

2023-2024 FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

It is the Tacoma Arts Commission’s role to determine how to distribute our allocated funds between each of our funding programs (Community Arts Projects and Tacoma Artists Initiative Program). At this time, staff does not yet know exactly how much the Commission will have to distribute in the 2023-2024 biennium. But, based on proposed City budget figures, staff is estimating that there will be \$300,000 in funding to distribute. Based on the \$300,000 figure, staff is making the following distribution recommendations to begin discussion of the 2023-24 budget:

Funding Program	2023	2024
Tacoma Artists Initiative Program (24%)	\$72,000	
Community Arts Projects (76%)	\$114,000	\$114,000

If the final City budget allocation decreases from the estimated \$300,000, staff can adjust the dollar amount according to the percentages (roughly 24% to TAIP and 76% to Community Arts Projects).

If the final City budget allocation increases from the estimated \$300,000, staff suggest adding the additional funds to the Community Arts Projects funding program since this program tends to have a greater number of competitive applications and the panels routinely are unable to fully fund all of the most highly evaluated applications.

Further information about Tacoma Artists Initiative Program (TAIP)

We recommend keeping the allocation for TAIP at \$72,000. At this level, if TAIP funding awards remain at \$3,000, the program could support 24 artists.

TAIP Funding Program	2015-2016	2017-2018	2019-2020	2021-2022
Funding Available	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$60,000	\$72,000
Funding Requests	\$80,000	\$107,500	\$112,500	\$120,000
Number of Applicants	32	43	45	40
Number of Funded Artists and Funding Award	16 @ \$2,500	18 @ \$2,500	24 @ \$2,500	24 @ \$3,000

Further information about Community Arts Projects

We recommend keeping the allocation for Community Arts Projects at \$228,000 (\$114,000 per year). At this level, each year the funding program could support 38 organizations at \$3,000, or 19 organizations at \$6,000, or any combination in between.

This program supports a large number of diverse grassroots projects throughout our community, many of which cannot be funded through Tacoma Creates. We have seen an increase in the number of strong applications through this program and the funding panel routinely cannot fund as many applicants as they would like at the levels they would like.

Community Arts Projects Funding Program	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Funding Available	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$96,000	\$114,000	\$114,000
Funding Requests	\$116,500	\$157,365	\$276,000	\$225,000	\$231,000
Number of Applicants	28	36	48	40	41
Number of Funded Organizations	19	32	27	27	29

CONTEXT: FUNDING DISTRIBUTION FROM PAST BIENNIA

\$300,000 is the same amount we had to distribute in the 2021-22 biennium but it is approximately \$95,000 less than the amount available for distribution in most of our previous budget cycles. Because the Arts Anchor Fund program was phased out in 2019, \$300,000 still reflects an increase in the funding that has been traditionally available for the Community Arts Projects and TAIP funding programs.

	2005-2006	2007-2008	2009-2010	2011-2012	2013-2014	2015-2016	2017-2018	2019-2020	2021-2022
Arts Anchor Fund	\$245,000	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$258,905	\$255,000	\$255,000	\$255,000	\$130,000	\$ -
TAIP	\$35,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$60,000	\$72,000
Community Arts Projects	\$96,000	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$90,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$196,000	\$228,000
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$9,000	\$ -
TOTAL for biennium	\$376,000	\$405,000	\$405,000	\$393,905	\$395,000	\$395,000	\$400,000	\$395,000	\$300,000

In 2021-22, the Commission distributed the \$300,000 funding allocation as follows:

Funding Program	2021	2022
Tacoma Artists Initiative Program	\$72,000	
Community Arts Projects	\$114,000	\$114,000