

Long-Range Planning Presentation – Senate

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HB 9 – Cultural & Aesthetic Grants

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Program Description:

The C&A program provides appropriation for the protection of works of art in the State Capitol, and grants for cultural and aesthetic projects, including but not limited to: the visual, performing, literary, media arts, and folk arts; history, archaeology, archives, collections, research, and historic preservation; and the construction or renovation of cultural facilities.

The 3 categories of projects include: special projects, operating expenses, or capital expenditures

1. Special Projects
 - specific activities, services or events of limited duration
 - the expansion of on-going programs to meet defined needs
 - projects which generate new sources of revenue
 - Matching Requirement: Generally, each grant dollar must be matched with one dollar in cash or in-kind goods and services.
2. Operational Support
 - Matching Requirement: Generally, each grant dollar must be matched with one dollar in cash or in-kind goods and services
3. Capital Expenditure Projects
 - additions to a collection
 - acquisition of works of art, artifacts or historical documents
 - historic preservation
 - construction or renovation of cultural facilities
 - Currently, capital expenditure grants are limited to 25 percent of all grant funds available. Matching Requirement: Generally, each grant dollar must be matched with three dollars in cash or in-kind.

Funding:

Funding for the C&A program comes from the interest earnings from the cultural trust into Fund 2009. The trust receives a statutorily dedicated 0.63% of coal severance tax revenues. Funding is anticipated to be \$1.4 million over the 2027 biennium. The fund will end the biennium with a projected balance of \$221,824 in the executive proposal. With the amendments passed in the House, the ending balance will be \$196,804.

General Notes:

- The executive proposal included, in addition to the \$30,000 for the capital complex works of art, 74 C&A grants funded at \$953,500. With both the grants and the works of art, appropriations in HB 9 total \$983,500
- The House made a lot of changes to the individual grants to prioritize the projects that provided testimony.
 - For those projects that did not provide any testimony at all, the funding was eliminated.
 - Preserve Montana funding was eliminated because a fiscal agreement was requested and not provided.
 - For those projects that provided written-only testimony, the funding was reduced to \$2,000
 - The amount from the project reductions was then reallocated to the projects that provided in-person or zoom testimony. Each project received an additional \$7,160 in recommended funding from the subcommittee recommendations.
- Changes for the 74 projects from the Amendments that passed in the House include:
 - 9 special projects totaling \$102,500 to be reduced to 7 projects totaling \$114,800
 - 64 operational support grants totaling \$812,500 to be reduced to 49 projects totaling \$803,740
 - Increase funding for the proposed 3 capital expenditure projects totaling \$38,500 to be increased to \$59,980
 - Total appropriation increased to \$978,520
- The Senate Finance and Claims Committee adopted 1 amendment 9.002.003 which switched the funding for Alpine Artisans, Inc. and Alpine Theatre Project.

Cultural & Aesthetic Grant Fund Balance Analysis - 2027 Biennium					
Funds - 02009					
	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Projected	FY 2026 Projected	FY 2027 Projected	2027 Biennium Projected
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 904	\$ 148,654	\$ 253,047	\$ 234,831	\$ 253,047
Revenues					
Interest Earnings Transferred-02009 ¹	\$648,340	\$ 651,942	\$ 681,709	\$ 716,918	\$ 1,398,627
Total Revenues	\$648,340	\$ 641,590	\$ 681,709	\$ 716,918	\$ 1,398,627
Expenditures					
MAC Administration ²	\$221,387	\$ 227,760	\$ 223,176	\$ 223,176	\$ 446,351
Capitol Cmplx Works of Art	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
State Fund Dividend	\$ (236)	\$ (178)			\$ -
2027 Biennium Grants	\$279,439	\$ 279,437	\$ 476,750	\$ 476,750	\$ 953,500
Total Expenditures/Appropriations	\$500,590	\$ 537,197	\$ 699,926	\$ 729,926	\$ 1,429,851
Ending Fund Balance	\$148,654	\$ 253,047	\$ 234,831	\$ 221,824	\$ 221,824
¹ HJ 2					
² HB 2					

