

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR ONE AND TWO-YEAR INSPIRE OLYMPIA CONTRACTS AND AN ANNUAL ALLOCATION FOR CULTURAL ACCESS PROGRAMS IN OLYMPIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**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, with revenues deposited into the Cultural Access Fund to be used to support the work of local cultural organizations who offer public programming in the arts, science, culture, or heritage for the residents of Olympia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cultural Access Advisory Board (CAAB) was established to advise City Council on implementation of Inspire Olympia, recommend funding guidelines for cultural access programming consistent with state law, review grant applications that meet criteria for providing public benefit, and make recommendations to City Council for funding of programs to meet those objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, Inspire Olympia’s funding goals and granting framework were developed by the CAAB and approved by City Council to promote equity in the distribution of funds to eligible and qualified organizations and to annually allocate funding for Cultural Access in Olympia Public Schools, including student transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, 94 eligible cultural organizations submitted proposals for Inspire Olympia funding which were reviewed and scored by three Review Panels that included seven CAAB members plus 11 members of the public, who considered the public benefit of each proposal, scored them in light of program funding goals and key qualitative merits, and forwarded their scores to the full CAAB for consideration in a public meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the CAAB considered the current Cultural Access Fund balance and a long-term spending plan previously approved by City Council to set an overall spending goal, and, in order to eliminate bias, developed recommendations for individual funding awards based on the scores forwarded from the Review Panels with the names of the applicant organizations redacted; those recommendations are reflected in the spreadsheet [or whatever document] attached to this Resolution as Exhibit 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council’s Community Livability and Public Safety Committee has recommended approval of the CAAB recommendation, which includes awards to organizations for one- and two-year contracts for cultural services beginning July 1, 2026 and a funding allocation for Cultural Access in Public Schools for the 2026-27 School Year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES** as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the funding recommendation of the CAAB for cultural access programming in public schools for the coming school year, for one-year Impact contract awards for the 2026 -2027 granting cycle, and for two-year Comprehensive contract awards for the 2026-2028 grant cycle, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Michael M. Young*  
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SENIOR DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

