



ONE SHEET – As of June 22 – SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

What is Inspire Washington?

- **Mission:** Inspire Washington strengthens communities and nurtures the human spirit by increasing access to science, heritage, and arts programming through advocacy, professional development, education and coalition building.
- **Who we support:** the cultural sector which includes science, heritage, and the arts
- **What we do:** Cultural Coalition & Partnerships, Advocacy, Resource Development, Education, Communications. >> We champion public funding and policy for the cultural sector.
- **Why it matters:** Tell the story! The cultural sector is an economic driver that promotes curiosity, inspires creativity, and builds critical thinking; provides social opportunities, mental health, and wellness; improves academic achievement in kids; and encourages community building and civic pride.
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Join Inspire Washington

- **Why?** Becoming our partner as an individual or organization means **investing in the power of culture** and the power of your own voice to build community and enrich lives. Your membership allows Inspire Washington to continue being the voice for the cultural sector at the state and federal level.
- **Dues:** Varies depending on organization's budget but starts at just \$100 per year.
- **Join today:** www.inspirewashington.org/join

Advocacy:

- **Advocacy is:** Leadership (Telling a funder about your program), Relationship Building (Encouraging local civic groups to send volunteers to an event), Storytelling (Telling your story of impact to government officials, educating policymakers about your work and sharing your expertise)
- **Advocate in spaces where decisions are made:** City Council, Chamber of Commerce, County Council, School Board, Regional, State Government, Federal Government, And more!
- **Inspiration League:** The Inspiration League is an online organizing platform that makes advocates easy, quick, and secure. Join today: www.InspirationLeague.org

The 2022 Washington Legislative Session

- **What it is:** The Legislature meets in session each **January** to create new laws, change laws, and enact budgets.
- **Inspire Washington's Legislative Wins:**
 - \$45 million for organizations/programs within the cultural sector with budgets less than \$5 million
 - \$5 million for COVID related expenses to cultural organizations with budgets over \$5 million
 - \$1.5 million for Arts-Based Services for Veterans
 - \$120,000 for ArtsWA's Constituent Management System
 - \$150,000 for the State Poet Laureate Program
 - \$257,000 to maintain State-Owned Public Art
 - \$15 million for Film Incentive
 - \$6 million added to Building for the Arts
 - \$100,000 for WA Museum Connects program
 - **TOTAL: \$73,766,000 for the Cultural Sector**

About Working Washington 5 grant program

- Distributed by Department of Commerce in partnership with ArtsWA at www.commercegrants.com
- \$45 million dollars, Max grant award is \$75,000. Amounts vary and are determined by Commerce.
- Application portal dates: End of June/beginning of July, exact date TBD

- This is a qualifying grant, not a competitive grant. If you meet the eligibility requires, you will get funded! The application is short, and if you aren't sure you qualify, apply anyway.
- Money begins distribution in mid-July.
- Application will take a few hours at most.
- The application will require uploads of Valid Identification and Financial documents, including but not limited to: tax return, profit and loss statement, 990 form(s), 1099 form(s).

Eligibility (listed on www.commercegrants.com)

- Active for-profit or non-profit business or organization, with a UBI or EIN number, and physically located in Washington State.
- Be able to demonstrate financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak
- Have been in operation prior to December 31, 2020
- Have not reported annual gross receipts of more than \$5,000,000 in calendar year 2019
- Minimum total revenues of at least \$10,000 in 2019 or 2020.
- Generates at least 51% of revenue in Washington State
- Have not permanently closed or intend to permanently close in 2022
- Applicants must apply for one business only. Those with multiple entities should apply on behalf of their largest or most impacted business.
- Have expenses that are necessary to continue business operations and the expense is not a federal, state, or local tax, fee, license, or other government revenue
- Have experienced a reduction in business income or activity related to COVID-19 or as a result of state or local COVID-19 related public health measures
- Adherence to all required COVID-19 public health measures
- Self-attest that the expense is not funded by any other government or private entity

Other Legislative Session wins and opportunities

- **Building for the Arts:** Building for the Arts (BFA) is a program that awards state grants to nonprofit community-based organizations to buy, build, or renovate arts and cultural facilities.
 - It is managed by the Washington State Department of Commerce & ArtsWA.
 - These capital project grants can cover up to 33% of the total costs for construction.
 - The maximum grant award is \$2,000,000. There is no minimum grant award amount.
 - Next deadline is June 23. For more info visit: www.arts.wa.gov/building-for-the-arts
- **Heritage Capital Program**
 - Capital projects at historical museums, archives, and societies
 - \$10 mil distributed every two year –next cycle in Winter 2024, Max grant award \$1 mil
- **Historic Theatre Grant Program:** Only \$350k budgeted this year–let's advocate for more in the legislative session!
- **Film Incentive:**
 - Increased to \$15 million, up to \$3 million for local filmmakers
 - Includes enhancements for rural areas and telling stories of marginalized communities
 - More info at www.washingtonfilmworks.org/
- **Arts 4 All:** The Arts for All Coalition was founded by Inspire WA, ArtsWA, ArtsEdWA, and OSPI and works for the full inclusion of arts learning across Washington State's PreK-12 public education system. For more info visit: www.inspirationleague.org/a4a-champions
- **Arts Education, Senate Bill 5878:** This bill affirms the importance of arts education for students across Washington. Starting with the 23-24 school year, SB 5878 requires school districts with more than 200 students to offer regular instruction in at least one visual art or at least one performing art.

Cultural Access

- **What is it:** a city/county tax program to create a fund for cultural programming that provides access for all, most notably historically marginalized communities. Tacoma and Olympia have cultural access programs already!
- **Tax info:** .01% or \$15-\$30 per year, per household
- **Funding:** goes to free/reduced tickets, field trips and experiences for kids, expanded outreach, etc.
- **We'd love to help communities create cultural access programs. Email us!**

What do you need? How can we better support and advocate for you or your organization?

- Email us! We would love to hear from you and include your needs in the next Legislative Session.