



Grant Funding Strategy Adjustments

Olympia City Council
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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.

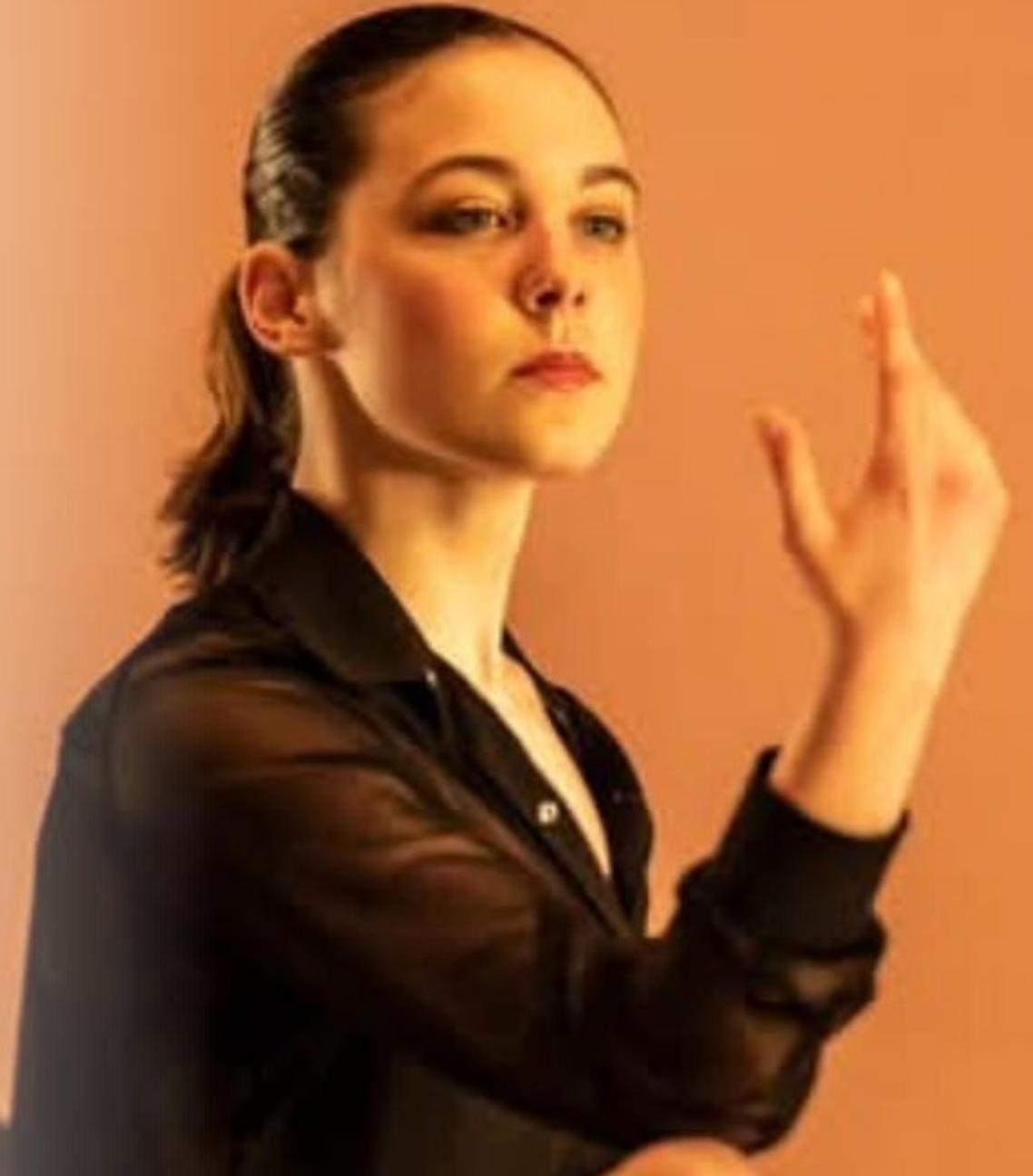
How much funding might be available for grants each year, on a “gradual spend-down” plan?

Four-Year Budget Model Input:

- Target a final balance of \$500k in 2029, per City Finance guidance
- Assume carry-forward balance of \$3.5m into 2026
- Assume CAT revenues will remain flat at \$3.1m/year
- Increase funding for Public School programs each year
- Increase funding for Capacity Building each year
- Hold administrative costs at 10% of annual CAT revenue
- Allocate the rest of the funding for grant awards to cultural organizations.

Outcome:

- Inspire Olympia could allocate up to \$3m for Comprehensive and Impact awards each year through 2029.
- To stay within budget, CAAB will review and adjust this target amount each year, prior to recommending grant awards to City Council.



Cultural Access Fund		Projection			
2025 Program Budget		2026	2027	2028	2029
Roll forward prev. CAF revenues less expenses	\$3,750,000	\$3,594,101	\$ 2,979,101	\$ 2,261,101	\$ 1,381,101
2025 CAF Projected Revenue	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 3,100,000
<i>Total Revenue</i>	\$6,850,000	\$6,694,101	\$ 6,079,101	\$ 5,361,101	\$ 4,481,101
Comprehensive Contracts (year two of 2-yr con	\$1,220,899	\$2,945,000	\$ 3,038,000	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 3,100,000
Impact Contracts	\$1,300,000				
Cultural Access in Public Schools (CAPS)	\$ 375,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Workshops & learning opportunities for funded	\$ 50,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
2025 Program Administration	\$ 310,000	\$ 310,000	\$ 310,000	\$ 310,000	\$ 310,000
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$3,255,899	\$3,715,000	\$ 3,818,000	\$ 3,980,000	\$ 3,980,000
<i>CAF ending balance</i>	\$3,594,101	\$2,979,101	\$ 2,261,101	\$ 1,381,101	\$ 501,101
2025 CAPS Program Budget					
Transportation Reimbursement to OSD	\$ 90,000				
Field Trip Reimbursements	\$ 155,000				
FT CAPS Coordinator	\$ 130,000				
Total:	\$ 375,000				

~~2024-2026~~ 2026-2028 Granting Structure

Comprehensive Grants:

Two-year contracts that may fund up to ~~15~~20% of an organization's budget, to a maximum of ~~\$75k~~85k/yr

Requirements:

- Registered nonprofit
- 2-year history of public programming
- Offer programs year-round
- Offer programs for youth

Impact Grants:

One-year contracts offering funding of ~~\$3~~5k to ~~\$30~~50k

Requirements:

- Registered nonprofit or Fiscally Sponsored organization
- Offer at least one public program/yr
- Provide 1:1 match for requested funds

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