

# CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC GRANT PROGRAM

## Program Description

The Cultural and Aesthetic Grant Program (C&A), administered by the Montana Arts Council (MAC), is funded by investment earnings from a statutory trust. The trust receives distributions of coal severance tax. By statute, the interest from the cultural trust is appropriated for protection of works of art in the State Capitol and other cultural and aesthetic projects (15-35-108, MCA). Grant applications for cultural and aesthetic projects are submitted to the MAC on a biennial basis. Eligible applicants include the state of Montana and regional, county, city, town, or Indian tribal governments.

## Summary of Legislative Action

The Sixty-fourth Legislature passed HB 9, which authorizes cultural and aesthetic grants and appropriates the funding for the grants. The legislature authorized 73 C&A grant awards totaling \$384,995. Additionally, HB 9 includes an appropriation of \$30,000 for the care and conservation of capitol complex artwork.

The legislature included a provision for the potential of interest earnings increases or shortfalls in the 2017 biennium in HB 9 with the following language:

*“Except for the appropriation provided for in [section 1(3)], if the interest earnings for the cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund exceed the projections of \$450,000 in FY 2016 and \$430,000 in FY 2017, both the appropriation and the grants for the projects contained in [section 2] may be increased by the percent increase of the actual revenue. Increases to the grant amount may not exceed the amount of the original request. If money in the cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund account is insufficient to fund projects at the appropriation levels contained in [section 2], reductions to those projects with funding greater than \$2,000 must be made on a pro rata basis.”*

A complete listing of the grants authorized by the Sixty-fourth Legislature is shown on the following page.

## Funding

The figure to the right shows the estimated funding for the C&A state special revenue account for the 2017 biennium. The beginning fund balance for the 2017 biennium is estimated to be \$0, due to lower than anticipated revenues in the 2015 biennium. Interest income from the coal tax-funded Cultural Trust is projected to be \$1.0 million in the 2017 biennium.

Administrative expenses and the Folklife program, appropriated in HB 2, are \$464,873. Appropriations in HB 9 include \$30,000 for capitol complex artwork and \$384,995 for the authorized grants. Total appropriations from the C&A state special revenue account in the 2017 biennium are \$1.0 million, providing an estimated fund balance of \$76,800 by June 30, 2017.

Cultural & Aesthetic Grant Fund (02009) Fund Balance Projection, 2017 Biennium			
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance (7/1/2015)			(\$0)
Revenue Projections <sup>1</sup>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Bien</u>
Interest Earnings	\$485,271	\$471,397	\$956,669
2017 Biennium Revenues			956,669
Proposed Expenditures			
MAC Administration <sup>2</sup>	(163,006)	(159,713)	(322,719)
Folklife <sup>2</sup>	(71,160)	(70,994)	(142,154)
Capitol Cmplx Works of Art Grants			(30,000)
			<u>(384,995)</u>
Total Expenditures			<u>(879,868)</u>
Estimated Ending Fund Balance (6/30/2017)			<u>\$76,800</u>
<sup>1</sup> HJ2 estimates			
<sup>2</sup> HB 2			

