

2 HB 2349 - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Ways & Means

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 43.63A  
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) A competitive grant program to assist nonprofit organizations  
10 in acquiring, constructing, or rehabilitating performing arts, art  
11 museums, and cultural facilities is created.

12 (2)(a) The department of community, trade, and economic development  
13 shall submit a list of recommended performing arts, art museum  
14 projects, and cultural organization projects eligible for funding to  
15 the state legislature. The list, in priority order, shall include a  
16 description of each project, the amount of recommended state funding,  
17 and documentation of nonstate funds to be used for the project.

18 (b) The department shall establish a competitive process to  
19 prioritize applications for state assistance as follows:

20 (i) The department shall conduct a state-wide solicitation of  
21 project applications from nonprofit organizations and other entities,  
22 as determined by the department. The department shall evaluate and  
23 rank applications in consultation with a citizen advisory committee,  
24 including a representative from the state arts commission, using  
25 objective criteria adopted by rule. The evaluation and ranking process  
26 shall also consider local community support for projects and an  
27 examination of existing assets that applicants may apply to projects.

28 (ii) The department may establish the amount of state grant  
29 assistance for individual project applications but the amount shall not  
30 exceed fifteen percent of the estimated total capital cost or actual  
31 cost of a project, whichever is less. The remaining portions of the  
32 project capital cost shall be a match from nonstate sources. The match  
33 may include land value and cash contributions. The department is  
34 authorized to set matching requirements for individual projects. State  
35 assistance may be used to fund separate definable phases of a project

1 so long as the project demonstrates adequate progress and has secured  
2 the necessary match funding.

3 (iii) The department shall include provisions in the contracts for  
4 grants authorized under this section that require that capital  
5 improvements be held by the grantee for a specified period of time  
6 appropriate to the amount of the grant and that facilities be used for  
7 the express purpose of the grant. If the grantee is found to be out of  
8 compliance with provisions of the contract, the grantee shall repay to  
9 the state general fund the principal amount of the grant plus interest  
10 calculated at the rate of interest on state of Washington general  
11 obligation bonds issued most closely to the date of authorization of  
12 the grant.

13 (3) This section expires and the competitive grant program shall  
14 terminate on June 30, 2003."

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18 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "organizations;" strike the  
19 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter  
20 43.63A RCW; and providing an expiration date."

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