



WASHINGTON STATE
ARTS COMMISSION

Pat Sullivan, Director
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Director Sullivan:

In response to your memo to state agencies on November 8 requesting proposed budget reductions, the Washington State Arts Commission has identified the following possible reductions to our FY25 budget, ranked from least to most concerning:

- Hiring freeze through end of fiscal year – no currently anticipated savings
- Reduce in-person board meetings from four to two - \$5,000
- No new equipment purchases over \$500 without agency approval – approximately \$5,000
- Suspend Creative State podcast for FY24 - \$15,000
- Salary savings from delay in hiring two positions - \$50,000
- Suspend Operations special projects contracts - \$50,000

As a small agency, we must deploy every dollar of funding tactically. Currently, our programs are running at full capacity, budgeted to the dollar for maximum efficiency.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KHanan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Hanan, Executive Director

