

**2012 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent**

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**Budget Action Title:** Funding options for arts-related programs at the Department of Parks and Recreation

**Councilmembers:** Bagshaw; Conlin; Licata

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**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

The Council requests that the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) submit a plan that details future funding options for its three arts-related programs – Downtown Arts in Parks, Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center (LHPAC), and Outdoor Neighborhood Parks – whose funding from Admissions Tax revenues will end after December 31, 2012.

In November 2010, the Council adopted Ordinance 123460, which authorized the temporary transfer (until December 31, 2012) of 25% of Admission Tax revenues appropriated to the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs to DPR. It is Council’s understanding that beginning with the 2013-2014 Proposed budget, General Subfund (GSF) or other ongoing financial support will be needed for these programs.

The plan presented by DPR should include:

1. The estimated amount of financial support for each of these programs, starting with the 2013-2014 budget, including details on GSF or non- GSF support;
2. The extent of any required program or staffing reductions to support the three programs, as of January 1, 2013;
3. The extent to which public/private partnerships can provide funding for each program;
4. Options that provide long-term financial support to maintain and operate LHPAC, including:
  - a. Whether expanding the use of the facility to additional arts or cultural organizations would result in greater financial stability for the facility,

- b. Whether the City should contract with a non-city organization to operate the facility,
- c. Whether the facility should be sold, leased or transferred to a group or organization to benefit arts or cultural organizations, or
- d. Other options that provide long-term financial stability to continue operation of the facility

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Parks and Seattle Center

**Date Due to Council:** June 1, 2012