**Cultural & Aesthetic Arts Program (C&A)—Passed by House
HB 9 - 2027 Biennium**

Proj. #	Applicant / Project	Description	Community	Request	Recommend	Amendment 9.1.9
Special Projects						
2601	Billings Preservation Society	Native American Artifact Exhibit Expansion	Billings	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
2602	Chickadee Community Services	IndigiPalooza: A Celebration of Indigenous Creativity	Missoula	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 20,160
2603	Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture	Schools & Seniors in the Gallery	Bozeman	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ -
2604	Great Falls Public Library	Indigenous Programming & Engagement	Great Falls	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2605	International Choral Festival	2025 Montana International Choral Festival	Missoula	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 20,160
2606	Mission Valley Live	Callaway Chamber Players Montana Tour 2026	Polson	\$ 15,908	\$ -	\$ -
2607	Montana Jewish Project	Montana Jewish Project Staff Support	Helena	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 20,160
2608	The Extreme History Project	The Story of Us: The Women Who Shaped Montana	Bozeman	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 2,000
2609	Working Quiet	Dear Butte: Writer and Musician Residency Program	Butte	\$ 19,968	\$ 13,000	\$ 20,160
Total Special Projects				\$ 175,876	\$ 102,500	\$ 114,800
Operational Support						
2610	Alberta Bair Theater	Providing Cultural Vitality in the Performing Arts	Billings	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ -
2611	Alpine Artisans, Inc.	Alpine Artisans' Cultural Arts Corridor in Seeley-Swan and Blackfoot Valleys	Seeley Lake	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,500	\$ -
2612	Alpine Theatre Project	Alpine Theatre Project FY26-27 Cultural Trust	Whitefish	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 20,660
2613	Archie Bray Foundation	Supporting community growth and enrichment	Helena	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2614	Art Mobile of Montana	Operational Costs for Art Mobile of Montana	Dillon	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 2,000
2615	Arts Missoula	Breaking barriers for Arts Missoula	Missoula	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2616	Bare Bait Dance	Bare Bait Dance and the Westside Theater	Missoula	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2617	Billings Symphony Society	Billings Symphony Operational Support	Billings	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ -
2618	Bitterroot Performing Arts Council	Bitterroot Performing Arts Series	Hamilton	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ -
2619	Bozeman Art Museum	Operational Support for the Bozeman Art Museum	Bozeman	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 2,000
2620	Bozeman Symphony Society	Bozeman Symphony Orchestra Operational Support	Bozeman	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660

2621	Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization	Butte Citizens for Preservation & Revitalization Inc	Butte	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,000	\$ -
2622	C.M. Russell Museum	C.M. Russell Museum Operational Support	Great Falls	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 2,000
2623	Carbon County Arts Guild & Depot Gallery	Operational Support FY25-27	Red Lodge	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 20,660
2624	Carbon County Historical Society	Operational Support for the Carbon County Historical Society & Museum	Red Lodge	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 20,660
2625	Clay Studio of Missoula	Clay and Community - the Clay Studio of Missoula	Missoula	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2626	Cohesion Dance Project	Cohesion Dance Project's Dance and Arts Outreach Project	Helena	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ -
2627	Daly Mansion Preservation Trust	Operating Support for the Daly Mansion	Hamilton	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,000	\$ -
2628	Glacier Symphony and Chorale	Music for All	Kalispell	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ -
2629	Grandstreet Broadwater Productions, Inc.	Grandstreet Theatre FY24-26 Cultural Trust Grant	Helena	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ -
2630	Great Falls Symphony	Operational Support for the Great Falls Symphony	Great Falls	\$ 50,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2631	Hamilton Players, Inc	Hamilton Players Operational Support	Hamilton	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 20,160
2632	Helena Symphony	Investing in Artistic & Audience Growth	Helena	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 2,000
2633	Hockaday Museum of Art	Continuing the Artistic Legacy	Kalispell	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2634	Holter Museum of Art	Regenerative Operational Support	Helena	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2635	Humanities Montana	Rural MT Conversations & Speakers in Schools	Statewide	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 20,160
2636	Lewistown Art Center	Operating Support	Lewistown	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,500	\$ -
2637	MAGDA (Montana Art Gallery Directors Assoc)	Connecting and Enhancing the Art and Culture of MT	Statewide	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 20,660
2638	Mai Wah Society Museum	Operational Support for Montana's Chinese History Museum	Butte	\$ 20,046	\$ 13,000	\$ 20,160
2639	MAPS Media Institute	MAPS Media Institute	Hamilton	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 20,160
2640	MCT, Inc.	Missoula Children's Theatre: Vibrant Theater Experiences	Missoula	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2641	Missoula Art Museum	Expand MAM's Art for All Initiatives	Missoula	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2642	Missoula Symphony Association	Missoula Symphony Association Operational Support	Missoula	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2643	Missoula Writing Collaborative	Missoula Writing Collaborative: Youth Writing Residencies Across MT	Missoula	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2644	MonDak Heritage Center	MonDak Heritage Center Operations	Sidney	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 20,660
2645	Montana Association of Symphony Orchestras	Montana Association of Symphony Orchestras	Statewide	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 20,660
2646	Montana Ballet Company	Operational Support	Bozeman	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660

