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1 AN ACT Relating to heritage capital project funding; amending RCW  
2 27.34.330; and creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.34.330 and 1999 c 295 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The Washington state historical society shall establish a  
7 competitive process to solicit proposals for and prioritize heritage  
8 capital projects for potential funding in the state capital budget.  
9 The society shall adopt rules governing project eligibility and  
10 evaluation criteria. Rules governing evaluation criteria must specify  
11 objective criteria; the method by which applications will be measured  
12 against the criteria; and the method by which applications will be  
13 ranked against other applications. The society must provide project  
14 applicants with an explanation of the criteria that a successful  
15 applicant must meet. Application for funding of specific projects may  
16 be made to the society by local governments, public development  
17 authorities, nonprofit corporations, tribal governments, and other  
18 entities, as determined by the society. Applications must include an  
19 independent financial statement.

1       An advisory panel is established to determine project funding  
2 guidelines and review project applications. The advisory panel  
3 consists of at least five members appointed by each of the following:  
4 The Washington museum association; the eastern Washington state  
5 historical society; the office of the secretary of state; the office of  
6 archaeology and historic preservation; and other members appointed by  
7 the director of the Washington state historical society as necessary.  
8 Advisory panel members must have relevant, demonstrated interest or  
9 expertise in the heritage field, and they must reflect the state's  
10 cultural and geographic diversity. The society, with the advice of  
11 ~~((leaders in the heritage field, including but not limited to~~  
12 ~~representatives from the office of the secretary of state, the eastern~~  
13 ~~Washington state historical society, and the state office of~~  
14 ~~archaeology and historic preservation)) the advisory panel, shall  
15 establish and submit a prioritized list of heritage capital projects to  
16 the governor and the legislature in the society's biennial capital  
17 budget request. The list shall include a description of each project,  
18 the amount of recommended state funding, and documentation of nonstate  
19 funds to be used for the project. The total amount of recommended  
20 state funding for projects on a biennial project list shall not exceed  
21 four million dollars. The department may provide an additional  
22 alternate project list which shall not exceed five hundred thousand  
23 dollars. The prioritized list shall be developed through open and  
24 public meetings and the amount of state funding shall not exceed  
25 thirty-three percent of the total cost of the project. The nonstate  
26 portion of the total project cost may include cash, the value of real  
27 property when acquired solely for the purpose of the project, and in-  
28 kind contributions. The department shall not sign contracts or  
29 otherwise financially obligate funds under this section until the  
30 legislature has approved a specific list of projects. In contracts for  
31 grants authorized under this section, the society shall include  
32 provisions requiring that capital improvements be held by the grantee  
33 for a specified period of time appropriate to the amount of the grant  
34 and that facilities be used for the express purpose of the grant. If  
35 the grantee is found to be out of compliance with provisions of the  
36 contract, the grantee shall repay to the state general fund the  
37 principal amount of the grant plus interest calculated at the rate of  
38 interest on state of Washington general obligation bonds issued most  
39 closely to the date of authorization of the grant.~~

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    By December 15, 2002, the Washington state  
2 historical society must report to the ways and means committee of the  
3 senate and the capital budget committee of the house of representatives  
4 on evaluation criteria and procedures for awarding heritage capital  
5 projects.

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