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By Representatives Honeyford and Schoesler

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

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 A competitive grant program to assist nonprofit organizations in
7 acquiring, constructing, or rehabilitating performing arts, museum, and
8 cultural facilities is created. If the legislature provides an
9 appropriation for the program, the department of community, trade, and
10 economic development shall establish a competitive process to
11 prioritize applications for the assistance as follows:

12 (1) The department shall conduct a state-wide solicitation of
13 project applications from nonprofit organizations and other entities,
14 as determined by the department. The department shall evaluate and
15 rank applications in consultation with a citizen advisory committee,
16 including a representative from the state arts commission, using
17 objective criteria. The evaluation and ranking process shall also
18 consider local community support for projects and an examination of
19 existing assets that applicants may apply to projects. The department

1 may establish the amount of state grant assistance for individual
2 project applications but the amount shall not exceed fifteen percent of
3 the total cost of the project. The nonstate portion of the total
4 project cost may include land value and cash contributions;

5 (2) The department shall submit a prioritized list of recommended
6 projects to the legislature by November 1st following the effective
7 date of the appropriation for the program. The list shall include a
8 description of each project, the amount of recommended state funding,
9 and documentation of nonstate funds to be used for the project. The
10 department shall not sign contracts or otherwise financially obligate
11 funds under this section until the legislature has approved a specific
12 list of projects; and

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

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