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Introduced By: GREG NICKELS

Proposed No.: 94 - 819

3 MOTION NO. 9464

4 A MOTION approving the King County Landmarks and
5 Heritage Commission Special Projects and authorizing the
6 Executive to allocate \$47,700 in support of these projects.

7 WHEREAS, the King County landmarks and heritage commission is authorized by
8 Ordinance 11242 to administer the Special Projects Program, and

9 WHEREAS, the King County cultural resources division received 30 applications
10 requesting \$280,000 in Special Projects proposals, and

11 WHEREAS, the Special Projects review panel, composed of heritage professionals,
12 community representatives, and landmarks and heritage commission members reviewed
13 the applications and made recommendations to the commission, and

14 WHEREAS, the King County landmarks and heritage commission approved the
15 recommendations of the Special Projects panel, and

16 WHEREAS, the recommendations for projects adhere to the guidelines approved by the
17 King County council in Motion 8797:

18 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

19 The executive is hereby authorized to allocate \$47,700 in support of 12 heritage
20 Special Projects as listed in Attachment A from the following source:

21 Arts and Cultural Development Fund 117 \$47,700

22 PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 17th day of January, 1995.

23 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
24 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

25 Kent Pullen
26 Chair

27 ATTEST:

28 Gerald C. Peterson
29 Clerk of the Council

30 Attachment:

31 King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission Special Project Program
32 Recommendations
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ATTACHMENT A

**KING COUNTY LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
1994 SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM
Summary Recommendations**

<u>ORGANIZATION/ HERITAGE SPECIALIST</u>	<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AWARD HERITAGE L-ORG # 1805</u>
Burien Parks, Arts and Recreation Council	"Lake Burien Memorial Arch Project"	\$6,800
Friends of the Fir	"Interpretive Center Development Project"	\$2,400
King County Parks Division	"Inventory of Cultural and Historical Holdings and Resources With the Parks"	\$5,000
Maple Valley Historical Society	"Photo Conservation Project"	\$1,000
Metro Employees Historical Vehicle Association	"Seattle Transit System #598 Restoration"	\$3,800
Renton Historical Museum	"Museum Exhibit: Light 'Em Up-- Light in a Pre-Electric Society"	\$3,000
Rod Slemmons, Eric Taylor, Mildred Andrews	"Survey and Directory of Photo Archives in King County"	\$1,700
Sarah Wendell Smith	"Kiehl Photo Collection: Preservation and Documentation Project"	\$7,500
Shoreline Historical Museum	"Shoreline Community History Exhibit"	\$4,700
Southwest Seattle Historical Society	"Birth of Seattle: A Video Documentary Project"	\$3,800
Vashon-Maury Island Heritage Association	"Project Heritage Seed"	\$2,000
White River Valley Historical Society	"Japanese American Community Memories Project"	\$6,000
TOTAL		\$47,700

ATTACHMENT A

1994 SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM PANEL
HERITAGE GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Date: October 13, 1994 (Panel met on September 27, 1994)

Panel: Robert Gruhn, Chair, KCLHC
Barbara Loomis, KCLHC
Robert Burke, Kirkland Heritage Society
Caroline Gallacci, Clio and Associates
Phyllis Keller, Woodinville Historical Society

Staff: Charles Payton, Diane Testa

RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

1. **Applicant:** Burien Parks, Arts and Recreation Council
P. O. Box 66947
Burien, WA 98166

Requested: \$7,000
Fund: \$6,800

Project: "Lake Burien School Memorial Arch". Project would fund cleaning and restoration of terra cotta pieces, design and construction of an interpretive plaque, and installation of electrical connections for spotlights.

Panel: City of Burien money is not confirmed. Most of the money is in-kind. Matching funds are a good indication of community support. This project has lots of community support.

Council: 8

2. **Applicant:** Friends of the Fir
P. O. Box 99702
Seattle, WA 98199

Requested: \$4,620
Fund: \$2,400

Project: "Interpretive Center Development Project." Project would fund: the design, fabrication and installation of exhibits; the design and publication of a guidebook; and the beginning of an oral history program relating the the U.S.S. Fir, a retired Coast Guard Cutter and National Historic Landmark.

