

Asotin County Fair would be Hit Hard by Proposed State Fair Fund Budget Cuts



Governor Gregoire's proposed State budget guts the fund that supports agricultural fairs across the state. The Asotin County Fair receives approximately \$35,000 each year from this fund to pay premiums and other costs associated with the fair. **This accounts for close to 25% of our yearly budget. Without State support, the fair may not be able to pay premiums to youth, or may be required to close completely.**

In the Governor's 2011-2013 budget, the Fair Fund is reduced from \$2 million to \$500,000 per year. This fund supports 68 fairs in Washington. Many community organizations use the fair as their major fundraising event for the year. Fairs also play a vital role in economic development for many small businesses.

An informational meeting will be held on **Monday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m.** in Floch Hall to address this important issue. Please plan to attend!

Please also contact your WA District 9 Legislators listed below and urge them to not cut State Fair Funds.

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