

CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM BUDGET COMPARISON

Figure 40 compares the 2023 biennium appropriated budget to the 2025 biennium appropriated budget by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Figure 40

Program Comparison - Cultural and Aesthetic Trust				
Budget Item	Budget 2023 Biennium	Budget 2025 Biennium	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
Number of Grants	74	65	(9)	-12.2%
	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>		
Grants Cost	\$314,381	\$558,876	244,495	77.8%
Capitol Complex Works of Art	30,000	30,000	0	0.0%
Total Costs	\$344,381	\$588,876	\$244,495	71.0%
State Special	344,381	588,876	244,495	71.0%
Total Funds	\$344,381	\$588,876	\$244,495	71.0%

PROGRAM DISCUSSION

The Cultural and Aesthetic Grant Program (C&A), administered by the Montana Arts Council (MAC), provides grants for cultural and aesthetic programs across the state. The program is funded with the investment earnings from a statutory trust. The trust receives distributions of coal severance tax. By statute, the interest from the cultural trust is appropriated for protection of works of art in the state capitol and for other cultural and aesthetic projects (15-35-108, MCA). Grant applications for cultural and aesthetic projects are submitted to the MAC on a biennial basis. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, the state of Montana and regional, county, city, town, or Indian tribal governments and arts, history, and other culture-based non-profit organizations.

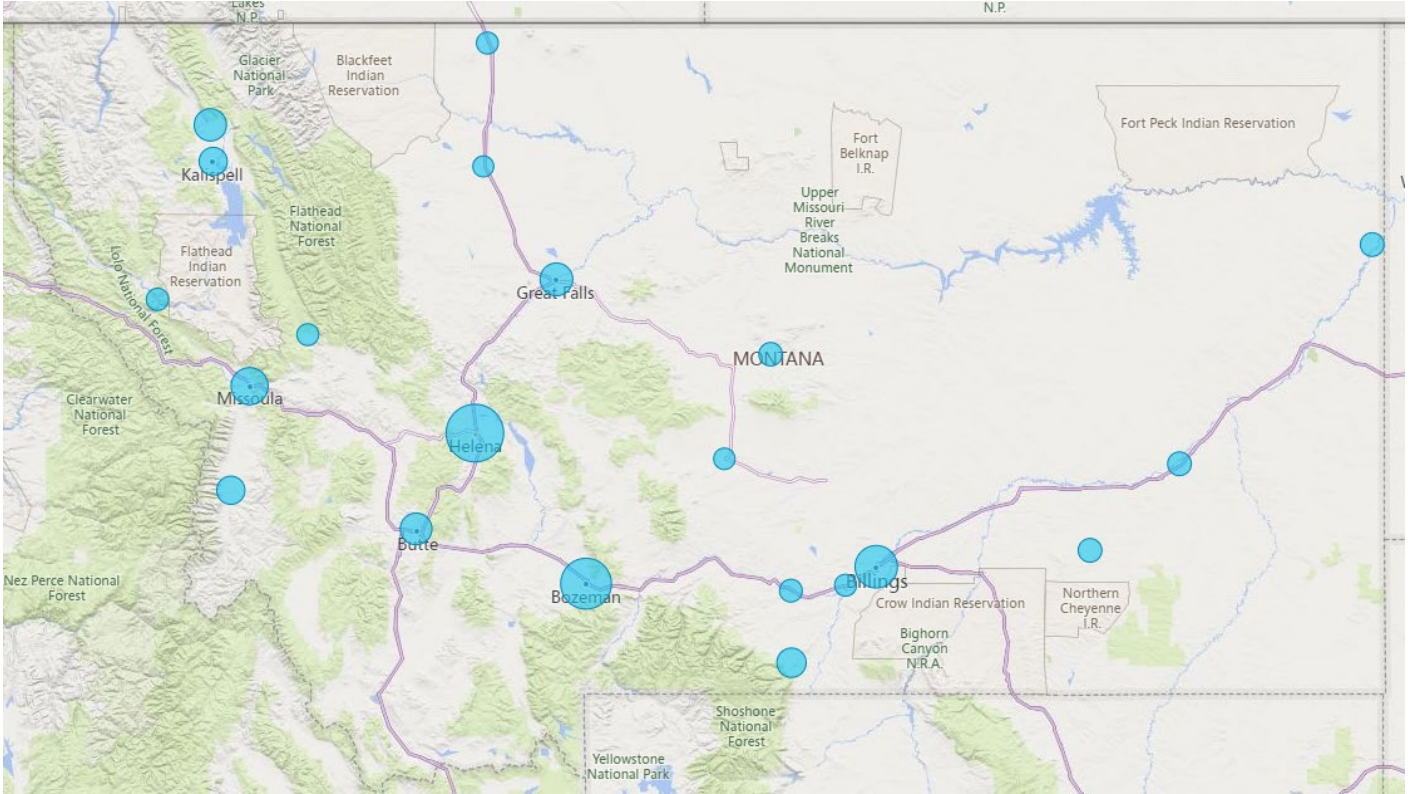
SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The 68th Legislature passed HB 9, which appropriates \$589,000 for cultural and aesthetic grants. The budget for the 2025 biennium is an increase of \$244,000, or 71.0%, from the level of appropriations of the 2023 biennium. The legislature authorized 65 C&A grant awards totaling \$559,000. Additionally, HB 9 includes an appropriation of \$30,000 for the care and conservation of capitol complex artwork.