Panel: Panel liked the idea of a project that has direction for kids, but would like to see more participation with kids. Panel liked that applicant worked with at-risk children. Is there evaluation of the project from County staff? Project is well supported. Recommendation: partially fund for exhibit design and suggest that applicant include youth on its advisory panel.

Council: 2

3. **Applicant:** King County Parks Division
2040 84th Avenue Southeast
Mercer Island, WA 98040

Requested: \$13,000
Fund: \$5,000

Project: "Inventory of Cultural and Historical Holdings and Resources With the Parks System". Project would hire a professional staff to inventory historic and cultural buildings, sites, trails, art works, archival materials, oral histories, and currently identified archaeological sites. Project would also provide a narrative text of research findings, catalog of support materials used and a resource list. A final report would include recommendations for interpretation of results.

Panel: Question was raised about policy of being a King County applicant. Applicant should put more cash in the budget, not just in-kind services. Question was raised as to oral history component. Project could help to build bridges between County agencies. Parks controls a lot of historic resources. Could this be a way to make parks aware of their cultural resources? Funding could be seed money to begin the planning process. Recommendation: partial funding--Parks Division should match the amount allocated. The Commission will participate in defining the scope of work and review the final report.

Council: 6

4. **Applicant:** Maple Valley Historical Society
P. O. Box 123
Maple Valley, WA 98038

Requested: \$1,000
Fund: \$1,000

Project: "Photo Conservation." Project would make negatives and copy prints of historic photos in the Society's Museum collection. Project also would help store and exhibit photos properly.

Panel: Project is down to earth and wonderful. How is applicant going to do the project--who is going to do it? Applicant has a history of following through. Recommendation: make clear in contracting phase what the photographic services will be.

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5. **Applicant:** Metro Employees Historical Vehicle Association
821 Second Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Requested: \$7,860
Fund: \$3,800

Project: "Seattle Transit System #598 Restoration". Project would fund final restoration of Seattle Transit System Coach #598, a designated vehicle (1963 Flexible Company Coach) in the Metro owned Historic Fleet. Project would fund body and paint work by George Heiser Body Company of Seattle.

Panel: It is an important transit collection. Buses are made available to groups in the city. Question was raised as to budget. Applicant is a very dedicated group which gets no support from Metro. Most of what they get is volunteer labor. Would be nice to fund stabilization of the coach.

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6. **Applicant:** Renton Historical Museum
235 Mill Avenue South
Renton, WA 98055

Requested: \$3,500
Fund: \$3,000

Project: "Museum Exhibit: Light 'Em Up--Light in a Pre-Electric Society." Project would fund development of interpretive labels, brochures, poster, artifact mounts and case furniture for a seasonal exhibition on the history of domestic lighting in the Renton area. Project would utilize the Museum's collection of kerosene lamps, lanterns and other fuel burning lighting devices. Lamps would be "electrified" for the exhibit, which would be accompanied by a "magic lantern" show. Exhibit would coincide with a "festival of lights" program at the City's Gene Coulon Park.

Panel: It is a great program--very imaginative. Applicant should be going to local utility for support. Applicant has ability--panel was impressed with applicant's past projects. It is an ingenious exhibit, but if it is not funded history will not be lost.

Council: 6

7. Applicant: Rod Slemmons, Eric Taylor, Mildred Andrews
4023 Eastern Avenue
Seattle, WA 98103
Requested: \$9,825
Fund: \$1,700

Project: "Survey and Directory of Photo Archives in King County". Project would fund a directory and database of all identified and accessible photo collections in Seattle and King County.

Panel: Project is an important one. Question was raised as to plan for updating the project. It is great for researchers, but how will it get out to general public? Suggestion was made to develop a publicity plan. County support will not make or break the project. Washington State Historical Society is behind the project. Recommendation: fund partially to match State Historical Society commitment.

