
Capital Budget Committee

HB 1289

Brief Description: Concerning plaques for certain state-funded capital budget projects.

Sponsors: Representatives Riccelli, DeBolt, Tharinger, Doglio, Pike, McBride, Sells, Van Werven, Ryu, Macri, MacEwen, Stonier and Ormsby.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Arts Commission to provide a plaque to be affixed or displayed for certain projects funded through Department of Commerce and the Washington State Historical Society.
- Directs the Department of Commerce and the Washington State Historical Society to require the inclusion of the plaque on certain projects funded through the capital budget.

Hearing Date: 2/3/17

Staff: Melissa Palmer (786-7388).

Background:

The capital budget provides funding for capital projects, including acquisition, construction, and renovation through a variety of competitive grant programs and local and community projects. Funding is specified in the State Omnibus Capital Appropriations Act for the competitive grant programs and local and community projects and is generally provided on a reimbursement basis. As a condition of receiving funding, a funding recipient is required to use the facility for its intended purposes for a minimum of 10 years.

The Building for the Arts (BFA) program was created in 1991 to provide competitive grants to nonprofit performing arts, art museums, and cultural organizations. The BFA program provides up to 20 percent of the eligible costs of acquisition, construction, and major renovations. There is a maximum grant award of \$2 million per project. The Department of Commerce provides a ranked list to the Legislature every two years totaling no more than \$12 million dollars.

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The Building Communities Fund (BCF) program was created in 2008 to provide competitive grants to nonprofit, community-based organizations for nonresidential projects that serve low-income or disadvantaged persons. The BCF program provides up to 25 percent of the cost of the project. The Department of Commerce (Commerce) provides a ranked list to the Legislature every two years.

The Youth Recreational Facilities (YRF) program was created in 2003 to provide competitive grants to nonprofit organizations for youth recreational facilities. There is a maximum grant award of \$1.2 million per project. The YRF program provides up to 25 percent of the total costs. The Commerce provides a ranked list to the Legislature every two years totaling no more than \$8 million.

The Heritage Capital Projects Fund (HCPF) was created in 1995 to provide competitive grants to support capital needs and facilities of heritage organizations, tribal governments, public development authorities, and local governments. The HCPF provides up to 33 percent of the cost of a project. The Washington State Historical Society provides a ranked list to the Legislature every two years totaling no more than \$10 million.

Summary of Bill:

The Arts Commission is required to provide a 5-3/4 inch square plaque for inclusion on certain projects or buildings that receive more than \$99,000 through Department of Commerce and the Washington State Historical Society (Historical Society). Commerce and the Washington State Historical Society must require the plaque provided by the Arts Commission be affixed or displayed for projects that receive more than \$99,000 through the Heritage Capital Grants Program, Building for the Arts, Building Communities Fund, Youth Recreational Facilities Program, and Local and Community Projects.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.