

**KING COUNTY** 

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

# Signature Report

### September 27, 2016

Motion 14742

	Proposed No. 2016-0384.1 Sponsors Gossett and Kohl-Welles
1	A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the Community
2	4Culture Equity Grants Implementation Plan.
3	WHEREAS, King County has adopted a Strategic Plan, "Working Together for
4	One King County", and
5	WHEREAS, 4Culture strives to address equity and social justice consistent with,
6	the goals of King County, and
7	WHEREAS, arts, preservation and cultural organizations add to the economic
8	vibrancy of the region including playing a central role in our economy and benefiting
9	local businesses, residents and tourists, and
10	WHEREAS, King County and 4Culture have successfully partnered in the
11	creation of the Building for Culture Program, and
12	WHEREAS, 4Culture is committed to reserving one million dollars of its funds
13	for the future implementation of an arts, preservation and cultural equity program, and
14	WHEREAS, Motion 14474 requests that 4Culture develop a plan for
15	implementation on how to utilize the one million dollar reserve to provide grant funding
16	for operational or capital activities, or a combination of both, in support of the arts,
17	preservation or cultural activities and furtherance of "one county" and equity and social
18	justice goals;
19	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

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20 The council acknowledges receipt of the Community 4Culture Equity Grants

21 Implementation Plan, Attachment A to this motion.

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Motion 14742 was introduced on 7/25/2016 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/26/2016, by the following vote:

> Yes: 8 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove and Ms. Kohl-Welles No: 0 Excused: 1 - Ms. Balducci

> > KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

me non

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: A. Community 4Culture Equity Grants Implementation Plan



## **COMMUNITY 4CULTURE EQUITY GRANTS**

Implementation Plan

4Culture puts public dollars to work funding and supporting cultural experiences throughout King County, Washington. 4Culture is committed to providing equitable access to our resources, and to learning how to better serve all communities. A core goal of 4Culture is to connect with those who are currently under-supported—people of color, immigrants, refugees, English language learners, people with low incomes, people in rural communities, and people with disabilities.

This Community 4Culture Equity Grants program will become available to organizations working in the arts, heritage, or preservation in July, 2016. 4Culture will do targeted outreach and announce the opportunity on the 4Culture website. The program will be available to individual applicants starting in August.

This is a competitive grant program. Financial awards of up to \$25,000 to groups and \$10,000 to individuals will be awarded, alongside ongoing dialogue about other ways applicants can strengthen their work.

### Who Can Apply

Groups, organizations or non-profits in King County with:

- A mission focused on cultural arts activities, King County cultural heritage, or historic preservation;
- An annual budget under \$100,000;
- One (1) or fewer full-time paid staff.

The guidelines for individual applicants will be released in August.

#### What 4Culture is looking for?

- Strong demonstration of arts and cultural contributions to the community, with work rooted in communities of color, immigrant and refugee communities, English language learners, people with low incomes, and those who are differently-abled;
- Clear understanding that this support will provide an opportunity for organizational growth or make a lasting impact on the organizations ability to serve the community;
- Priority given to groups serving communities outside the City of Seattle or in Seattle neighborhoods traditionally under-represented in 4Culture funding.

#### How To Apply:

Applicants will need to contact Heidi Jackson, the Community 4Culture Program Manager. Heidi will ask questions to ensure this funding program is appropriate for each applicant and, if it is, she will provide an official application. Additionally, she will introduce applicants to another 4Culture staff member, with expertise in an applicant's field, who will be available to assist during the application process and provide other ideas for services and support.

#### When to Apply:

Community 4Culture has no deadline. Applications will be reviewed every three months beginning in September, 2016. If we receive an application 10 days or less before the panel meets to review applications, it will be reviewed with the next round of applications.

#### How Grants are Awarded:

A panel of community members, 4Culture advisory committee members and 4Culture staff will determine grant recipients. In an effort to maintain a fair process, the names of panelists will not be provided.