



# ARTS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Item 4  
January 18, 2023  
Regular Business

## AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	2023/2024 City Arts and Culture Workplan	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Endorse the 2023/2024 City Arts and Culture Workplan	

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<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	Councilmember Ted Weinberg
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. 2023/2024 City Arts and Culture Workplan

## SUMMARY

### Background

At [the October 19, 2022 Regular Arts Council meeting](#), the 2023/2024 City Arts and Culture Workplan was discussed, with input from the Policy Subcommittee and Special Events Subcommittee. The priorities brought forward from these groups were synthesized during the meeting to establish the priorities for the Workplan and were endorsed in the October meeting. Following the next steps from the October meeting, staff developed objectives to meet the priorities for the 2023/2024 City Arts and Culture workplan.

### Discussion

The proposed objective items are presented in Exhibit 1. Objectives were developed by staff based on upcoming projects, staff time, meeting priority goals, statement flexibility, and meeting the needs of the community. The objectives are written to be actionable and achievable for staff during 2023/2024.

An example of the endorsed priority with the staff objective would be as follows, with the item 1.1 statement being the objective statement:

**Priority 1: Strengthen community awareness of and support for Mercer Island’s arts & culture ecosystem.**

- 1.1 Develop communication tools to easily share arts and culture events with the Mercer Island community.

Tonight, staff is requesting that the Arts Council review the suggested objectives. The Council has the opportunity to provide feedback prior to the meeting, which will be presented by staff during the discussion so adjustments may be made. A motion then can be made by the Council to endorse the 2023/2024 City Arts and Culture Workplan after the discussion.

### Next Steps

- 1. Staff will work to meet objectives through projects, events, and programs in 2023 and 2024.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive the 2023/2024 City Arts and Culture Workplan, and move to endorse.