



AN ACT ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC PROJECTS GRANT AWARDS;  
APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC GRANTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1. Appropriation of cultural and aesthetic grant funds -- priority of disbursement. (1)**

The Montana arts council shall award grants for projects authorized by and limited to the amounts appropriated by [section 2] and this section.

(2) The Montana arts council shall disburse money to projects authorized by [section 2] through grant contracts between the Montana arts council and the grant recipient. The award contract with a grantee must require the grantee to post the following statement on its website, promotional materials, and publications: "Additional support from coal tax placed into Montana's Cultural and Aesthetic Projects Trust Fund." The award contract must bind the parties to conditions, if any, listed with the appropriation in [section 2].

(3) There is appropriated \$30,000 from the cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund account to the Montana historical society for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, for the care and conservation of capitol complex artwork.

**Section 2. Appropriation of cultural and aesthetic grant funds.** The following projects are approved, and \$953,500 is appropriated from the cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund account to the Montana arts council for the biennium ending June 30, 2027:

Grant #	Grantee	Award Amount
	Special Projects	
2601	Billings Preservation Society	\$12,500

2602	Chickadee Community Services	\$20,160
2604	Great Falls Public Library	\$19,660
2605	International Choral Festival	\$20,160
2606	Mission Valley Live	\$0
2607	Montana Jewish Project	\$20,160
2608	The Extreme History Project	\$2,000
2609	Working Quiet	\$20,160
	Operating Support	
2612	Alpine Theatre Project	\$20,660
2613	Archie Bray Foundation	\$19,660
2614	Art Mobile of Montana	\$2,000
2615	Arts Missoula	\$19,660
2616	Bare Bait Dance	\$19,660
2619	Bozeman Art Museum	\$2,000
2620	Bozeman Symphony Society	\$19,660
2622	C.M. Russell Museum	\$2,000
2623	Carbon County Arts Guild & Depot Gallery	\$20,660
2624	Carbon County Historical Society	\$20,660
2625	Clay Studio of Missoula	\$19,660
2630	Great Falls Symphony	\$19,660
2631	Hamilton Players, Inc	\$20,160
2632	Helena Symphony	\$2,000
2633	Hockaday Museum of Art	\$19,660
2634	Holter Museum of Art	\$19,660
2635	Humanities Montana	\$20,160
2637	MAGDA (Montana Art Gallery Directors Assoc.)	\$20,660
2638	Mai Wah Society Museum	\$20,160
2639	MAPS Media Institute	\$20,160

2640	MCT, Inc.	\$19,660
2641	Missoula Art Museum	\$19,660
2642	Missoula Symphony Association	\$19,660
2643	Missoula Writing Collaborative	\$19,660
2644	MonDak Heritage Center	\$20,660
2645	Montana Association of Symphony Orchestras	\$20,660
2646	Montana Ballet Company	\$19,660
2647	Montana Dance Arts Association	\$2,000
2648	Montana Performing Arts Consortium	\$20,660
2649	Montana Playwrights Network	\$20,160
2651	Montana Shakespeare in the Parks	\$19,660
2652	Montana Youth Symphony	\$20,160
2653	North Valley Music School	\$2,000
2655	Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art	\$19,660
2657	Pondera Arts Council	\$2,000
2660	Schoolhouse History & Art Center	\$20,660
2661	St. Timothy's Summer Music Festival	\$12,160
2662	Stillwater Historical Society	\$20,660
2663	Stumptown Art Studio	\$19,660
2664	Sunburst Arts and Education	\$20,660
2665	The Myrna Loy	\$19,660
2666	The Paradise Center	\$20,660
2667	The Roxy Theater	\$19,660
2668	Tinworks Art	\$19,660
2669	Verge Theater	\$19,660
2670	Western Heritage Center	\$12,500
2671	Whitefish Review, Inc.	\$2,000
2672	Whitefish Theatre Co.	\$2,000

2673	Zootown Arts Community Center	\$19,660
	Capital Expenditures	
2674	Fort Peck Fine Arts Council, Inc.	\$20,160
2675	Red Lodge Area Community Foundation	\$20,160
2676	Yellowstone Art Museum	\$19,660

**Section 3. Reversion of grant money.** On July 1, 2027, the unencumbered balance of the grants for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, reverts to the cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund account provided for in 15-35-108.

**Section 4. Changes to grants on pro rata basis.** Except for the appropriation provided for in [section 1(3)], if money in the cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund account is insufficient to fund projects at the appropriation levels contained in [section 2], reductions to those projects with funding greater than \$2,000 must be made on a pro rata basis.

**Section 5. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 9, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 9

INTRODUCED BY J. FITZPATRICK

BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

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