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8. Applicant: Sarah Wendell Smith
1222 37th Avenue East
Seattle, WA 98112
Requested: \$11,200
Fund: \$7,500

Project: "Kiehl Photo Collection: Preservation and Documentation." Project would be used to preserve and make accessible a collection of approximately 1,000 photographic images. Most relate to Ft. Lawton, West Point and Discovery Park areas with some others relating to Seattle, the 1897 Gold Rush and other northwest subjects. Original photos would be housed at the University of Washington Library, copy negatives at Seattle Municipal Archives and archival prints at Discovery Park Interpretive Center.

Panel: An important project--and urgent because of condition of the negatives. There is no problem with the quality of the work. Question was raised as to project lead. Why was collection not placed by now? Question was raised as to appropriate archival placement and potential support from archives. Question was raised as to budget for supplies. The real concern is getting copy negatives made. Recommendation: partial funding for processing negatives and storage only.

Council: 10

9. Applicant: Shoreline Historical Museum
749 North 175th
Seattle, WA 98133
Requested: \$9,427
Fund: \$4,700

Project: "Shoreline Community History Exhibit". Project would fund exhibit development and design, scriptwriting, videotaping, and photography in preparation for exhibit construction and installation. Project is phase one of two.

Panel: Is the County is being asked to fund both phases? What is interactive video? Question was raised as to details of budget. Recommendation: partial funding will help applicant get going on the exhibit.

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10. **Applicant:** Southwest Seattle Historical Society
1374 Alki Avenue Southwest
Seattle, WA 98116
Requested: \$7,851
Fund: \$3,800

Project: "Birth of Seattle: A Video Documentary". Project would fund research and production of a 15 minute video of the Denny Party landing in 1851 and early pioneer days, the focus of a new "Birthplace of Seattle" Log House Museum. Video would be available for viewing on site and loan.

Panel: Project is similar to that of Shoreline Historical Museum. Recommendation: partial funding.

Council: 8

11. **Applicant:** Vashon/Maury Island Heritage Association
P. O. Box 723
Vashon, WA 98070
Requested: \$15,000
Fund: \$2,000

Project: "Project Heritage Seed". Project would fund a professionally staffed office on a full time basis to conduct a year long project with the goal of establishing a permanent historic preservation/heritage presence on the Island.

Panel: Applicant wants funding for what other groups have been doing for years--they need to do it on their own as other groups have. Applicant needs startup funds--should get some indication of support. Positive comment was made as to their participation in County survey work. Question was raised as to size of proposed budget and the funding of a position. Suggestion was made to do some project on applicant's list. Recommendation: partial funding for photographic work and publications only.

Council: 8

12. **Applicant:** White River Valley Historical Museum
918 H Street Southeast
Auburn, WA 98002
Requested: \$6,075
Fund: \$6,000

Project: "Japanese American Community Memories." Project would assist in the research and publication of a book on the history of the Japanese-American Community centered in the White (now Green) River Valley in the first decades of the century. Oral histories centering around the community's use of schools, temples, stores, farms, granges, festivals and other themes would document aspects of this soon to fade history. A panel discussion and long range exhibit plan would also result from the project.

Panel: Applicant knows what it is doing. Panel liked the project. Subjects may not be here next year. It needs funding now.

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NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

13. Applicant: Jim Ball
3116 South Bayview
Seattle, WA 98144

Requested: \$30,000
Fund: 0

Project: "Photographs of the Issaquah Creek Landscape". Project would fund research, mapping, travel, photography, materials, archival framing, an exhibition and a catalog.

Panel: Heritage focus was unclear.

14. Applicant: David Kelly-Hedrick
6022 43rd Avenue Northeast
Seattle, WA 98115

Requested: \$1,450
Fund: 0

Project: "A Case For Alleys". Project would fund the printing of 1000 copies of a 64 page booklet on the interpretation and preservation of alleys. Project would explore their historical, social and community significance.

Panel: Heritage focus was unclear. In terms of benefiting the people of King County it is not very high. Applicant writes a good proposal. Alleys are being lost and they provide a sense of place. Applicant might consider an exhibit instead of a book. It is a good project, but not a high priority.

