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HOUSE BILL NO. 9

INTRODUCED BY M. HOPKINS

BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC PROJECTS GRANT AWARDS; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC GRANTS; AMENDING SECTION 22-2-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation of cultural and aesthetic grant funds -- priority of disbursement. (1) The Montana arts council shall award grants for projects authorized by and limited to the amounts appropriated by [section 2] and this section.

(2) The Montana arts council shall disburse money to projects authorized by [section 2] through grant contracts between the Montana arts council and the grant recipient. The award contract with a grantee must require the grantee to post the following statement on its website, promotional materials, and publications: "We are funded in part by coal severance taxes paid based upon coal mined in Montana and deposited in Montana's cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund." The award contract must bind the parties to conditions, if any, listed with the appropriation in [section 2].

(3) There is appropriated \$30,000 from the cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund account to the Montana historical society for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, for the care and conservation of capitol complex artwork.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation of cultural and aesthetic grant funds. The following projects are approved, and \$558,876 is appropriated from the cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund account to the Montana arts council for the biennium ending June 30, 2025:

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| 1 | 2428 | Helena Symphony | \$10,000 |
| 2 | 2462 | Zootown Arts Community Center | \$10,000 |
| 3 | 2420 | C.M. Russell Museum | \$10,000 |
| 4 | 2419 | Butte Symphony Association | \$10,000 |
| 5 | 2448 | North Valley Music School | \$9,000 |
| 6 | 2447 | Museums Association of Montana | \$10,000 |
| 7 | 2426 | Great Falls Symphony | \$10,000 |
| 8 | 2446 | Montana State Firefighters Memorial | \$6,000 |
| 9 | 2460 | Whitefish Review, Inc. Capital Expenditures | \$10,000 |
| 10 | 2463 | Friends of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula | \$3,677 |
| 11 | 2464 | Red Lodge Area Community Foundation | \$5,000 |
| 12 | 2465 | Yellowstone Art Museum | \$10,000 |

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14 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Reversion of grant money.** On July 1, 2025, the unencumbered
15 balance of the grants for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, reverts to the cultural and aesthetic projects trust
16 fund account provided for in 15-35-108.

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18 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Changes to grants on pro rata basis.** Except for the appropriation
19 provided for in [section 1(3)], if money in the cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund account is insufficient to
20 fund projects at the appropriation levels provided in [section 2], reductions to those projects with funding greater
21 than \$2,000 must be made on a pro rata basis.

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23 **Section 5.** Section 22-2-301, MCA, is amended to read:
24 **"22-2-301. Cultural and aesthetic projects grants.** (1) **Except as provided in subsection (3), any**
25 **person, association, or representative of a governing unit seeking a grant for a cultural or aesthetic project from**
26 **the income of the trust fund created in 15-35-108 must submit a grant proposal to the cultural and aesthetic**
27 **projects advisory committee, in care of the Montana arts council, by August 1 of the year preceding the**
28 **convening of a regular legislative session.**

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1 (2) Grant proposals must be for the purpose of protecting works of art in the state capitol or other
2 cultural and aesthetic projects.

3 (3) The legislature may appropriate funds for cultural and aesthetic project grants in addition to
4 those recommended by the Montana arts council."

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6 NEW SECTION. Section 6. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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8 NEW SECTION. Section 7. Termination. [Section 5] terminates June 30, 2025.

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AMENDED