



**2025 Impact Funding Recommendation**  
**Olympia City Council**  
June 3, 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.

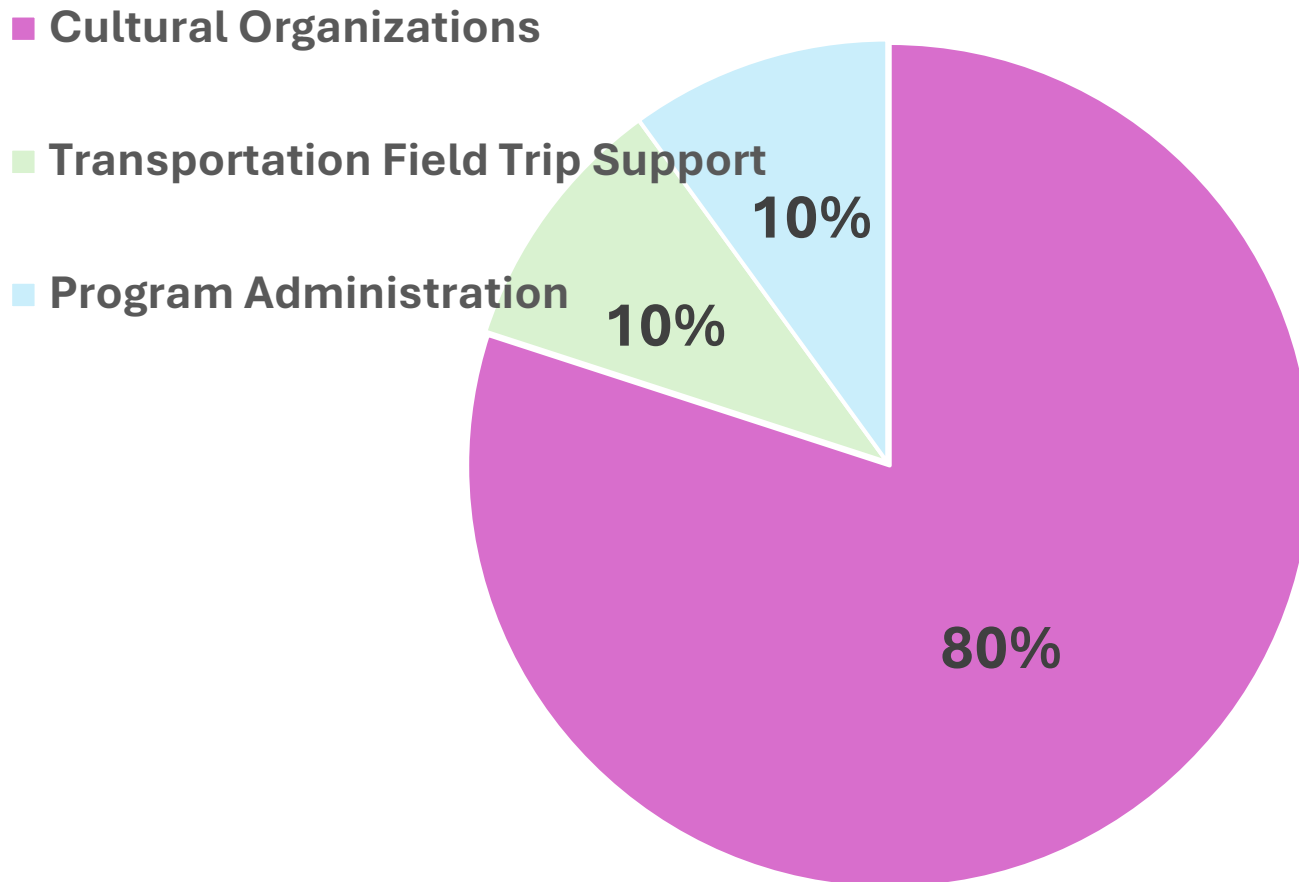




## Review Process

- 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
<b>2025</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>\$1,631,550</b>	<b>\$1,292,123</b>
2024	27	3	5	5	40	\$1,060,490	\$951,899





<b>Cultural Access Fund</b>		
<b>2025 Program Budget</b>		
Roll forward prev. CAF revenues less expenses	\$ 3,750,000	
2025 CAF Projected Revenue	<u>\$ 3,100,000</u>	
<i>Total Revenue</i>	\$ 6,850,000	
		<b>% of 2025 CAF income</b>
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%
<i>2025 Expenses</i>	\$ 3,255,899	<b>105%</b>
<i>CAF carry fwd to 2026</i>	\$ 3,594,101	
<b>2025 Cultural Access in Public Schools Program Budget</b>		
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
<b>Total for One-year Impact Contracts :</b>	<b>\$ 1,630,264.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,292,123.00</b>



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