2647	Montana Dance Arts Association	Operational Support	Statewide	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 2,000
2648	Montana Performing Arts Consortium	Rural Consortium Operational Support	Statewide	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 20,660
2649	Montana Playwrights Network	Operational Support	Helena	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 20,160
2650	Montana Repertory Theatre, University of Montana	Educational Programs	Missoula	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ -
2651	Montana Shakespeare in the Parks	Operational Support	Bozeman	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2652	Montana Youth Symphony	Montana Youth Symphony	Bozeman	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 20,160
2653	North Valley Music School	North Valley Music School Cultural Trust FY26-27	Whitefish	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 2,000
2654	Opera Montana (Formerly Intermountain Opera)	Support for Opera Production, Education and Arts	Bozeman	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ -
2655	Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art	Operational Support	Great Falls	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2656	Park County Museum of Art	General Operational Support	Livingston	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,500	\$ -
2657	Pondera Arts Council	Operational Support	Conrad	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 2,000
2658	Preserve Montana	Investing in Montana Through Historic Preservation	Statewide	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ -
2659	Queen City Ballet Company	Operational Support	Helena	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ -
2660	Schoolhouse History & Art Center	Operational Support	Colstrip	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 20,660
2661	St. Timothy's Summer Music Festival	Sponsorship Support for Two Summer Music Festival Concert Seasons	Anaconda	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 12,160
2662	Stillwater Historical Society	Stillwater Historical Society	Columbus	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 20,660
2663	Stumptown Art Studio	Supporting a Vibrant Art's Community	Whitefish	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2664	Sunburst Arts and Education	Developing Cultural Opportunities	Eureka	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 20,660
2665	The Myrna Loy	Operational Support for High-Impact Arts and Culture Programs	Helena	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2666	The Paradise Center	Pursuing Artistic Horizons	Paradise	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 20,660
2667	The Roxy Theater	Missoula's Historic Non-Profit Community Cinema	Missoula	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2668	Tinworks Art	Tinworks Art Operating Support	Bozeman	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2669	Verge Theater	Using theater to improve mental health and community wellbeing	Bozeman	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
2670	Western Heritage Center	Operational Support	Billings	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
2671	Whitefish Review, Inc.	Whitefish Review	Whitefish	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 2,000
2672	Whitefish Theatre Co	Operating Support	Whitefish	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 2,000

2673	Zootown Arts Community Center	Operational Support	Missoula	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
Total Operational Support				\$ 1,295,046	\$ 812,500	\$ 803,740
Capital Expenditures						
2674	Fort Peck Fine Arts Council, Inc.	Mechanicals Improvement Project	Glasgow	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 20,160
2675	Red Lodge Area Community Foundation	Roosevelt Center East Entrance Restoration	Red Lodge	15000	\$ 13,000	\$ 20,160
2676	Yellowstone Art Museum	Building Maintenance HVAC	Billings	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 19,660
Total Capital Expenditures				\$ 55,000	\$ 38,500	\$ 59,980
Total CA				\$ 1,525,922	\$ 953,500	\$ 978,520