

RESOLUTION NO. M-2613

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, APPROVING THE FUNDING RECOMMENDATION OF THE CULTURAL ACCESS ADVISORY BOARD FOR 2025-2026 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 that 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, to review grant applications for programming that meets criteria for providing public benefit (RCW 36.160.110), and make funding recommendations to City Council for funding of programs to meet those objectives; and

WHEREAS, Inspire Olympia's funding goals, criteria for providing public benefit, and funding framework were developed by CAAB and approved by City Council in 2023 to promote equity in the distribution of funding and annually allocate funding for Cultural Access in Olympia Public Schools including transportation; and

WHEREAS, a total of 71 cultural organizations submitted proposals for Inspire Olympia's one-year Impact Funding opportunity for the 2025-26 funding cycle, of which 59 were determined eligible and were reviewed and scored by Review Panels that included CAAB members plus additional members of the public representative of the community. The Review Panels considered the public benefit of each proposal in light of program funding goals, programming merit and value, community impact, equity and access, budget and feasibility, and youth programming where applicable, and the Review Panel scores were forwarded to the full CAAB for consideration in public meeting; and

WHEREAS, in order to eliminate bias, the CAAB has developed a funding recommendation based on scores only without seeing the related list of named applicant organizations, reviewed the projected level of available funding for the 2025-26 cycle in light of current budgetary commitments, considered funding projections for forthcoming funding cycles, and also made reasonable adjustments to the yearly funding allocation for Cultural Access for Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the CAAB's funding recommendation presented to City Council includes individual award amounts for one-year contracts for services and a recommended funding level for CAPS programs in the 2025-26 School Year;

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 Impact Funding 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 3rd day of June 2025.



MAYOR

ATTEST:

Sean Krier

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael M. Young

SENIOR DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY