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

**Virtual Schedule:** June 28-30