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Inspire Washington embarks on state-wide tour with Cultural Futures

WASHINGTON – Inspire Washington is the state-wide advocacy organization for the cultural sector, promoting the value of science, heritage, and arts programming within every city, town, and hamlet. Washington just concluded a historic State Legislative Session in virtual Olympia with \$2 million dollars allocated to the sector and critical legislation that expands the Cultural Access program was passed to support cultural infrastructure, recovery, programming, and arts education. Inspire Washington is excited to visit communities across the state for a share and listening tour, providing a thorough legislative overview and directions for accessing funding. From May 2 – June 30, 23 in-person and 4 virtual events will be held from Aberdeen to Spokane. To register for this free event, visit www.inspirewashington.org.

On the Agenda:

- Inspire Washington staff will break down the wins and successes of the Legislative session including HB 1575 (providing councilmanic authority for the cultural access program) and new funding resources including \$2 million that was allocated to the cultural sector! We will tell you what you need to do to get ready to receive these funds.
- Grant opportunities - USDA, community projects, and much more!
- Listening. What do you need and what should we ask for? And, how do you get involved? It will take a broad coalition to secure future funding.
- More information about our coalition. Do you want to be more involved in policy development and advocacy or learn about membership? We'll plug you into future activities so that your community is represented.

In Person Schedule:

Chewelah	May 2	North King County	May 22	Vancouver	June 13
Spokane	May 3	West King County	May 23	Olympia	June 14
Pullman	May 4	South King County	May 24	East King County	June 15
Wenatchee	May 9	Snohomish County	May 25	Central King County	June 16
Winthrop	May 11	Yakima	June 6	Port Townsend	June 21
Orcas Island	May 16	Richland	June 7	Port Angeles	June 22
San Juan Island	May 17	Walla Walla	June 8	Aberdeen	June 20
Bellingham	May 18	Tacoma	June 12		

Virtual Schedule: June 28-30