



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

Ordinance 19866

Proposed No. 2024-0359.1

Sponsors Balducci

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the sustained support
 2 programs for arts and heritage, and amending Ordinance
 3 14440, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.48.108 and
 4 Ordinance 14440, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C.
 5 2.48.109.

6 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

7 1. The King County council, through Ordinance 19710, created the Doors
 8 Open Program to support arts, science, and heritage organizations, and
 9 approved a new one-tenth of one percent sales tax to fund the Doors Open
 10 Program.

11 2. Ordinance 19710, Section 9, requires the executive, in consultation
 12 with 4Culture, to transmit the implementation plan and an ordinance to
 13 approve the plan to the council. The implementation plan, once effective,
 14 will govern the expenditure of the sales and use tax’s proceeds until the
 15 tax expires in 2031.

16 3. The implementation plan, which was transmitted to council through
 17 Proposed Ordinance 2024-0236, is proposing to move sustained support
 18 programs from a biennial application cycle to a triennial application cycle.

19 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:**

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20 SECTION 1. Ordinance 14440, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.48.108 are
21 each hereby amended to read as follows:

22 A. There is hereby established the King County sustained support program for
23 arts. The purpose of this program shall be to provide operating support to arts
24 organizations and local arts agencies with a demonstrated record of providing or
25 facilitating quality arts experiences for residents of and visitors to King County.

26 B. The sustained support program for arts shall be administered by the cultural
27 development authority. The program shall consist of a (~~biennial~~) triennial application
28 process. Grants shall be allocated on an annual basis for (~~two~~) three consecutive years.
29 Approval of grants shall be made by the cultural development authority consistent with
30 this chapter and the charter. Financial stability and a previous record of artistic
31 accomplishments, and a demonstrated commitment to provide ongoing cultural programs
32 or events for the benefit of King County residents and visitors shall be considered in the
33 application review process. Grant recommendations shall reflect a countywide
34 geographic distribution, and shall include organizations of all sizes and in all artistic
35 disciplines.

36 C. Eligible applicants are:

37 1. Not-for-profit arts organizations based in King County with a minimum of
38 three years presenting or producing arts programs for King County residents. For the
39 purposes of this subsection, "not-for-profit arts organizations" means those legally
40 incorporated nonprofit entities that provide as their primary mission a regular season of
41 arts programs or services, which may include a season or annual program of

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42 performances, exhibitions, media presentations, festivals, readings or literary
43 publications;

44 2. Not-for-profit arts service organizations that provide arts education and
45 training, and professional services such as administrative support, technical assistance, or
46 services to a variety of arts professionals or disciplines, including special populations,
47 ethnic communities, and underserved communities;

48 3. Local arts agencies, which are arts councils, arts commissions, or similar
49 entities that are nonprofit organizations or official units of municipal government based
50 in a suburban or rural King County community specifically dedicated to providing arts
51 services for its residents that meet the following criteria:

52 a. Have a minimum three-year history of providing arts services to the
53 community in which it is based;

54 b. Are primarily dedicated to the provision of planning, financial support,
55 services, programs, and development opportunities for community based arts
56 organizations, artists, and the public during a major portion of the year; and

57 c. Are involved on a regular basis activities or programs in more than one arts
58 discipline or arts service area;

59 4. Organizations that do not have a tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the
60 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3)), which may apply under the
61 sponsorship of another organization that is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the
62 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3)). The applying organization
63 shall act as an independent fiscal agent for the sponsoring organization and shall assume
64 responsibilities required by the contract.

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65 D. Eligible applicants must have a record of artistic or cultural accomplishments
66 and must have been in operation for at least three years.

67 E. The ~~((funds))~~ moneys expended for the King County sustained support
68 program for arts shall be used to support the role of arts organizations and local arts
69 agencies in King County, within the intent and purposes authorized by RCW
70 67.28.180(3)(a). ~~((Funds))~~ Moneys shall be used to support annual operating expenses,
71 which may include staff, utilities, supplies, fees, or services relating to arts programs and
72 services that provide public benefit and are accessible to King County residents and
73 visitors. ~~((Funds))~~ Moneys shall not be used for capital projects or fundraising purposes.

74 SECTION 2. Ordinance 14440, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.48.109 are
75 each hereby amended to read as follows:

76 A. There is hereby established the King County sustained support program for
77 heritage. The purpose of this program shall be to provide operating support to historical
78 museums and heritage organizations that make exceptional contributions to the
79 preservation, collection, exhibition, interpretation, or protection of resources related to
80 the history of the people and places of King County.

81 B. The sustained support program for heritage shall be administered by the
82 cultural development authority. The program shall consist of a ~~((biennial))~~ triennial
83 application process. Grants shall be allocated on an annual basis for ~~((two))~~ three
84 consecutive years. Approval of grants shall be made by the cultural development
85 authority consistent with this chapter and the charter. Grant recommendations shall
86 reflect a countywide geographic distribution, and shall include organizations of all sizes
87 and in all heritage disciplines. Financial stability and a previous record of

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88 accomplishments, and a demonstrated commitment to provide ongoing cultural programs
89 or events for the benefit of King County residents and visitors shall be considered in the
90 application review process.

91 C. Eligible applicants are:

92 1. Historical museums or heritage organizations with any combination of
93 ongoing programs, exhibitions, presentations, or tours and must be tax-exempt under
94 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3)); and

95 2. Public development authorities.

96 D. Eligible applicants must operate a heritage facility in King County and have a
97 minimum of two years' experience managing collections, presenting exhibits, or
98 providing other public services and programs with a focus on King County history and
99 heritage.

100 E. The ~~((funds))~~ moneys expended for the King County sustained support
101 program for heritage shall be used to expand the role of local heritage organizations and
102 provide access to cultural programs in King County, within the intent and purposes
103 authorized by RCW 67.28.180(3)(a). The purpose of these ~~((funds))~~ moneys is to offset
104 the expenses and costs of heritage facility operations, including those for staff, utilities,
105 supplies, fees, or services that relate to public access to, or public benefits deriving from,
106 programs and services involving the collection, preservation, exhibition, and
107 interpretation of King County history and heritage resources, as well as the education of
108 the public about them. The ~~((funds))~~ moneys expended for the King County sustained
109 support program for heritage shall not be used for any programs or services that do not:
110 provide public access or public benefit; serve King County residents or visitors; comply

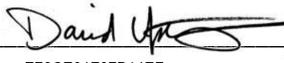
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- 111 with existing federal, state, or local legislation; involve heritage facilities in King County;
- 112 or relate to King County history and heritage.

Ordinance 19866 was introduced on 11/5/2024 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/26/2024, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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