



Tacoma Creates

Annual Report, 2023-24

City of Tacoma | Community and Economic Development
Economic Development Committee
October 29, 2024



PROGRAM IMPACT – YEAR 4



2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT



BACKGROUND



- 2015: RCW 36-160
- 2018: Passed in Tacoma
- 67.2% approval
- Sales tax: 1/10 of 1%
- Authorized through 2025



Foss Waterway Seaport

Tacoma Creates is part of the Arts & Cultural Vitality Division, within the Community and Economic Development Department of the City of Tacoma.

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PRIMARY FUNDING GOALS

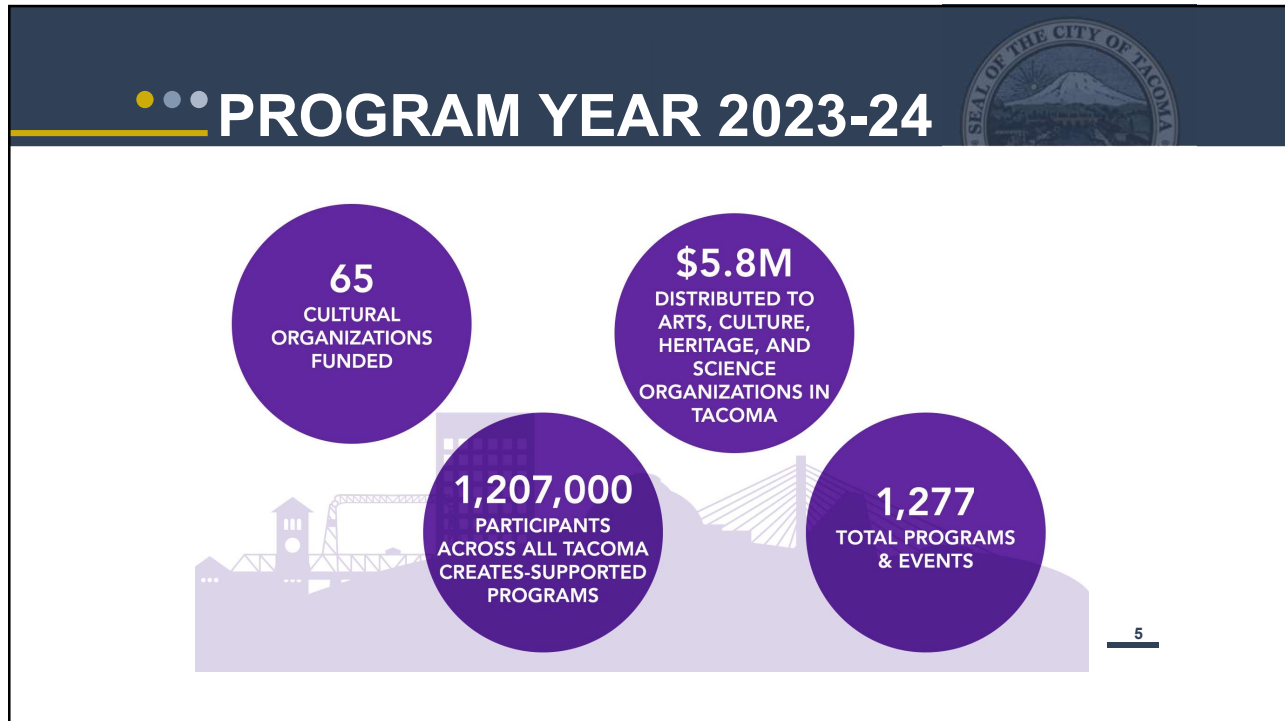


Asia Pacific Cultural Center

- Support public programs in arts, culture, heritage, and/or science
- Increase access, especially for historically underserved groups
- Programming by and for culturally or ethnically specific communities
- Expand access to youth education programs
- Support the sustainability of Tacoma's cultural sector organizations

