



HISTORIC SOUTH DOWNTOWN

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Historic South Downtown is thrilled to announce \$87,000 in grants through the Seattle Office of Arts and Culture Neighborhood Recovery Program. This grant seeks to reach underserved communities and audiences in neighborhoods most impacted by COVID-19 with inclusive and creative arts and culture endeavors that further the city's pandemic recovery process. The nine grantees funded through HSD will provide summer activation in Pioneer Square and the Chinatown International District.

2023 Arts and Culture Grantees are:

Arts, Culture, and Community at Good Arts, *Historic Seattle*, \$10,000. Throughout the summer, new property owner Historic Seattle will coordinate music, art, and cultural events at the six businesses in the building at the corner of Cherry and 1st. Summer.

Maynard Alley Arts Murals Permanent Installation, *Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority (SCIDpda)*, \$5,000. Artist-designed murals which have been temporarily installed in historic Maynard Alley storefronts will be permanently installed, with an additional mural to be painted during Jam Fest, July 13th.

Summertime Busker Street Activation Series, *Alliance for Pioneer Square*, \$21,000. Funding will increase musical activation throughout Pioneer Square to daily performances throughout July. This will capitalize on the increase foot traffic during the Art Fair and baseball's All-Star Series in the stadium district. July.

Hai! Japantown Festival, *Wing Luke Memorial Foundation*, \$8,000. This week-long festival culminates in a block party centered on Nihonmachi Alley and Chiyo's Garden. Free and open to the public, the celebration focuses on the art, music, and businesses, including pop-ups, of Seattle's historic Japantown, one part of the CID. August 12-19.

Celebrate Little Saigon, *Friends of Little Sài Gòn*, \$8,000. This annual bilingual cultural community festival includes art, food, shopping, and entertainment focused on the Vietnamese community and neighborhood that is one part of the CID. August.

CID Block Party, *CID Block Party*, \$9,000. Conceived as a reclamation of the part of the CID destroyed by I-5, this "vibrant cultural boulevard" of art, music, food, culture, and the diversity of

the Asian American experience takes place under Interstate 5 between King and Jackson Streets. August.

Seattle BIPOC Poets and Electronic Jazz in Occidental, *Photon Factory*, \$8,000. This music and poetry event is planned for Occidental Park to activate the space and poetry and arts communities with a focus on under-represented voices, particularly members of the Asian American and LGBTQ communities. August.

Summer Cinema at Hing Hay Park, *Seattle Asian American Film Festival (SAAFF)*, \$8,000. As an extension of the winter film festival, SAAFF brings family-friendly, culturally-relevant films to Hing Hay Park every weekend in August. Through partnerships, each film is preceded by live performances until dark. Saturdays, August.

Real Change Open House, *Real Change*, \$10,000. Featuring art and performances by and for Real Change vendors, this open house will invite community in to share the creative expressions of the people who make up a newspaper organization focused on low-barrier work for people in poverty or experiencing homelessness.



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