
HOUSE BILL 2352

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By Representative Tharinger

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1 AN ACT Relating to the building for the arts program; and
2 amending RCW 43.63A.750.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.63A.750 and 2006 c 371 s 235 are each amended to
5 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 shall submit a list of recommended
10 performing arts, art museum projects, and cultural organization
11 projects eligible for funding to the governor and the legislature in
12 the department's biennial capital budget request beginning with the
13 2001-2003 biennium and thereafter. The list, in priority order, shall
14 include a description of each project, the amount of recommended
15 state funding, and documentation of nonstate funds to be used for the
16 project. The total amount of recommended state funding for projects
17 on a biennial project list shall not exceed (~~twelve~~) eighteen
18 million dollars.

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

1 (i) The department shall conduct a statewide solicitation of
2 project applications from nonprofit organizations, local governments,
3 and other entities, as determined by the department. The department
4 shall evaluate and rank applications in consultation with a citizen
5 advisory committee, including a representative from the state arts
6 commission, using objective criteria. The evaluation and ranking
7 process shall also consider local community support for projects and
8 an examination of existing assets that applicants may apply to
9 projects.

10 (ii) The department may establish the amount of state grant
11 assistance for individual project applications but the amount shall
12 not exceed (~~twenty~~) thirty-three and thirty-three one-hundredths
13 percent of the estimated total capital cost or actual cost of a
14 project, whichever is less. The remaining portions of the project
15 capital cost shall be a match from nonstate sources. The nonstate
16 match may include cash, the value of real property when acquired
17 solely for the purpose of the project, and in-kind contributions. The
18 department is authorized to set matching requirements for individual
19 projects. State assistance may be used to fund separate definable
20 phases of a project if the project demonstrates adequate progress and
21 has secured the necessary match funding.

22 (iii) The department shall not sign contracts or otherwise
23 financially obligate funds under this section until the legislature
24 has approved a specific list of projects. In contracts for grants
25 authorized under this section, the department shall include
26 provisions requiring that capital improvements be held by the grantee
27 for a specified period of time appropriate to the amount of the grant
28 and that facilities be used for the express purpose of the grant. If
29 the grantee is found to be out of compliance with provisions of the
30 contract, the grantee shall repay to the state general fund the
31 principal amount of the grant plus interest calculated at the rate of
32 interest on state of Washington general obligation bonds issued most
33 closely to the date of authorization of the grant.

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