

Arts & Heritage Day 2019

Legislative Agenda

Top Line Messages:

1. **Statewide investment = statewide reach in local communities**
2. **In many cases, these funding packages take steps to return cultural funding to pre-recession levels.**
3. Cultural investment generates **significant economic impact and public benefit**, including positive outcomes in youth development, health and wellness, and neighborhood vitality.
4. Blends **immediate benefits** with **long-term investments** and infrastructure/capacity for the benefit of the statewide cultural community.
5. Arts education is being cut at an alarming rate across the state. We must ensure a school funding formula that fully supports K-12 education, where arts are core.

Detail:

1. **Operating Budget**
 - a. **ArtsWA** requests totaling \$3.3 million
 - b. **Washington State Historical Society** requests totaling \$833,000
 - c. **Humanities Washington** Speakers Bureau maintenance funding \$100,000 (via Secretary of State).
2. **Capital Budget**
 - a. **Heritage capital projects** – 36 projects totaling \$9,981,600 and reappropriation of \$8.47M of grant funding from the prior biennium.
 - b. **Building for the Arts** – 14 projects totaling \$12,000,000 in 6 counties
 - c. **Minor works** - \$4,939,000 for Washington State History Museum maintenance and upgrades.
3. **New Legislation**
 - a. **Support House Bill 1435** (sponsored by Rep's Springer, Stokesbary, Walen, Fitzgibbon, Tarleton, and Tharinger)/**Senate Bill 5782**
Legislation would amend Cultural Access law to give King County the same flexibility as other counties for program design and funding allocations.
 - b. **Support HB 1318 (Tharinger)/SB 5375 (Wellman)**
These companion bills permit colleges, universities, and state agencies to spend up to 10-percent of the project's public art allocation during the design phase of construction.