15. Applicant: Don Alexander
2213 East Thomas Street
Seattle, WA 98112

Requested: \$4,000
Fund: 0

Project: Project would fund the compiling and writing of a history of what is now the U.S.A. from a non-European perspective. Project would fund research, typing, editing, proofreading, copying and putting contents in order.

Panel: It is an interesting idea but not related to King County.

16. Applicant: Esther Hall Mumford
1504 32nd Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98144

Requested: \$18,213
Fund: 0

Project: "Come With Me to the AYPE". Project would fund printing 3500 copies of a full color illustrated children's book and an exhibit on Seattle's Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition of 1909 which brought together a wide variety of geographic, racial and ethnic groups.

Panel: Applicant is asking for a lot of money--mostly for printing costs. Applicant could raise some additional revenue, perhaps from sale of some of the books. The book is not yet written. Recommendation: The panel strongly suggests that the applicant resubmit for funding next year when manuscript is ready.

17. **Applicant:** Gail Lee Dubrow
5837 6th Avenue Northwest
Seattle, WA 98107
Requested: \$12,033
Fund: 0

Project: "Plan for the Protection of Social and Community Halls in King County, WA". Project would fund the research and writing of a plan for the protection of social and community halls in King County. Funds would support three plan elements: an overview of the history of the halls; systematic research to identify and evaluate the significance of the properties; and the development of strategies for the protection of the properties.

Panel: Concern was raised that most halls are in incorporated areas--project might not have sufficient impact. Comment was made that a planning document is a way around doing what needs to be done. Concern was raised as to output of historical knowledge and end product.

18. **Applicant:** Greater Kent Historical Society
220 4th Avenue South
Kent, WA 98032
Requested: \$3,500
Fund: 0

Project: "Historic Building Labeling". Project would fund research, materials and services to manufacture labeling plaques to be affixed to selected historic landmarks, (sites and buildings) plus printed brochures and other promotional materials.

Panel: Kent is not a Certified Local Government. Question was raised as to qualifications of project personnel. Question was raised as to applicant's ability to complete the project. Comment was made that the project is too ambitious.

19. **Applicant:** Harriet Baskas (Reel Women Productions)
6707 12th Avenue Northwest
Seattle, WA 98117
Requested: \$2,050
Fund: 0

Project: "Henrietta's Holliday--Northwest". Project would fund production of audio portraits of unique and unusual museums in our region which fill gaps in local and regional cultural heritage, such as the Furford Cranberry Museum, Roslyn's historical museum of mining, Douglas County's Museum of wheat farming, and various cowboy and ranching museums.

Panel: Project does not benefit King County.

20. **Applicant:** International Examiner
622 South Washington Street
Seattle, WA 98104
Requested: \$5,950
Fund: 0

Project: "Special Newspaper Issues/Supplements 1995." Project would fund research, freelance writing, printing and distribution of two special issues/supplements for May, 1995 which is Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month. Project would highlight diverse Asian Pacific Islander histories and cultures in Seattle/King County. Project would involve newer Southeast Asian and Korean communities as well as long term histories of Japanese, Filipino and Chinese Communities.

Panel: It is a good project, but it is limited and the applicant should try to make it self sustaining.

- 21. Applicant:** Mary Ellen Ryan
24434 Southeast Mirrormont Boulevard
Issaquah, WA 98027
- Requested:** \$8,385
Fund: 0

Project: "Issaquah's Historical Treasures Program." Project would fund: the research, identification and designation of historical properties in Issaquah; production of five porcelain-enamel landmark plaques; and publication of the guide, "Sidewalk Companion to Issaquah's Historical Treasures."

Panel: Issaquah is not a Certified Local Government. Applicant is trying to do too much. Why isn't the project being done by the Issaquah Historical Society? Is applicant getting a Humanities grant? Question was raised as to spending money for plaques. Application was unclear--perhaps the project should focus on one thing. Question was raised as to local support for the project.

- 22. Applicant:** Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
506 Second Avenue Suite 1502
Seattle, WA 98104
- Requested:** \$6,925
Fund: \$0

Project: "Meadowbrook Cultural Documentation and Interpretive Plan." Project would fund research on cultural and historical significance of 450 acre tract of open space recently acquired for public use having strong Native American and Euro-American cultural connections. Project would also publish the results locally, gather public input and synthesize an interpretive plan for the property owners, the Cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie.

