

Article XI. CULTURAL ACCESS PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD

2.100.700 Established--Purpose

There is hereby established in the City of Olympia a Cultural Access Program Advisory Board to accomplish the following:

- A. Advise the City Council concerning the formulation of processes, procedures, and criteria for carrying out the goals of the Cultural Access Program; and
- B. Ensure the expenditures of Olympia Cultural Access Program dollars and other resources are invested based upon the priorities and commitments made to voters by the City of Olympia.

(Ord. 7331 §1, 2022).

2.100.710 Duties

The Cultural Access Program Advisory Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. Priority Setting.
 - 1. To review arts, science, cultural, and heritage programs to support public benefit throughout Olympia.
 - 2. To coordinate with other stakeholders in the community to take into account goals regarding equity and access to cultural programs for all residents of the City, including historically marginalized racial and gender communities, ethnic backgrounds, age, and other aspects of personal and professional identity.
 - 3. To act in an advisory capacity to the Olympia City Council on cultural programming that meets statutory requirements of RCW Chapter [36.160.110](#).
- B. Review and Recommend to Council.
 - 1. To review and recommend funding guidelines for cultural access programming consistent with state law.
 - 2. To review and recommend funding levels for grant applicants.
 - 3. To review and provide input on reporting processes to ensure alignment with public benefit goals.
 - 4. To review outcomes from funded organizations to ensure compliance with statutory mandates and to ensure effective stewardship of Cultural Access Program funds.
 - 5. To participate in the preparation of annual reports to the Olympia City Council regarding goals for programs that evidence public benefit.

6. To review grant applications for programming that meets criteria for providing public benefit as provided in RCW [36.160.110](#).

7. To review and provide input to Council on efforts to support cultural programs, building collaborative partnerships, and advancing the visibility of the Cultural Access Program in the community.

C. Public Communication.

1. To facilitate and recommend outreach to the community about cultural programming priorities, projects, services, and investments.

2. To serve as outreach ambassadors to the arts, culture, heritage, and science organizations and the general public.

D. Recommend Criteria and Guidelines to Council.

1. In consultation and with the approval of the Olympia City Council, the Cultural Access Program Advisory Board may make and alter any rules and regulations governing its organization and procedure not inconsistent with this chapter or any other ordinance of the City or state law, including RCW [36.160.110](#), the Open Public Meetings Act, and prohibition against conflict of interest.

2. The Advisory Board may recommend to Council funding programs to support a variety of types and sizes of organizations and programs that will provide public benefit in Olympia, with a demonstrated commitment to improving equity and access for Olympia's diverse populations.

3. Organizational requirements for equity and inclusion, will be detailed in funding application guidelines and evaluation criteria to address historical inequities in the cultural sector in Olympia, and shall be reviewed by the Olympia City Council.

4. The Board shall recommend programming, among others, which will support public programs in arts, culture, heritage, or science, and that will address:

- a. Increasing public access to cultural programs and/or facilities;
- b. Providing neighborhood and community-based programs; or
- c. Providing educational programs for youth;

5. Pursuant to RCW [36.160.110](#), the Advisory Board shall recommend to Council a percentage of funds available annually to be reserved for a public school cultural access program established and managed by the City to increase opportunities for cultural activities and programming for public school students. Public school programs will be recommended that benefit students and increase opportunities for cultural activities. Such programming may include expanded learning opportunities with before or after school classes, or summer classes, or school day or school break field trips to off-campus arts, culture, heritage, or science learning, including bus transportation.

(Ord. 7347 §1, 2022; Ord. 7331 §1, 2022).