



One-Page Summary

Transformative, equitable access to science, heritage, and the arts, for every King County resident – emphasizing under-resourced communities.

- King County Council would enact a 0.1% sales tax would total a penny for every \$10 spent, costing an average family \$40 per year.
- More than \$90 million in revenue would be distributed to qualifying non-profit organizations each year through a grant pool administered by 4Culture – a trusted, well-organized funding agency with 45 years of experience.
- These tax dollars are about geographic equity. By investing these funds throughout the county, we support those most hurt and isolated by the pandemic and its ongoing impacts.

Support public school students.

- 15% of *Doors Open* funds will be spent on public school students.
- While programs are being cut to balance school budgets, *Doors Open* will direct approximately \$12 million dollars a year to partnerships with schools, connecting kids with science, heritage, and the arts.
- Provides field trips; expanded and enhanced curricula; professional development; school residencies; before and after school programs; student transportation and admission costs; direct-to-school experiences in low-income communities; youth internships; free or reduced cost ticket programs; and much more.

Drive tourism, revenue, and an innovative workforce for businesses.

- Arts & Culture sector represents 10.8% of the state’s GDP, contributing \$72.8 billion to Washington’s economy, and supports nearly 190,000 jobs statewide. (*Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis – 2023*)
- Washington relies on a “creative economy” – from sound designers to 3D animators. Exposure to science, heritage, and the arts feeds that pipeline of innovative minds.

Create healthier, more diverse communities, and a brighter future for King County.

- Studies show strong links between arts-and-culture education and positive outcomes for young people. Impacts range from mental health and self-esteem to overall school performance, improved graduation rates, and greater civic participation.
- Programs positively impact human health and wellness, particularly in aging adults and people diagnosed with Alzheimer’s or other disorders that cause dementia and recovering patients.
- Science, heritage, and the arts contribute to fostering community ownership, cohesion, and sense of pride. Particularly in neighborhoods with limited economic resources, these programs create social capital and support equitable development.

Stabilizing support for 500+ organizations and the community programs they provide.

- The pandemic forced cuts and closures throughout the sector and disproportionately impacted already-disadvantaged communities — low-income schools, communities of color, and people with disabilities.
- Funds will bolster beleaguered science, heritage, and arts organizations - offering structural stability and allowing for expanded outreach.
- Organizations will be able to reactivate furloughed programs, grow existing outreach and education efforts, and invest in new initiatives in under-served neighborhoods and communities.