

# 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-third Legislature passed HB 9, which authorizes cultural and aesthetic grants and appropriates the funding for the grants. The legislature authorized 81 C&A grant awards totaling \$758,650. 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 shortfalls in the 2015 biennium in HB 9. If interest earnings fall short of the estimates, projects designated as “Miscellaneous Grants” in HB 9 and shown in the figure below will be reduced by the amount of the shortfall on a pro rata basis. The legislature also provided for additional revenue shortfalls with the following language:

*If the grant amounts for projects in section E of [section 2] (Miscellaneous Grants) are eliminated pursuant to subsection (1) and if the money in the cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund account is insufficient to fund the remaining projects identified in [section 2], reductions to those projects with funding greater than \$4,500 must be made on a pro rata basis.*

A complete listing of the grants authorized by the Sixty-third 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 2015 biennium. The beginning fund balance for the 2015 biennium is estimated to be \$53,008, as a result of higher than anticipated interest earnings in the 2013 biennium. Interest income from the coal tax-funded Cultural Trust is projected to be \$1.2 million in the 2015 biennium.

Administrative expenses and the Folklife program, appropriated in HB 2, are \$436,046. Appropriations in HB 9 include \$30,000 for capitol complex artwork and \$758,650 for the authorized grants. Total appropriations from the C&A state special revenue account in the 2015 biennium are \$1.2 million, providing an estimated fund balance of \$29,312 by June 30, 2015.

Cultural & Aesthetic Grant Fund (02009) Fund Balance Projection, 2015 Biennium	
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance (7/1/2013)	\$53,008
Revenue Projections <sup>1</sup>	
FY 2014 Interest Earnings	\$593,000
FY 2015 Interest Earnings	<u>608,000</u>
2015 Biennium Revenues	1,201,000
Fund Appropriations	
MAC Administration <sup>2</sup>	(\$298,760)
Folklife <sup>2</sup>	(137,286)
Capitol Complex Works of Art	(30,000)
Cultural & Aesthetic Grants Appropriation	<u>(758,650)</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>(1,224,696)</u>
Estimated Ending Fund Balance (6/30/2015)	<u>\$29,312</u>
<sup>1</sup> SI2	
<sup>2</sup> Includes administrative costs included in HB 2, including the 2% increase in vacancy savings, and HB 13 estimated impacts	

