility :

- King County-based 501 c3 organizations whose primary purpose is science, technology, visual arts, performing arts, including zoology, botany, anthropology, heritage, or natural history.
- Fiscally sponsored non-designated 501 c3 groups, fiscal sponsor needs to meet eligibility.



DASSdance, 2022

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Not Eligible:

- Individual artists
- Independent science workers, cultural workers, and heritage professionals,
- Agencies of the state or any of its political subdivisions,
- Municipalities, organizations that raise money for redistribution to multiple cultural organizations,
- Radio or television broadcasting network or station,
- Cable communications system, Internet-based communications venture or service, newspaper, or magazine.
- **Direct groups with any uncertainty about eligibility to 4Culture to confirm.**



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King County's arts, heritage, science and historic preservation community includes approximately 700 organizations with combined annual operating budgets of over \$1.5 billion dollars.

There are 6 programs in the initiative:

1. **Sustained Support:** General operating support,
2. **Doors Open Facilities:** Capital Investments,
3. **Public School Cultural Access:** In-school and off-site cultural education programming,
4. **County Wide Initiatives:** investments addressing unmet community needs
5. **Launch Program:** start-up funding for new and emerging organizations,
6. **Public Free Access:** Free and reduced tickets



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How this funding will spur cultural investment in King County:

- Legislative mandate: non-supplantation clause for county funding that any funding “usually and customarily provided to cultural organizations similar to funding that would be available to those organizations under this chapter may not be replaced or materially diminished as a result of funding becoming available under this chapter.”

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Other notable features:

- Year one programs will be awarded in 2024 with funding distribution starting in 2025.
- Programs starting in 2025 and beyond still need to be approved by County Council



Pagdiriwang Philippine Festival, 2023