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By Representative Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to capital projects for local nonprofit heritage,
2 art, and cultural organizations; amending RCW 27.34.330; and adding a
3 new section to chapter 43.63A RCW.

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

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

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

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

1 existing assets that applicants may apply to projects. The department
2 may establish the amount of state grant assistance for individual
3 project applications but the amount shall not exceed fifteen percent of
4 the total cost of the project. The nonstate portion of the total
5 project cost may include land value and cash contributions;

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

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

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.34.330 and 1995 c 182 s 2 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 The Washington state historical society shall establish a
26 competitive process to solicit proposals for and prioritize heritage
27 capital projects for potential funding in the state capital budget.
28 The society shall adopt rules governing project eligibility and
29 evaluation criteria. Application for funding of specific projects may
30 be made to the society by local governments, public development
31 authorities, nonprofit corporations, tribal governments, and other
32 entities, as determined by the society. If the legislature provides an
33 appropriation for heritage capital projects, the society, with the
34 advice of leaders in the heritage field, including but not limited to
35 representatives from the office of the secretary of state, the eastern
36 Washington state historical society, and the state office of
37 archaeology and historic preservation, shall establish and submit a
38 prioritized list of heritage capital projects to ((be recommended to

1 ~~the governor and the legislature by September 1st of each even-numbered~~
2 ~~year, beginning in 1996. The prioritized list shall be developed~~
3 ~~through open and public meetings. The governor and the legislature~~
4 ~~shall consider the prioritized list of heritage projects as a guide for~~
5 ~~appropriating funds to heritage capital projects beginning with the~~
6 ~~1997-99 biennium and thereafter))~~ the legislature by November 1st
7 following the effective date of the appropriation for heritage capital
8 projects. The list shall include a description of each project, the
9 amount of recommended state funding, and documentation of nonstate
10 funds to be used for the project. The prioritized list shall be
11 developed through open and public meetings and the amount of state
12 funding shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the total cost of the
13 project. The society shall not sign contracts or otherwise financially
14 obligate funds under this section until the legislature has approved a
15 specific list of projects.

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