

**CulturalAccess**

WASHINGTON

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**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND**

**ARTS    SCIENCE    HERITAGE**



A publicly funded program established to expand cultural access to arts, heritage, and science organizations in counties and cities across Washington State.

# BACKGROUND

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- State House Bill 2263 signed into law July 2015.
- Granted WA counties authority to create a Cultural Access Program.
- Kitsap County declined to bring Cultural Access portion of bill to ballot in 2016.

# OPPORTUNITY

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- Option passed to cities in Kitsap County.
- Bainbridge now has opportunity to bring to voters.
- \$412,000 to support access to cultural organizations on Bainbridge Island.

# BENEFIT

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- Consistent and sustainable funding.
- Nonprofits and schools.
- Increased citizen access to cultural programming.

# BAINBRIDGE ISLAND SCHOOLS

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- Increases cultural experiences in classroom and out in community.
- Covers transportation for field trips.
- Supports district programs during funding challenges.



Improves educational outcomes.





Invests in our economy.





Helps us meet challenges of changing environment.





Builds community.





Contributes to quality of life.



# SUPPORTS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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Over 50 instances in plan that relate to Cultural Access program.

*Support, protect and enhance the value of arts and humanities as essential to education, quality of life, economic vitality, broadening of mind and as treasure in trust for our descendants. Goal CUL – 1*

# Questions

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- Sales tax?
- Who is going to manage the funds?

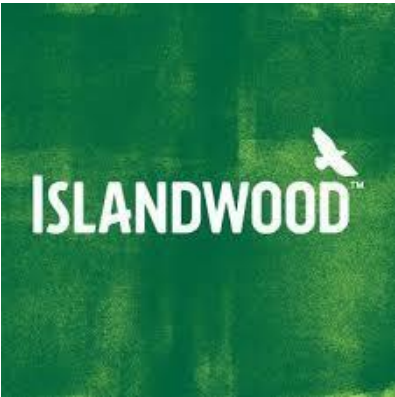




BAINBRIDGE ISLAND  
MUSEUM OF ART



Arts & Humanities  
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# Ask to Council

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- Work with City Staff to learn more about bill.
- Vote to put measure on November 2017 ballot.