## 2026-27 Impact Grant Contract Awards

|   |              |   |              |   |                        |
|---|--------------|---|--------------|---|------------------------|
| Artists With Ecology                              | \$ 50,000.00 | Multicultural Service Center of South Sound | \$ 22,500.00 | South Sound Maritime Heritage Association         | \$ 37,500.00           |
| Asian Pacific Islanders Coalition of SPS          | \$ 25,000.00 | Nisqually Reach Nature Center               | \$ 50,000.00 | South Sound Story Guild                           | \$ 4,000.00            |
| Capital City Chorus                               | \$ 37,500.00 | Olympia Arts & Heritage Alliance            | \$ 37,500.00 | South Sound Studio Tour                           | \$ 25,000.00           |
| Capital City Pride                                | \$ 50,000.00 | Olympia Artspace Alliance                   | \$ 37,500.00 | String and Shadow Puppet Theater                  | \$ 37,500.00           |
| Community Print                                   | \$ 25,000.00 | Olympia Chamber Orchestra                   | \$ 25,000.00 | TCMedia   | \$ 25,000.00           |
| Computer Upcycle Project                          | \$ 15,000.00 | Olympia Family Theater                      | \$ 37,500.00 | Team-Tomorrow                                     | \$ 37,500.00           |
| Creative Theatre Experience                       | \$ 37,500.00 | Olympia Film Society                        | \$ 25,000.00 | Terra Forma Education                             | \$ 25,000.00           |
| Death Dancer                                      | \$ 25,000.00 | Olympia Historical Society & Bigelow House  | \$ 25,000.00 | The 3rd Thing                                     | \$ 25,000.00           |
| DECAY (Diverse Events & Creative Arts Yard)       | \$ 50,000.00 | Olympia Jazz Central                        | \$ 7,500.00  | The Commons at Fertile Ground                     | \$ 15,000.00           |
| Deschutes Estuary Restoration Team                | \$ 25,000.00 | Olympia Junior Programs                     | \$ 37,500.00 | The Four Lodges Foundation                        | \$ 37,500.00           |
| Earthbound Productions                            | \$ 50,000.00 | Olympia Kato Sister City Association        | \$ 6,250.00  | The Many Trees Project                            | \$ 18,000.00           |
| Ecostudies Institute                              | \$ 12,500.00 | Olympia Music History Project               | \$ 25,000.00 | The Olympia Peace Choir                           | \$ 30,000.00           |
| Ecstatic Sound Collective - Olympia Funk Festival | \$ 50,000.00 | Olympia Musical Theatre                     | \$ 18,750.00 | Theater Artists Olympia                           | \$ 37,500.00           |
| Free Music Olympia                                | \$ 50,000.00 | Olympia Youth Chorus                        | \$ 30,000.00 | Thurston Climate Action Team                      | \$ 22,500.00           |
| Haki Farmers Collective                           | \$ 37,500.00 | OURstory Community at Rebecca Howard Park   | \$ 18,666.00 | Thurston Conservation District- South Sound Green | \$ 37,500.00           |
| Hispanic Roundtable of South Sound (HRT)          | \$ 30,000.00 | Pacific Northwest Theater                   | \$ 50,000.00 | Thurston County Museum of Fine Arts               | \$ 50,000.00           |
| hummingbird studio                                | \$ 50,000.00 | Rainbow Community Arts Olympia              | \$ 30,000.00 | Triceratops Technology Resources                  | \$ 37,500.00           |
| ISM Festival                                      | \$ 15,000.00 | Restoring Earth Connection                  | \$ 7,612.00  | Unforgettable Art Programs                        | \$ 15,000.00           |
| Lacey MakerSpace                                  | \$ 37,500.00 | Rueda de Olympia                            | \$ 4,790.00  | Washington Stars Quilt Guild                      | \$ 15,000.00           |
| Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County     | \$ 24,000.00 | Samba Olywa                                 | \$ 22,675.00 | Western Wildlife Outreach                         | \$ 25,000.00           |
| Masterworks Choral Ensemble                       | \$ 37,500.00 | South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement        | \$ 25,000.00 | Window Seat Media                                 | \$ 25,000.00           |
| Mi Chiantla                                       | \$ 22,500.00 | South Sound Dance Access                    | \$ 50,000.00 | YWCA of Olympia                                   | \$ 50,000.00           |
| Moving Parts Dance                                | \$ 50,000.00 | South Sound Eco-Network                     | \$ 25,000.00 | <b>2026-27 Impact Funding TOTAL</b>               | <b>\$ 2,057,243.00</b> |

## 2 Year Comprehensive Grant Contract Awards

|   | 2-Year Contract        | 2026-27                |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| Arbutus Folk School                       | \$ 170,000.00          | \$ 85,000.00           |
| Ballet Northwest                          | \$ 153,000.00          | \$ 76,500.00           |
| CIELO*                                    |                        | \$ 45,000.00           |
| Emerald City Music                        | \$ 126,000.00          | \$ 63,000.00           |
| Garden Raised Bounty                      | \$ 170,000.00          | \$ 85,000.00           |
| Hands on Children's Museum                | \$ 170,000.00          | \$ 85,000.00           |
| Harlequin Productions                     | \$ 170,000.00          | \$ 85,000.00           |
| Indigenous Performance Productions        | \$ 149,839.20          | \$ 74,919.60           |
| Olympia Community Sailing                 | \$ 57,500.00           | \$ 28,750.00           |
| Olympia Symphony Orchestra                | \$ 106,056.00          | \$ 53,028.00           |
| Pacific Shellfish Institute               | \$ 170,000.00          | \$ 85,000.00           |
| Pizza Klatch                              | \$ 142,426.80          | \$ 71,213.40           |
| Puget Sound Estuarium                     | \$ 170,000.00          | \$ 85,000.00           |
| Student Orchestras of Greater Olympia     | \$ 170,000.00          | \$ 85,000.00           |
| The Bridge Music Project                  | \$ 158,596.00          | \$ 79,298.00           |
| The Hawk Foundation                       | \$ 148,671.90          | \$ 74,335.95           |
| Washington Center for the Performing Arts | \$ 170,000.00          | \$ 85,000.00           |
|   | <b>\$ 2,402,089.90</b> | <b>\$ 1,246,044.95</b> |