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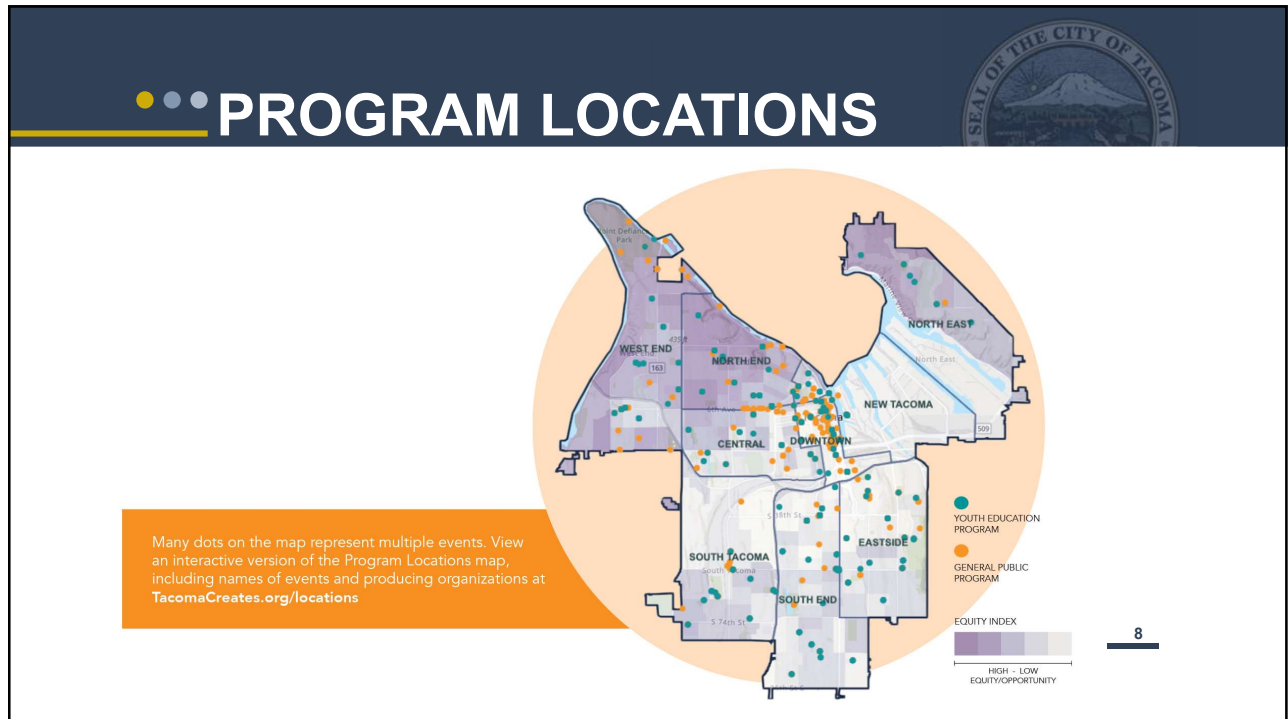
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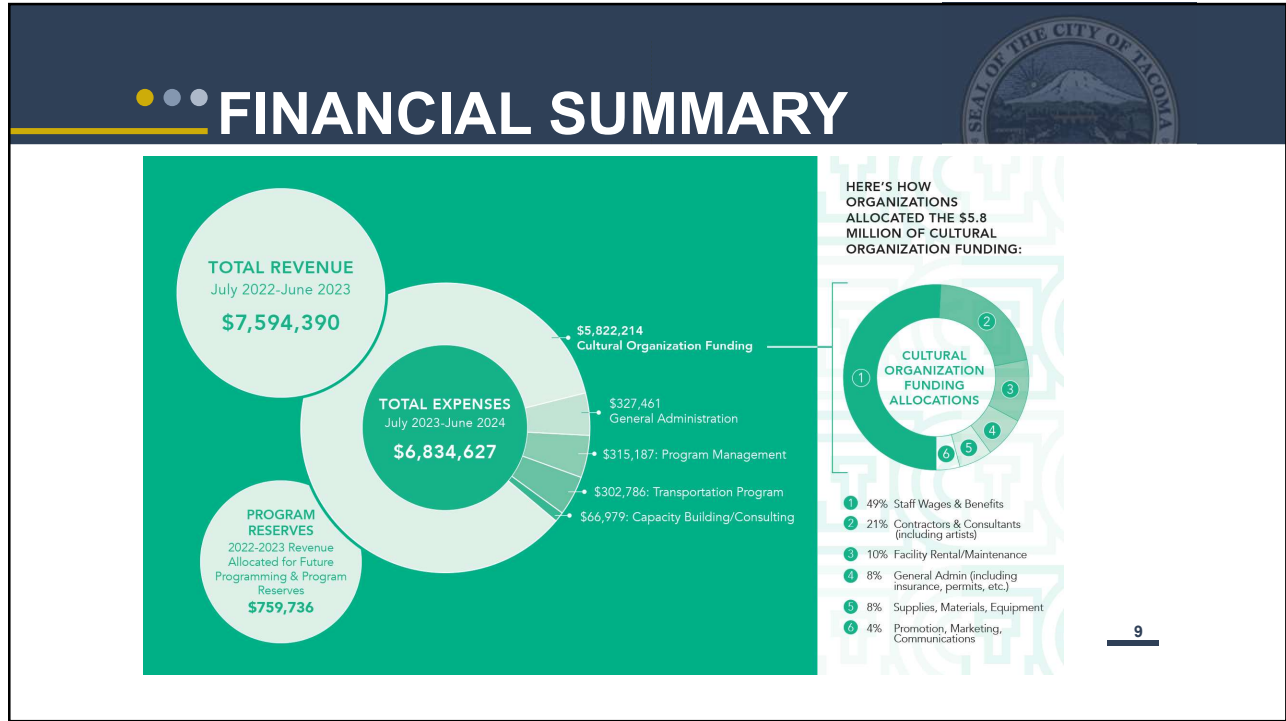
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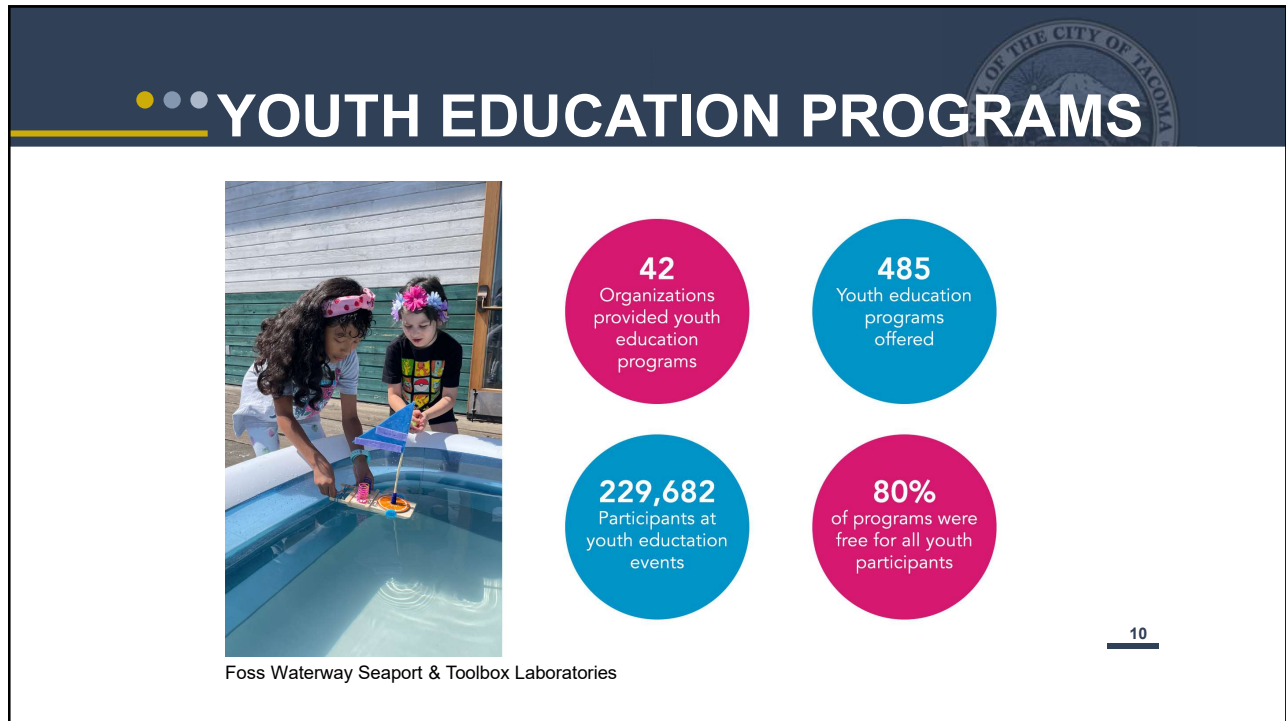
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POSITIVE YOUTH OUTCOMES



“Our child endured a whirlwind of transitions recently and found little comfort at school at first, feeling lost in a sea of cliques and crowds with few familiar friendly faces. By pure stroke of luck, we stumbled upon an event for the middle school anime club at FabLab, and we have been incredibly fortunate to have found such a supportive community. Our child is now discovering herself, their voice, and their place, all because they found people who share their passion and interests at FabLab.”

-Parent of youth participant at FabLab Nonprofit

PARTNERSHIP: TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Write253

100%
of TPS schools had a connection with at least one Tacoma Creates org

\$1.1M
of Tacoma Creates funds used to support TPS student success

30
Organizations provided education programs in partnership with TPS

PARTNERSHIP: TPS DISTRICT-WIDE FIELD TRIPS



LeMay – America's Car Museum

ALL 3RD GRADERS

learn about vehicle design at LeMay - America's Car Museum.

ALL 5TH GRADERS

learn about instruments and attend a Symphony Tacoma performance.

ALL 6TH GRADERS

explore the science of glass and light at the Museum of Glass.

ALL 7TH GRADERS

board a research vessel and learn marine science with Foss Waterway Seaport

PARTNERSHIP: TACOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Capoeira Vida

31

Organizations presented programming in partnership with TPL

114

Programs presented

2,270

People attended TPS/Tacoma Creates programs

UPDATES & WHAT'S NEXT



- 2024-25 – Current Programs
- 2025-26 – Next Cycle
- Capacity Building
- Communications
- Community Engagement
- 2025: Reauthorization



Tacoma Opera

THANK YOU



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Northwest Sinfonietta