



EXHIBIT 4
 DATE 1/6/2005
 HB _____

MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL

Montana Arts Council Budget
FY 2006-2007

Two amendments sought:

First Amendment: Restoration of Operations Cut of \$45,000 per year

- MAC converted to the alternative Pay Plan in FY 2004 to allow the agency to compensate employees at the level necessary to recruit and retain a qualified department staff, and to respond to restructuring necessitated by 2003 legislative cuts.
- In the FY 2006-2007 budgeting process, the Governor's Budget Office stated that salary increases had to come from other parts of the agency budget, and cut the Arts Council's operations budget by \$45,000 per year.
- In the past, all salary changes at the Arts Council have been covered by Present Law Adjustments, without any commensurate cuts to other parts of the agency. Below are the personal services present law adjustments in personal services so show that FY 2006 and FY2007 are not out of line with historical adjustments.

FY 2000	\$115,464	FY 2004	\$52,894
FY 2001	\$113,574	FY 2005	\$51,705
FY 2002	\$46,719	FY 2006	\$52,996
FY 2003	\$49,775	FY 2007	\$52,891

- The Arts Council asks the salary adjustments be treated as they have in all other previous years, and that the \$45,000 per year cut to operations be restored.

Second Amendment: Restoration of Legislative Cuts from Last Session: \$75,000 per year

- Arts Council's cuts to general fund last session: -21%
- State general fund increase total for state: +.6%
- Arts Council's general fund per year in FY 2004 before cuts: \$360,000
- Total cut made: \$74,352, of which \$50,000 was made in the final amendment on the HB2 conference committee.
- Cuts resulted in elimination of three entire programs: Arts Pros technical assistance and Professional Development grants for Montanans, and Artist Fellowships, as well cuts to arts education programs.
- MAC seeks restoration of \$75,000 per year for similar program restoration.