



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

Ordinance 19867

Proposed No. 2024-0377.1

Sponsors Balducci

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the King County Doors Open
2 Program to support cultural organizations; and amending
3 Ordinance 19710, Section 8.

4 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

5 1. Ordinance 19710, Section 8, allocates the tax proceeds received by the
6 county in 2024 for startup funding to 4Culture and the county and the
7 2024 one-time capital and one-time operating support program.

8 2. Doors Open Program one-time grant programs will allow cultural
9 organizations to deploy resources to their most emergent operating and
10 capital needs.

11 3. Providing increased financial support in 2024 for cultural organizations
12 through one-time operating and capital grant programs is essential to
13 ensure their survival and growth and to prevent further losses in the
14 cultural sector.

15 4. Councilmembers have expressed interest in ensuring as much of the
16 Doors Open proceeds collected in 2024 are allocated to cultural
17 organizations at the earliest possible opportunity.

18 5. With projections indicating that up to sixty-seven percent of 2024
19 revenue collections will be approximately forty-eight million dollars,
20 adding the remaining nineteen million and four hundred thousand dollars

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21 to the one-time grant program allocation would significantly expedite
22 funding for cultural organizations.

23 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

24 **SECTION 1. Findings:** It is the intent of the council that all the tax proceeds
25 received by the county in 2024 for Doors Open be allocated for 2024 startup and one-
26 time grant programs and not rolled over to the 2025-2031 Doors Open programs.

27 **SECTION 2.** Ordinance 19710, Section 8, is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 A. Tax proceeds received by the county in 2024 shall be used as follows:

29 1. Up to two percent for repayment of start-up funding;

30 2. Up to three percent for administrative costs;

31 3.a. ~~((Up to sixty seven percent))~~ The remainder after reserving the amount
32 required in subsection A.1. and 2. of this section for the 2024 one-time capital and one-
33 time operating support program described in Ordinance 19710, ~~((s))~~Section 4.A.2.; and

34 b. Of this allocation, at least ten percent shall be distributed to:

35 (1) cultural organizations, which in fulfilling their primary purpose, focus
36 their programming or facilities to serve one or more vulnerable populations, such as, but
37 not limited to, veterans, seniors, unhoused individuals or individuals at risk of becoming
38 unhoused, individuals experiencing mental illness or substance use disorders, individuals
39 with disabilities, households with an annual income at or below eighty percent of the area
40 median income, survivors of domestic violence, communities at risk of gun violence, or
41 justice-system impacted youth or youth at risk of being impacted by the justice system; or

42 (2) cultural organizations with their primary locations and conducting a
43 majority of their activities within census tracts ranked in certain percentiles on the

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44 Communities of Opportunity composite index and such percentiles will be determined by
45 4Culture; or

46 (3) cultural organizations for providing mentoring services to such cultural
47 organizations as described in subsection ~~((s-8-))~~ A.3.b.(1) and ~~((8-A.3.b-))~~(2) of this
48 section; and

49 c. Of this allocation, at least twenty-five percent shall be distributed to support
50 sustainability and growth of cultural organizations outside established cultural centers;
51 and

52 4. ~~((The remainder after reserving the amount required in subsection A.1-~~
53 ~~through 3. of this section)) Tax proceeds not distributed under subsection A.3. of this
54 section shall be used for the elements described in Ordinance 19710, ((s))Section 4.A.1.
55 ~~((of this ordinance))~~, in the percentages provided in subsection B.2.a. through f. of this
56 section.~~

57 B. The tax proceeds received by the county from January 1, 2025, through March
58 31, 2031, shall be used as follows:

59 1. Up to three percent for administrative costs;

60 2. Approximately seventy-two percent for the elements described in Ordinance
61 19710, ((s))Section 4.A.1. ((of this ordinance)), allocated according to the following
62 percentages; provided that 4Culture shall ensure that in fulfilling the required allocations
63 of the approximate percentage in this subsection ((8-))B.2. ((of this ordinance)) that at
64 least ten percent of the approximate percentage in this subsection ((8-))B.2. ((of this
65 ordinance)) be used to support: (1) cultural organizations, which, in fulfilling their
66 primary purpose, focus their Ordinance 19710, ((s))ection 4.A.1.a., qualifying