Figure 41 shows a map of the HB 9 projects that were authorized; only state funding is included. The larger markers on the map indicate that multiple projects were funded in that area. Figure 42 provides a complete listing of the grants authorized by the 68th Legislature. Projects are divided into three primary categories: special projects, operational support, and capital expenditure.

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Figure 41



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Figure 42

Cultural and Aesthetic Grants (C&A)							
HB 9 - 2025 Biennium							
Bill No.	Applicant / Project	Grants Awarded	Cummulative Total	Bill No.	Applicant / Project	Grants Awarded	Cummulative Total
Special Projects				Operational Support (continued)			
2407	Preserve Montana (Formerly Montana Preservation Alliance)	10,000	10,000	2450	Pondera Arts Council	4,000	284,199
2406	Montana Historical Society	9,000	19,000	2433	MAGDA	8,000	292,199
2402	Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives	6,500	25,500	2443	Montana Performing Arts Consortium	10,000	302,199
2401	Billings Preservation Society	7,000	32,500	2457	Verge Theater	10,000	312,199
2405	Lewistown Art Center	9,450	41,950	2449	Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art	10,000	322,199
2404	Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture	10,000	51,950	2444	Montana Repertory Theatre, University of Montana	10,000	332,199
2409	Upper Swan Valley Historical Society, Inc.	4,000	55,950	2421	Carbon County Arts Guild & Depot Gallery	10,000	342,199
2408	Support Local Artists and Musicians (S.L.A.M.)	10,000	65,950	2432	Intermountain Opera Association	10,000	352,199
2403	City County Preservation Committee	5,000	70,950	2456	The Roxy Theater (Formerly International Wildlife Film Festival)	4,000	356,199
Total Special Projects		70,950		2418	Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization	4,500	360,699
Operational Support				2437	Missoula Symphony Association	10,000	370,699
2445	Montana Shakespeare in the Parks	10,000	80,950	2441	Montana Ballet Company	10,000	380,699
2431	Humanities Montana	10,000	90,950	2417	Bozeman Symphony Society	10,000	390,699
2436	MCT, Inc.	10,000	100,950	2455	The Paradise Center	7,000	397,699
2430	Holter Museum of Art	10,000	110,950	2425	Grandstreet Broadwater Productions, Inc.	10,000	407,699
2435	MAPS Media Institute (Formerly Irwin & Florence Rosten Fr)	10,000	120,950	2461	Whitefish Theatre Co	10,000	417,699
2423	Cohesion Dance Project	5,000	125,950	2427	Hamilton Players, Inc	10,000	427,699
2459	Western Heritage Center	10,000	135,950	2440	Montana Association of Symphony Orchestras	10,000	437,699
2434	Mai Wah Society Museum	6,749	142,699	2422	Carbon County Historical Society	7,500	445,199
2429	Hockaday Museum of Art	10,000	152,699	2416	Bozeman Art Museum	10,000	455,199
2411	Alpine Artisans, Inc.	6,000	158,699	2428	Helena Symphony	10,000	465,199
2453	Sunburst Arts and Education	6,000	164,699	2462	Zootown Arts Community Center	10,000	475,199
2439	MonDak Heritage Center	10,000	174,699	2420	C.M. Russell Museum	10,000	485,199
2413	Art Mobile of Montana	10,000	184,699	2419	Butte Symphony Association	10,000	495,199
2454	The Myrna Loy	10,000	194,699	2448	North Valley Music School	9,000	504,199
2415	Billings Symphony Society	10,000	204,699	2447	Museums Association of Montana	10,000	514,199
2451	Schoolhouse History & Art Center	10,000	214,699	2426	Great Falls Symphony	10,000	524,199
2458	WaterWorks Art Museum	10,000	224,699	2446	Montana State Firefighters Memorial	6,000	530,199
2438	Missoula Writing Collaborative	8,000	232,699	2460	Whitefish Review, Inc.	10,000	540,199
2442	Montana Dance Arts Association	5,000	237,699	Total Operational Support		469,249	
2412	Archie Bray Foundation	10,000	247,699	Capital Expenditure			
2414	Billings Cultural Partners	4,500	252,199	2463	Friends of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula	3,677	543,876
2452	Stillwater Historical Society	8,000	260,199	2464	Red Lodge Area Community Foundation	5,000	548,876
2424	Glacier Symphony and Chorale	10,000	270,199	2465	Yellowstone Art Museum	10,000	558,876
2410	Alberta Bair Theater	10,000	280,199	Total Capital Expenditure		18,677	
Subtotal Operational Support		209,249		Total C&A Grant Funding			
						\$558,876	