Panel: Project is good, but would be done anyway without County funds. Comment was made that newspaper inserts tend to get thrown out. Question was raised as to impact of the project. Project costs seem to be mostly for publication preparation.

- 23. Applicant:** Museum of History and Industry
2700 24th Avenue East
Seattle, WA 98112
- Requested:** \$20,000
Fund: 0

Project: "Blueprints: 100 Years of Architecture". Project would fund the implementation of Blueprints exhibition and educational programs, to increase awareness and appreciation for the way in which King County's built environment reflects growth and change in the community during the last 100 years.

Panel: Project is not eligible since it was initiated prior to October 1, 1994. What is the money going for exactly?

- 24. Applicant:** Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society
P. O. Box 9731
Seattle, WA 98109
- Requested:** \$6,481
Fund: 0

Project: "How the Maritime World Changed" (An Exhibit). Project would fund the purchase of commercially produced display panels for exhibit of photos.

Panel: Question of eligibility was raised as to equipment purchase.

- 25. Applicant:** Regina Poirier
6571 116th Place Northeast
Kirkland, WA 98033
- Requested:** \$11,335
Fund: 0

Project: "Public Transit Heritage Guide". Project would fund start-up expenses and graphic designer costs for a guide for public transit riders to include mapping and routing to art, heritage, and cultural destinations within King County and to a limited degree destinations in neighboring counties.

Panel: Project should not be considered.

26. **Applicant:** Tahoma Community Treasures
(facilitated by Tahoma School District)
25720 Maple Valley Highway SE
Maple Valley, WA 98038

Requested: \$25,000
Fund: 0

Project: "Tahoma Community Treasures". Project would train senior high school students in collaboration with Pomegranate Foundation to facilitate identification of community treasures, conduct video activities, promote the project through the media, compile and publish stories, etc. Project would also develop K-12 curricula, enact dramatic performances, give multi-media presentations, develop interpretive markers, etc.

Panel: Application was made to the wrong category--it should be made to the Cultural Education Program.

27. **Applicant:** Swedish Finn Historical Society
6512 23rd Northwest Room 310
Seattle, WA 98117-5728

Requested: \$6,070
Fund: 0

Project: "Swedish Finn Cultural Resource Guide". Project would fund research and production costs including consultant fees, mileage, photo duplication and photocopies for phase one of a multi-phased project. Project would fund the development of a draft guide of no fewer than 40 pages.

Panel: Comment was made that it is unfortunate that this type of project is not done out of the Cultural Resource Division Offices. Panel did not see the cultural resources guide as being a significant project.

28. **Applicant:** Tukwila Historical Society
14475 59th South
Tukwila, WA 98168

Requested: \$4,000
Fund: 0

Project: "Tukwila Historical Markers". Project would fund the erection of three historical markers in Tukwila to commemorate: farms which existed prior to Southcenter; the interurban railway station at Foster; and the community of Foster which was replaced by the freeway.

Panel: There are problems with not being critical, and with the minimal information on a plaque. City of Tukwila has resources. How many tourists come to Tukwila? How can they find the plaques?

29. **Applicant:** Wing Luke Asian Museum
407 Seventh Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98104

Requested: \$5,250
Fund: 0

Project: "Asian New Year Celebrations." Project would fund traditional and adapted musical and dance performances by various Asian ethnic groups. Funds would also cover videotaping and photographing of performance which would be used in exhibits, archives, and educational curricula.

Panel: Project should not be considered; it is more appropriately an arts project.

30. **Applicant:** Ben Marra
310 First Avenue South Suite 333
Seattle, WA 98104

Requested: \$13,000
Fund: 0

Project: "A Native American Portfolio/Photo Exhibit". Project would fund production of photographic prints, mounting, preparation for exhibit hanging, crating, promotional printing, and transport of an exhibit.

Panel: Project should not be considered, primarily because it is not directly related to King County.

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