

Building for Equity

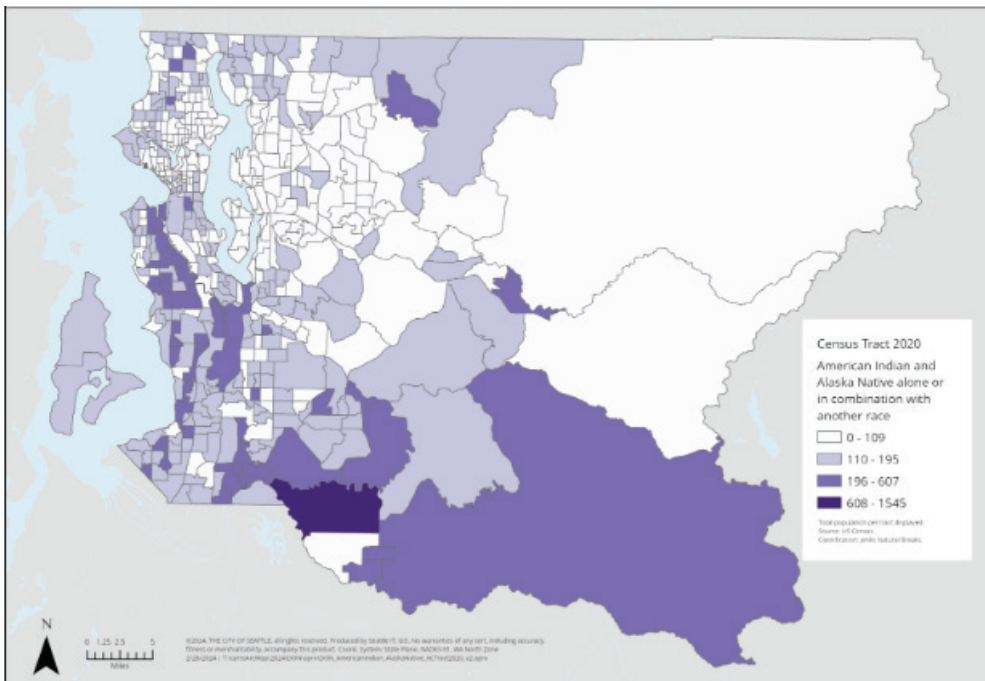
NATIVE CULTURAL FACILITIES PROGRAM

PROGRAM

Our Building for Equity: Native Cultural Facilities grants support projects including land acquisition, development, renovations, and new construction that advance the preservation, expression, and vitality of Native cultures in King County, Washington.

A total of \$1,300,000 is available in the funding pool for Native Cultural Facilities in 2025. Awards amount up to \$250,000.

American Indian and Alaska Native population in King County



King County, WA, by Census Tract 2020. Native Hawaiian population not pictured due to lack of disaggregated data.

HIGH-LEVEL TIMELINE

August-December 2026

Native engagement and outreach, listening sessions, Application workshops and technical assistance (in-person and virtual)

September 3, 2026

Intent to Apply due date. This is also the due date for demonstration of interest forms.

October 8, 2026

Application Opens

December 3, 2026

Application Closes

December 2026

Application Review and Panel Process

January-February 2027

Award Notifications

4CULTURE OVERVIEW

4Culture is an independent public agency, chartered under Washington state law and King County ordinance to provide cultural funding and services that make the region vibrant in five program areas: Arts, Heritage, Historic Preservation, Public Art, and Science.

Mission

With a focus on racial equity, we fund, support, and advocate for culture to enhance the quality of life in King County.

Vision

We envision a vibrant county where culture is essential and accessible to all.

The Building for Equity program

Building for Equity is a joint initiative between 4Culture, King County Executive, and the King County Council that supports cultural building projects and creates a pathway to racial equity in our facilities funding.

BUILDING FOR EQUITY FUNDING SOURCES

Doors Open

Doors Open is a 0.1% sales tax to support arts, heritage, science, and preservation non-profit organizations in King County.

Doors Open legislation was drafted by the King County Executive and passed by the King County Council in December 2023. Funding will be rolled out by 4Culture beginning 2024 through 2028.

Lodging Taxes

Every time a visitor to King County stays in a hotel, they pay a lodging tax. 4Culture receives **37.5% of lodging tax** collected from King County.

STAY ENGAGED!

We are engaging Native partners working in the Arts, Heritage, Historic Preservation, and Science sectors with connections to King County, WA, from August to December 2026.

We seek feedback from potential applicants interested in the Native Cultural Facilities grant. Please contact Jayden Robles by email or phone with any questions or comments.

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