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FUNDING

Figure 43 shows the projected fund balance for the C&A state special revenue account for the 2025 biennium. The C&A grant program is funded through the interest earnings of a statutory trust, which was created with deposits of coal severance tax distributions. The balance at the beginning of the 2025 biennium in the state special revenue account is estimated to be \$222,000. Interest income from the coal tax-funded Cultural Trust is projected to be \$1.2 million in the 2025 biennium.

Figure 43

Cultural & Aesthetic Grant Fund Balance Analysis - 2025 Biennium					
Account - 02009					
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	2025 Bien.
	Actual	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	\$37,705	\$124,251	\$221,549	\$7,059	\$221,549
Interest Earnings - 09037	(25,672)	0	0	0	0
Interest Earnings Transferred-02009 ¹	<u>493,977</u>	<u>539,414</u>	<u>595,773</u>	<u>641,590</u>	<u>1,237,364</u>
Total Revenues	468,305	539,414	595,773	641,590	1,237,364
Expenditures					
MAC Administration ²	232,703	235,243	221,387	227,760	449,147
Capitol Cmplx Works of Art	0	30,000	30,000	0	30,000
Prior Biennium	11,400	0	0	0	0
Fund Balance Adjustment	(194)	(77)	0	0	0
2025 Biennium Grants	<u>137,850</u>	<u>176,950</u>	<u>558,876</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>558,876</u>
Total Expenditures/Appropriations	381,759	442,116	810,263	227,760	1,038,023
Ending Fund Balance	\$124,251	\$221,549	\$7,059	\$420,889	\$420,889
¹ HJ 2 ² HB 2					

The appropriation for administration costs is approximately \$433,000 for the 2025 biennium; administrative costs entail both the C&A project grant administration as well as administration of other grants and awards. The administrative costs include increased costs from the HB 13 pay plan. Appropriations in HB 9 include \$30,000 for capitol complex artwork and \$559,000 for the authorized grants. All grants included in HB 9 were funded. Total appropriations from the C&A state special revenue account in the 2025 biennium total \$1.0 million, providing an estimated fund balance of \$421,000 by the end of the 2025 biennium.

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EXECUTIVE BUDGET COMPARISON

Figure 44 provides the legislative changes from the executive budget proposal.

Figure 44

Executive Budget Comparison - Cultural and Aesthetic Grant Program				
Budget Item	Budget 2025 Biennium	Budget 2025 Biennium	Change	% Change
Number of Grants	65	65	0	0.0%
	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>		
Grants Cost	\$558,876	\$558,876	\$0	0.0%
Capitol Complex Works of Art	30,000	30,000	0	0.0%
Total Costs	\$588,876	\$588,876	\$0	0.0%
State Special	588,876	588,876	0	0.0%
Total Funds	\$588,876	\$588,876	\$0	0.0%

As shown in Figure 44, the 68th Legislature appropriated funding as proposed by the executive for the C&A grant program.