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67 programming or facilities to serve one or more vulnerable populations, such as, but not
68 limited to, veterans, seniors, unhoused individuals or individuals at risk of becoming
69 unhoused, individuals experiencing mental illness or substance use disorders, individuals
70 with disabilities, households with an annual household income at or below eighty percent
71 of the area median income, survivors of domestic violence, communities at risk of gun
72 violence, or justice-system impacted youth or youth at risk of being impacted by the
73 justice system; (2) cultural organizations with their primary locations and conducting a
74 majority of their activities within census tracts ranked in certain percentiles on the
75 Communities of Opportunity composite index that will be determined in the
76 implementation plan required in Ordinance 19710, ~~((s))Section 9 ((of this ordinance))~~; or
77 (3) cultural organizations for providing mentoring services to such cultural organizations
78 as described in Ordinance 19710, ~~((s))ection 8.B.2.(1) and (2) ((of this ordinance))~~:

79 a. approximately fifteen percent for the public school cultural access program
80 as more fully described in Ordinance 19710, ~~((s))Section 4.A.1.a. ((of this ordinance))~~;

81 b. approximately three percent for launch funding for new or emerging
82 cultural organizations as more fully described in Ordinance 19710, ~~((s))ection 4.A.1.b.~~
83 ~~((of this ordinance))~~;

84 c. approximately seven percent for reimbursing cultural organizations for
85 regional initiatives and projects, as more fully described in Ordinance 19710,
86 ~~((subs))Section 4.A.1.c. ((of this ordinance))~~;

87 d. approximately ten percent for Doors Open Program Building for Equity
88 grants as more fully described in Ordinance 19710, ~~((s))Section 4.A.1.d. ((in this~~
89 ~~ordinance))~~;

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90 e. approximately fifteen percent to reimburse cultural organizations for
91 providing free public access to cultural experiences as more fully described in Ordinance
92 19710, ((s))Section 4.A.1.e. ((of this ordinance)); and

93 f. approximately fifty percent for operating support as more fully described in
94 Ordinance 19710, ((s))Section 4.A.1.f. ((of this ordinance)); and

95 3. At least twenty-five percent for a program dedicated to increasing the
96 number, capacity, and stability of cultural organizations or cultural facilities, or both, in
97 geographical areas that need additional cultural capacity as more fully described in
98 Ordinance 19710, ((s))Section 4.A.3. ((of this ordinance)), and of which at least ten
99 percent for: (1) a program supporting cultural organizations, which in fulfilling their
100 primary purpose, focus their programming or facilities to serve one or more vulnerable
101 populations, such as, but not limited to, veterans, seniors, unhoused individuals or
102 individuals at risk of becoming unhoused, individuals experiencing mental illness or
103 substance use disorders, individuals with disabilities, households with an annual
104 household income at or below eighty percent of the area median income, survivors of
105 domestic violence, communities at risk of gun violence, or justice-system impacted youth
106 or youth at risk of being impacted by the justice system; (2) cultural organizations with
107 their primary locations and conducting a majority of their activities within census tracts
108 ranked in certain percentiles on the Communities of Opportunity composite index that
109 will be determined in the implementation plan required in Ordinance 19710, ((s))Section
110 9 ((of this ordinance)); or (3) cultural organizations for providing mentoring services to
111 such cultural organizations as described in subsection ((8-))B.3.(1) and (2) of this
112 ((ordinance)) section.

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113 C. Reasonable operating and staffing costs for each element of the Doors Open
114 Program may be paid from the proceeds allocated in subsections A.4., B.2., and B.3. of
115 this section, in addition to the allocation for administrative costs in this ordinance.

116 D. The Doors Open Program may grant proceeds on a reimbursement basis to a
117 fiscal sponsor for the purpose of contracting with a sponsored cultural entity for specific
118 activities or uses approved by the Doors Open Program, but only if the fiscal sponsor:
119 retains control and discretion as to the use of the proceeds; maintains records establishing
120 that the proceeds were used for purposes authorized under section 501(c)(3) of the
121 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and limits distributions to specific projects
122 of sponsored cultural entities that are in furtherance of the fiscal sponsor's own exempt
123 purposes. The fiscal sponsor may provide proceeds to a sponsored cultural entity only if
124 the specific projects of the sponsored cultural entity provide or continue to provide public
125 benefits identified in Ordinance 19710, ~~((s))~~Section 5 ~~((of this ordinance))~~. The fiscal
126 sponsor shall be fully responsible and liable for the completion of the specific projects of


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127 the sponsored cultural entity receiving proceeds and the provision of public benefits the
128 specific project was to achieve.


Ordinance 19867 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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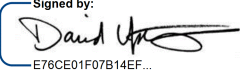
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