

RESOLUTION NO. M-2529

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
APPROVING THE FUNDING RECOMMENDATION OF THE CULTURAL ACCESS ADVISORY
BOARD FOR INSPIRE OLYMPIA CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS, the Inspire Olympia Cultural Access Program is funded by one-tenth of one percent of Olympia’s sales tax, effective January 2023 for a period of seven years. Revenues are deposited into the Cultural Access Fund and are to be used to support the work of local nonprofit organizations who are mission-focused on the arts, science, culture, or heritage, and who offer public programming in Olympia; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Access Advisory Board (CAAB) was established to advise City Council on implementation of Inspire Olympia, to recommend funding guidelines for cultural access programming consistent with state law, and to review grant applications for programming that meets criteria for providing public benefit (RCW 36.160.110). The CAAB is to make recommendations regarding funding to City Council; and

WHEREAS, the funding guidelines and criteria for public benefit were developed by CAAB and presented to City Council in August, 2023. At that time Council also approved a funding framework that includes two funding pathways, created to promote equity in the distribution of funding among a population of organizations that vary greatly in size, capacity, and experience. A third funding reserve was identified to support Cultural Access in Olympia Public Schools (CAPS), including transportation; and

WHEREAS, a total of 61 cultural organizations submitted proposals for Inspire Olympia funding before the March 15 deadline this year. 21 organizations applied in the Comprehensive Funding pathway, seeking two-year contracts with the city to provide year-round cultural activities and experiences for the public. Another 40 organizations submitted proposals in the Impact Funding pathway for one-year contracts; and

WHEREAS, two Review Panels were formed to review and score the applications for Inspire Olympia’s two funding pathways. Each panel included four CAAB members, plus additional members of the public. The panels considered the public benefit of each proposal in light of the program funding goals, guidelines, and criteria, engaged in individual review and in group discussion. They forwarded their combined scoring and their funding recommendations to the full CAAB; and


WHEREAS, the CAAB’s funding recommendation presented to City Council includes individual award amounts for one-year and two-year contracts for services, and a recommended funding level for CAPS programs in 2024-25; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council approves the funding recommendation of the CAAB, including the individual contracts awarded for Inspire Olympia and the terms and conditions contained therein.

2. The City Manager is directed and authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Olympia all approved contracts, and any other documents necessary, and to make any amendments or minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of the funding recommendation, and to correct any scrivener's errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 4th day of June 2024.



MAYOR

ATTEST:

Sean Krier

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael M. Young

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY