



Community Livability & Safety Committee

May 28, 2025



RCW 36.160

“Revenue from a voter-approved sales or property tax can be used to strengthen access to cultural organizations and their public programming.” 2015

Inspire Olympia Mission

Inspire Olympia provides a reliable source of public funding that sustains a healthy, visible, welcoming, and inclusive nonprofit cultural and science sector, making creative cultural experiences accessible to everyone in Olympia.

Inspire Olympia Funding Goals

STRENGTHEN & INCREASE PUBLIC PROGRAMS

in arts, culture,
heritage, and sciences.

EXPAND YOUTH ACCESS

and educational
programs in arts, culture,
heritage, and science.

REDUCE BARRIERS

and enhance participation,
especially for historically
underserved populations.

ENHANCE SUSTAINABILITY & COLLABORATION

within and among
cultural sector
organizations.

SUPPORT MINORITY

CULTURAL PROGRAMS

by and for culturally or
ethnically specific
communities and/or
underrepresented
groups.

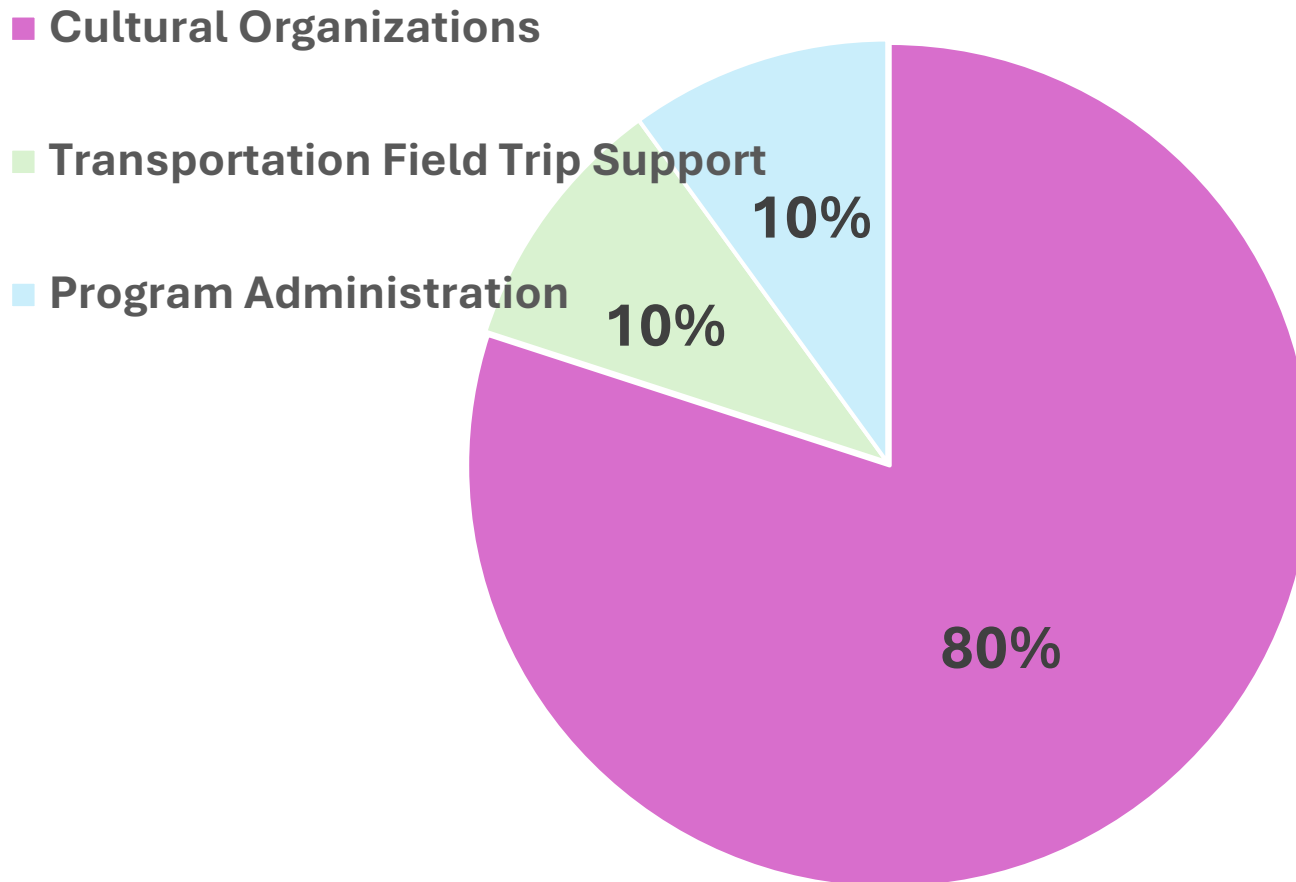




Review Process

- Two Review Panels
- CAAB Members plus Citizen Representatives
- 15 to 20 hours of time per person
- Recusals for Conflicts of Interest
- Review Panel scores and recommendations offered to CAAB
- CAAB deliberated based on scores only – without seeing applicant names.

