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By Representative Ogden

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1 AN ACT Relating to capital projects for local art, cultural, and
2 social service organizations; amending RCW 43.63A.750 and 43.63A.125;
3 and providing an expiration date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.63A.750 and 1999 c 295 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) A competitive grant program to assist nonprofit organizations,
8 local governments, and other entities as determined by the department
9 in acquiring, constructing, or rehabilitating performing arts, art
10 museums, and cultural facilities is created.

11 (2)(a) The department shall submit a list of recommended performing
12 arts, art museum projects, and cultural organization projects eligible
13 for funding to the governor and the legislature in the department's
14 biennial capital budget request beginning with the 2001-2003 biennium
15 and thereafter. 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. The
18 total amount of recommended state funding for projects on a biennial
19 project list shall not exceed four million dollars. The department may

1 provide an additional alternate project list which shall not exceed
2 five hundred thousand dollars.

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

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

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

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

36 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.63A.125 and 1999 c 295 s 3 are each amended to read
37 as follows:

1 (1) The department shall establish a competitive process to solicit
2 proposals for and prioritize projects that assist nonprofit
3 organizations, local governments, and other entities as determined by
4 the department in acquiring, constructing, or rehabilitating facilities
5 used for the delivery of nonresidential social services.

6 (2) The department shall establish a competitive process to
7 prioritize applications for the assistance as follows:

8 (a) The department shall conduct a statewide solicitation of
9 project applications from local governments, nonprofit organizations,
10 and other entities, as determined by the department. The department
11 shall evaluate and rank applications in consultation with a citizen
12 advisory committee using objective criteria. At a minimum, applicants
13 must demonstrate that the requested assistance will increase the
14 efficiency or quality of the social services it provides to citizens.
15 The evaluation and ranking process shall also include an examination of
16 existing assets that applicants may apply to projects. Grant
17 assistance under this section shall not exceed twenty-five percent of
18 the total cost of the project. The nonstate portion of the total
19 project cost may include cash, the value of real property when acquired
20 solely for the purpose of the project, and in-kind contributions.

21 (b) The department shall submit a prioritized list of recommended
22 projects to the governor and the legislature in the department's
23 biennial capital budget request beginning with the 2001-2003 biennium
24 and thereafter. For the 1999-2001 biennium, the department shall
25 conduct a solicitation and ranking process, as described in (a) of this
26 subsection, for projects to be funded by appropriations provided for
27 this program in the 1999-2001 capital budget. The list shall include
28 a description of each project, the amount of recommended state funding,
29 and documentation of nonstate funds to be used for the project. The
30 total amount of recommended state funding for projects on a biennial
31 project list shall not exceed four million dollars. The department may
32 provide an additional alternate project list which shall not exceed
33 five hundred thousand dollars. Except for the 1999-2001 biennium, the
34 department shall not sign contracts or otherwise financially obligate
35 funds under this section until the legislature has approved a specific
36 list of projects.

37 (c) In contracts for grants authorized under this section the
38 department shall include provisions which require that capital
39 improvements shall be held by the grantee for a specified period of

1 time appropriate to the amount of the grant and that facilities shall
2 be used for the express purpose of the grant. If the grantee is found
3 to be out of compliance with provisions of the contract, the grantee
4 shall repay to the state general fund the principal amount of the grant
5 plus interest calculated at the rate of interest on state of Washington
6 general obligation bonds issued most closely to the date of
7 authorization of the grant.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires June 30, 2007.

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