Cultural and Aesthetic Grants (C&A) Projects							
HB 9 - 2017 Biennium							
Grant Number	Applicant	Grants Authorized	Cummulative Total	Grant Number	Applicant	Grants Authorized	Cummulative Total
<b>Special Project &lt;= \$4500</b>				<b>Operational Support Cont.</b>			
1801	Council for the Arts, Lincoln	\$3,000	\$3,000	1834	Archie Bray Foundation	8,000	229,345
1805	Preservation Cascade, Inc.	3,000	6,000	1885	Zootown Arts Community Center	6,000	235,345
1807	The Extreme History Project	2,000	8,000	1855	Mai Wah Society	4,000	239,345
1804	Granite County Museum and Cultural Center	2,000	10,000	1876	Stillwater Historical Society	6,000	245,345
1806	Signatures from Big Sky	2,000	12,000	1848	Great Falls Symphony	6,000	251,345
1800	Cohesion Dance Project	2,000	14,000	1858	Missoula Cultural Council	2,000	253,345
1802	Dolce Canto, Inc.	<u>2,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>	1878	Verge Theater	3,000	256,345
	Total Special Projects < \$4500	\$16,000	\$16,000	1842	Carbon County Arts Guild & Depot Gallery	4,000	260,345
<b>Special Project &gt; \$4500</b>				<b>Operational Support Cont.</b>			
1828	Montana Preservation Alliance	\$10,000	\$26,000	1849	Hamilton Players, Inc	5,000	265,345
1827	Montana Performing Arts Consortium	10,000	36,000	1852	Intermountain Opera Association	5,000	270,345
1822	Humanities Montana	10,000	46,000	1867	Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art	6,000	276,345
1824	Missoula Writing Collaborative	5,000	51,000	1884	Yellowstone Art Museum	4,000	280,345
1815	CoMotion Dance Project	8,000	59,000	1875	Southwest Montana Arts Council	5,000	285,345
1826	Montana Historical Society	7,000	66,000	1851	Holter Museum of Art	4,000	289,345
1831	Upper Swan Valley Historical Society Inc	4,000	70,000	1866	Northwest Montana Historical Society	4,000	293,345
1813	Chouteau County Performing Arts	3,000	73,000	1870	Queen City Ballet Company	5,000	298,345
1812	Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives	7,000	80,000	1871	Ravalli County Museum	5,000	303,345
1816	Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture	3,000	83,000	1882	Whitefish Theatre Co	4,000	307,345
1820	Helena Symphony	5,000	88,000	1836	Beaverhead County Museum	4,000	311,345
1817	Friends of Chief Plenty Coups Advisory Council	3,000	91,000	1837	Big Horn Arts and Craft Association	4,000	315,345
1818	Grandstreet Broadwater Productions, Inc.	5,000	96,000	1880	WaterWorks Art Museum	4,000	319,345
1821	Hockaday Museum of Art	3,000	99,000	1846	Gallatin Historical Society	4,000	323,345
1823	International Choral Festival	3,000	102,000	1859	MonDak Heritage Center	4,000	327,345
1810	Bozeman Symphony Society	5,000	107,000	1877	Sunburst Foundation	4,000	331,345
1819	Headwaters Dance Co.	3,000	110,000	1838	Billings Symphony Society	4,000	335,345
1830	Musikanten Inc	2,000	112,000	1883	World Museum of Mining	4,000	339,345
1809	Alpine Artisans, Inc.	3,000	115,000	1832	Alberta Bair Theater	4,000	343,345
1814	Clay Arts Guild of Helena	<u>2,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>	1850	Helena Presents/Myrna Loy Center	4,000	347,345
	Total Special Projects > \$4500	\$101,000	\$117,000	1869	Pondera History Association (PHA)	4,000	351,345
<b>Operational Support</b>				<b>Operational Support Cont.</b>			
1860	Montana Arts	\$10,000	\$127,000	1843	Carbon County Historical Society	4,000	355,345
1861	Montana Association of Symphony Orchestras	10,000	137,000	1872	Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre	4,000	359,345
1854	MAGDA	10,000	147,000	1844	Creative Arts Council	4,000	363,345
1865	Museums Association of Montana	10,000	157,000	1874	Shane Lalani Center for the Arts	3,000	366,345
1862	Montana Dance Arts Association	10,000	167,000	1853	Irwin & Florence Rosten Foundation	<u>3,000</u>	<u>369,345</u>
1879	VSA Montana	8,000	175,000		Total Operational Support	\$252,345	\$369,345
1835	Art Mobile of Montana	10,000	185,000	<b>Capital Expenditure</b>			
1864	Montana Shakespeare in the Parks	10,000	195,000	1886	City of Shelby Champions Park	3,000	372,345
1863	Montana Repertory Theatre	10,000	205,000	1887	Missoula Art Museum	5,000	377,345
1873	Schoolhouse History & Art Center	8,345	213,345	1890	Original Montana Club	<u>7,650</u>	<u>384,995</u>
1856	MCT, Inc.	8,000	221,345		Total Capital Expenditure	\$15,650	\$384,995
<b>Total Grants Authorized</b>						<b>\$384,995</b>	<b>\$384,995</b>

**Executive Budget Comparison**

The Sixty-fourth Legislature reduced appropriations for the C&A program from the executive proposal by \$137. The reduction occurred when the legislature eliminated one of the recommended grants (Dept. of FWP) and replaced it with the next non-funded request (Montana Club) with slightly reduced costs.

Program Comparison - Cultural and Aesthetic Trust				
Budget Item	Budget		Change	% Change
	2015 Biennium	2017 Biennium		
Trust Balance (End of Biennium)	\$12,580,000	\$13,190,000	\$610,000	4.8%
Trust Earnings	1,006,003	956,669	(49,334)	-4.9%
Executive Budget vs Legislative Budget				
Budget Item	2017 Biennium		Change	% Change
	Executive Budget	Legislative Budget		
Number of Grants	73	73	0	0.0%
	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>		
Grants Cost	\$385,132	\$384,995	(\$137)	0.0%
Capitol Complex Works of Art	30,000	30,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$415,132</b>	<b>\$414,995</b>	<b>(\$137)</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
State Special	\$415,132	\$414,995	(\$137)	0.0%
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$415,132</b>	<b>\$414,995</b>	<b>(\$137)</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

**Other Legislation**

The Sixty-fourth Legislature did not enact any legislation that would directly impact the C&A grants program.