Cultural and Aesthetic Grants (C&A)					
Grants Authorized - HB 9 - 2015 Biennium					
Applicant	Grants Authorized	Cumulative Total	Applicant	Grants Authorized	Cumulative Total
<b>Special Project &lt;= \$4500</b>			<b>Operational Support (cont.)</b>		
Preservation Cascade, Inc.	\$4,500	\$4,500	Gallatin Historical Society	\$9,400	\$445,150
Signatures	4,500	9,000	Alpine Artisans, Inc.	10,000	455,150
Council for the Arts	2,500	11,500	Rimrock Opera Company	10,000	465,150
Granite County Museum and Cultural Center	3,600	15,100	Zootown Arts Community Center	11,250	476,400
Yellowstone Ballet Company	2,500	17,600	Helena Indian Alliance	6,250	482,650
Montana Storytelling Roundup	<u>2,500</u>	20,100	Western Heritage Center	8,750	491,400
Total Special Projects < \$4500	\$20,100		Intermountain Opera Association	11,250	502,650
<b>Special Project &gt; \$4500</b>			Great Falls Symphony		
Montana Historical Society	15,500	35,600	Hamilton Players, Inc	8,750	522,650
Humanities Montana	15,000	50,600	Whitefish Theatre Co	8,750	531,400
Upper Swan Valley Historical Society Inc	12,500	63,100	Shane Lalani Center for the Arts	6,250	537,650
International Choral Festival	6,250	69,350	Helena Symphony	6,250	543,900
CoMotion Dance Project	8,750	78,100	Schoolhouse History & Art Center	20,000	563,900
Bozeman Symphony Society	8,750	86,850	Glacier Symphony and Chorale	11,250	575,150
Clay Arts Guild of Helena	5,000	91,850	Beaverhead County Museum	7,500	582,650
Headwaters Dance Co.	10,000	101,850	Queen City Ballet Company	6,250	588,900
Friends of Chief Plenty Coups Advisory Council	6,250	108,100	Grandstreet Broadwater Productions, Inc.	6,250	595,150
Missoula Art Museum	6,250	114,350	Pondera History Association (PHA)	6,250	601,400
Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture	6,250	120,600	Big Horn Arts and Craft Association	6,250	607,650
Musikanten Inc	5,000	125,600	Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art	11,250	618,900
Missoula Writing Collaborative	5,000	130,600	AWARE Inc/Growth Thru Art	6,250	625,150
International Wildlife Media Center & Film Festival	<u>2,500</u>	133,100	Sunburst Foundation	5,000	630,150
Total Special Projects > \$4500	\$113,000		Alpine Theatre Project, Inc.	3,750	633,900
<b>Operational Support</b>			Yellowstone Art Museum		
MAGDA	15,000	148,100	Equinox Theatre	6,250	640,150
Museums Association of Montana	12,500	160,600	Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization	3,750	646,400
Montana Association of Symphony Orchestras	15,000	175,600	Pondera Arts Council	6,250	650,150
Montana Performing Arts Consortium	15,000	190,600	Missoula Cultural Council	<u>2,500</u>	656,400
Montana Dance Arts Association	15,000	205,600	Total Operational Support	\$525,800	
Carbon County Historical Society	15,000	220,600	<b>Capital Expenditure</b>		
Archie Bray Foundation	15,000	235,600	Helena Presents/Myrna Loy Center	12,500	671,400
Alberta Bair Theater	15,000	250,600	City of Shelby Champions Park	<u>6,250</u>	677,650
Custer County Art & Heritage Center	15,000	265,600	Total Capital Expenditure	\$18,750	
Montana Shakespeare in the Parks	15,000	280,600	<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
World Museum of Mining	15,000	295,600	Billings Symphony Society	15,000	692,650
Stillwater Historical Society	15,000	310,600	Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre	7,500	700,150
Butte Center for the Performing Arts	15,000	325,600	Montana Agricultural Center and Museums	12,000	712,150
Carbon County Arts Guild & Depot Gallery	12,500	338,100	Friends of the Museum of the Plains Indian	2,000	714,150
Ravalli County Museum	12,500	350,600	Hockaday Museum of Art	8,500	722,650
VSA Montana	12,500	363,100	Montana Preservation Alliance	15,000	737,650
Art Mobile of Montana	15,000	378,100	Montana Arts	12,500	750,150
MonDak Heritage Center	13,900	392,000	Butte-Silver Bow Archives	4,500	754,650
Northwest Montana Historical Society	12,500	404,500	Miles City Speakers Bureau	<u>4,000</u>	758,650
YMCA Writer's Voice	11,250	415,750	Total Miscellaneous	\$81,000	
Mai Wah Society	8,750	424,500	<b>Total C&amp;A Grants Authorized</b>		
Butte Symphony Association	11,250	435,750		<u>\$758,650</u>	

**Executive Budget Comparison**

The Sixty-third Legislature increased the appropriation for C&A program from the executive recommendation by \$224,674 or 39.8%. With the increase, the legislature appropriated all anticipated funds from the C&A state special revenue fund, with consideration of a small positive ending fund balance. The change provided funding for an additional nine cultural and aesthetic grants.

Program Comparison - Cultural and Aesthetic Trust				
	2013 Biennium	2015 Biennium	Change	% Change
Trust Balance (End of Biennium)	\$12,132,000	\$12,877,000	\$745,000	6.1%
Trust Earnings	1,148,049	1,202,000	53,951	4.7%
Budget Item	Executive Recommendation 2015 Biennium	Legislative Budget 2015 Biennium	Change	% Change
Number of Grants	72	81	9	12.5%
	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>		
Grants Cost	\$533,976	\$758,650	\$224,674	42.1%
Capitol Complex Works of Art	30,000	30,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$563,976</b>	<b>\$788,650</b>	<b>\$224,674</b>	<b>39.8%</b>
State Special	\$563,976	\$788,650	\$224,674	39.8%
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$563,976</b>	<b>\$788,650</b>	<b>\$224,674</b>	<b>39.8%</b>

**Other Legislation**

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