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By Representatives Ogden, Gardner, Romero, Butler, Chopp, Costa, Anderson, Kenney, Cooper, Constantine, Conway and Lantz

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1 AN ACT Relating to capital projects for local nonprofit art and  
2 cultural organizations; and adding a new section to chapter 43.63A RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.63A RCW  
5 to read as follows:

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

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

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

17 (i) The department shall conduct a state-wide solicitation of  
18 project applications from nonprofit organizations and other entities,  
19 as determined by the department. The department shall evaluate and

1 rank applications in consultation with a citizen advisory committee,  
2 including a representative from the state arts commission, using  
3 objective criteria adopted by rule. The evaluation and ranking process  
4 shall also consider local community support for projects and an  
5 examination of existing assets that applicants may apply to projects.

6 (ii) The department may establish the amount of state grant  
7 assistance for individual project applications but the amount shall not  
8 exceed fifteen percent of the estimated total capital cost or actual  
9 cost of a project, whichever is less. The remaining portions of the  
10 project capital cost shall be a match from nonstate sources. The match  
11 may include land value and cash contributions. The department is  
12 authorized to set matching requirements for individual projects. State  
13 assistance may be used to fund separate definable phases of a project  
14 so long as the project demonstrates adequate progress and has secured  
15 the necessary match funding.

16 (iii) The department shall include provisions in the contracts for  
17 grants authorized under this section that require that capital  
18 improvements be held by the grantee for a specified period of time  
19 appropriate to the amount of the grant and that facilities be used for  
20 the express purpose of the grant. If the grantee is found to be out of  
21 compliance with provisions of the contract, the grantee shall repay to  
22 the state general fund the principal amount of the grant plus interest  
23 calculated at the rate of interest on state of Washington general  
24 obligation bonds issued most closely to the date of authorization of  
25 the grant.

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