The Washington Museum Association (WaMA) was established to represent and serve museums of all types and sizes throughout Washington State. WaMA offers an annual conference for peer-to-peer learning, networking, and idea exchange. The 2020 Washington Museum Association Conference will be in Olympia, WA. This year’s theme is “Museums & Democracy: Advocate, Educate, Participate.”

To support professional development of heritage professionals in King County, 4Culture will provide three $350 Attendee Stipends to individuals attending this year’s WaMA Annual Conference in Olympia, WA. The application is open from March 5, 2020, and closes on April 17, at 5:00pm.

Conference Location: TBD, Olympia, WA
Conference Dates: June 17 – 19, 2020

To be eligible for an Attendee Stipend, a prospective recipient must be a King County resident who is (1) staff member at a heritage organization in King County, (2) board member at a heritage organization in King County, (3) volunteer or intern at a heritage organization in King County, or (4) consultant or contract heritage worker who primarily works with King County heritage organizations.

4Culture stipends may be used for conference registration and to defray transportation costs. To receive the stipend, qualifying individuals must attend the conference and be prepared to write a brief statement of their experiences.

To apply, please submit a letter of interest via E-mail by April 17, at 5:00pm. The letter should be no longer than one pages, including your contact information (daytime phone number, mailing and email addresses). The letter should include the following:

- Itemized budget of conference attendance.
- Your current status with a King County heritage museum or organization
- Please share how your conference participation will impact your career, your affiliated institution, and the heritage field. How will you utilize the information, connections, and inspirations you gain from attending the conference for your professional goals, your institution, and/or future of the heritage field?

Email a letter of interest to: Megumi.Nagata@4culture.org
Subject Line: WaMA 2020 Presenter Stipend

4Culture staff will review and select applications based on (1) evidence of research on the cost, the conference, and WaMA, (2) how clearly the applicant’s interests or goals for career, affiliated institution, and the heritage field are articulated, and (3) how well the interests and goals align with the conference offering and WaMA’s mission. Stipend recipients will be notified via e-mail by April 24, 2020.

For questions, please contact: Megumi Nagata, 4Culture Heritage Support Specialist, Megumi.Nagata@4culture.org or 206-263-3474