Olympia's Commitment



2025 Projected Revenue: \$3.1m

- Minimum of 80% to eligible organizations via grant contracts
- Up to 10% for transportation field trip support for Public Schools
 - Funding amounts may flex between above categories
- 10% Reserved for administration

Two Funding Pathways

Comprehensive Funding:

Two-year contracts offering funding up to \$75k per year

Open to:

Registered nonprofit organizations with 2-year history of public programming who offer programs year-round

Impact Funding:

One-year contracts offering funding up to \$30k

Open to:

Registered nonprofits or organizations who are sponsored by a registered nonprofit; and who offer at least one public program per year

Cultural Access in Public Schools (CAPS)

- Transportation Reimbursement to OSD
- Field Trip Support Funding for Inspire organizations
- 119 Buses so far this year
- 5000+ students served
- New CAPS Coordinator will build this program further



Impact Funding Applicants 2025-2026

60 Applications reviewed and scored

24 new this year to Inspire

28 provide youth programming

4 (at least) offer Field Trips

20 are Fiscally Sponsored

	Arts	Heritage	Culture	Science	Total	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding
2025	39	5	6	10	60	\$1,631,550	\$1,292,123
2024	27	3	5	5	40	\$1,060,490	\$951,899



Cultural Access Fund		
2025 Program Budget		
Roll forward prev. CAF revenues less expenses	\$ 3,750,000	
2025 CAF Projected Revenue	<u>\$ 3,100,000</u>	
Total Revenue	\$ 6,850,000	
		% of 2025 CAF income
Comprehensive Contracts (year two of 2-yr contract)	\$ 1,220,899	39%
Impact Contracts	<u>\$ 1,300,000</u>	42%
Cultural Access in Public Schools (CAPS)	\$ 375,000	12%
Workshops & learning opportunities for funded orgs	\$ 50,000	2%
2025 Program Administration	<u>\$ 310,000</u>	10%
2025 Expenses	\$ 3,255,899	105%
CAF carry fwd to 2026	\$ 3,594,101	
2025 Cultural Access in Public Schools Program Budget		
Transportation Reimbursement to OSD	\$ 90,000	
Field Trip Reimbursements	\$ 155,000	
FT CAPS Coordinator	<u>\$ 130,000</u>	
Total:	\$ 375,000	

2025-26 Funding Recommendations

Award Impact Funding contracts for the 2025-26 funding cycle based on scoring by Review Panels:

Proposals scoring 70 percent or higher will receive 100% of their request.

Proposals scoring 60 – 69 percent receive will 75% of their requested amount.

Proposals scoring 50 – 59 percent receive will 50% of their requested amount.

Proposals scoring below 50 percent are not recommended for funding.

Allocate 12% of revenue or \$375,000 for Cultural Access in Public Schools for the 2025-26 cycle, including field trip support, transportation costs and staffing.

2025 One-Year Impact Applications	Request	Recommended
ACE Strategies	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Artists With Ecology	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Capital City Chorus	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Capital City Pride	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Community Print	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Creative Theatre Experience	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Death Dancer	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
DECAY	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Deschutes Estuary Restoration Team	\$ 28,214.00	\$ 21,160.50
Downtown Olympia Creative District	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Earthbound Productions	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Ecstatic Sound Collective	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
Free Music Olympia	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Friends of the South Bay Hall	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
German Club Olympia	\$ 10,600.00	\$ -
Haki Farmers Collective	\$ 29,850.00	\$ 22,387.50
Hispanic Roundtable of South Sound	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Hummingbird Studio	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Lacey MakerSpace	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
Latina K Presents	\$ 27,600.00	\$ 20,700.00
Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Masterworks Choral Ensemble	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Mi Chiantla	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
Moving Parts Dance	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Olympia Arts and Heritage Alliance	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Olympia Artspace Alliance	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Olympia Beekeepers Association	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
Olympia Chamber Orchestra	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 12,500.00
Olympia Film Collective	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Olympia Historical Society/Bigelow House Museum	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Olympia Jazz Central	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Olympia Junior Programs	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00

2025 One-Year Impact Applications	Request	Recommended
Olympia Kato Sister City Association	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 9,375.00
Olympia Lamplighters	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Olympia Music History Project	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
Olympia Musical Theatre	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 18,750.00
Olympia Youth Chorus	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
Pacific Education Institute	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Pacific Northwest Theater	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Restoring Earth Connection	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 11,750.00
Samba Olywa	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Sound Studios Olympia	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
South Puget Sound New Horizons Band Inc	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
South Sound Dance Access	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
South Sound Maritime Heritage Association	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
South Sound Studio Tour	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
String and Shadow Puppet Theater	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Team-Tomorrow, LLC (South Sound Block Party)	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
Terra Forma Education	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
The 3rd Thing	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
The Felt Road	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
The Olympia Peace Choir	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Theater Artists Olympia	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
Thurston Conservation District	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Thurston County Museum of Fine Arts	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
Triceratops Technology Resources	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
Unforgettable Art Programs	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Washington Stars Quilt Guild of Olympia	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Window Seat Media	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Total for One-year Impact Contracts :	\$ 1,630,264.00	\$ 1,292,123.00



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