

2011 - 2012 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Pass C.B. 117042, related to OACA's budget and the use of admission tax revenues

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Council Bill or Resolution: CB 117042, Tab #45 in gray notebook

Budget Committee Vote:

Date	Result	SB	BH	SC	TR	JG	NL	RC	TB	MO
11/12/2010	Pass 9-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Budget Action description:

This green sheet recommends passage of CB 117042, which would amend two sections of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) to clarify the role of the Seattle Arts Commission in reviewing the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs (OACA) annual budget, require the OACA Director to develop policies concerning the use of Arts Account funds, and direct 25% of the funds appropriated into the Arts Account to the Department of Parks and Recreation until December 31, 2012.

CB 117042 would amend SMC Section 3.14.830 to require the Seattle Arts Commission (Commission) to:

- 1) submit their funding priorities to the Director of the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs (OACA) by May 1 of each year for the following budget year; and
- 2) provide comments to the Council on the proposed Mayor's budget for the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs within 15 days of its presentation to Council.

CB 117042 would also amend SMC 5.40.120 to:

- 1) clarify the purposes for which the Arts Account funds may be spent;
- 2) direct 25% of the admission tax revenues in the Arts Account of the General Subfund to fund arts programming operated by DPR, to expire on December 31, 2012; and
- 3) require that fiscal policies be developed by OACA and adopted by Council Resolution, following a public process with the Commission.

1 **Section 2.** Section 5.40.120 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which was enacted by
2 Ordinance 123155, is amended as follows:

3 **5.40.120 Receipts to General Subfund and Arts Account.**

4 A. All receipts from the admission tax levied in this ~~((chapter))~~ Chapter 5.40 shall be
5 placed in the General Subfund of the General Fund, except that ~~((seventy five (75)))~~ 75 percent
6 of all admission tax receipts shall be deposited into the Arts Account of the General Subfund of
7 the General Fund.
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9 B. Money in the Arts Account of the General Subfund shall be annually appropriated to
10 the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs to support ~~((for))~~ the following purposes:
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12 ~~((A))~~ 1. Arts-related programs and one-time capital expenditures that ~~((Initiatives to))~~
13 keep artists living, working and creatively challenged in Seattle;
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15 ~~((B))~~ 2. Initiatives and programs to build community through the arts and create
16 opportunities for the public to intersect with artists and their work; and
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18 ~~((C))~~ 3. ~~((For each new generation, initiatives))~~ Initiatives and programs that ~~((include))~~
19 provide art opportunities for youth in and out of school.
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1 C. Twenty-five percent of the funds appropriated to the Arts Account from admission
2 tax receipts in 2011 and 2012 shall be directed to fund arts related programs conducted by the
3 City’s Department of Parks and Recreation that meet the funding criteria outlined in subsection
4 B of this Section 5.40.120. This provision, designed to reflect temporary economic conditions,
5 shall expire on December 31, 2012. The Director of the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs shall
6 be notified by the City’s Budget Office when the transfer occurs.
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8 D. By June 1, 2011, the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs shall develop policies
9 concerning the use of Arts Account funds, including one or more fiscal policies concerning the
10 retention of revenues to ensure the long-term fiscal health of the Office of Arts and Cultural
11 Affairs’ program funding obligations. A draft of the policies shall be provided to the Seattle Arts
12 Commission for comment, before being submitted to City Council in the form of a resolution for
13 formal Council review and consideration. The policies shall be updated from time to time to
14 ensure that the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs’ fiscal policies address ongoing budget needs
15 and priorities. Any such update shall follow the same review process as defined in this Section
16 5.40.120.
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