Findings in the Central Puget Sound Region:
ArtsFund partnered with 14 organizations that serve the arts and culture sector across Washington state. The survey was open to respondents from May 29th through June 19th. There were two versions of the survey, one for individuals and one for organizations. ArtsFund analyzed the Central Puget Sound Region's responses (N=323), which comprise King (N=285), Kitsap (N=3), Pierce (N=26), and Snohomish (N=9) Counties. ArtsFund analyzed organizations representing nonprofit and government respondents and did not review individual respondents or respondents representing businesses.

* indicates that our findings mirror 4Culture’s. To view their findings, [click here](#).

Our key takeaways:

- Across the Central Puget Sound Region, **83% of nonprofit arts and cultural organizations** will not be able to open to audiences and patrons until Phase 3 or beyond.
- Across the Central Puget Sound Region, **45% of groups have 3 months or less of working capital** to cover operating expenses. With a pandemic generating public health restrictions that have no close end in sight, many groups may not be able to weather the storm.
- In our region, **approximately half of respondents (48%) have less than 25% of the start-up costs to reopen.**
- **This pandemic has impacted cultural organizations of all sizes.** Across all budget sizes in the Central Puget Sound Region, the majority of confidence levels around reopening are “fairly confident.” However, 25% are “slightly” or “not at all confident” they will reopen.
- Among respondents across the Central Puget Sound Region, most of the respondents’ primary concern around reopening is around making patrons feel safe.

Your support is essential

**The arts are vital to our communities and will be critical to recovery.** Organizations in our region are facing uncertainty around how long they can withstand the impacts of the pandemic and continue their crucial work. The arts need your support now. Consider doing the following:

- **Stay engaged:** Keep in communication with the arts organizations in your community. Follow their social media and sign up for their emails so you know what they are doing to keep their communities safe, and can help inform them.
- **Support their work:** You can donate, attend programming they are currently offering, and amplify your support of the arts to your community.
Across the Central Puget Sound Region, 83% of organizations will not be able to open to audiences for in-person programming until Phase 3 or beyond.*

Across the Central Puget Sound Region, approximately 45% of groups have 3 months or less of working capital to cover operating expenses. With a pandemic that has no close end in sight, many groups may not be able to weather the storm.*
Approximately half of respondents across the Central Puget Sound Region (48%) have less than 25% of the start-up costs to reopen.*

Across the Central Puget Sound Region, a quarter of respondents are “slightly” or “not at all confident” they could reopen, while 45% of respondents are “fairly” or “extremely confident” they will be able to reopen.*
This pandemic has impacted organizations of all sizes. Across all budget sizes in the Central Puget Sound Region, the majority of confidence levels around reopening are “fairly confident.”

Among respondents across the Central Puget Sound Region, most of the respondents’ primary concern is around making patrons feel safe.
Across the Central Puget Sound region, staffing and a toolkit or technical assistance were the most critical needs.*