



AN ACT ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC PROJECTS GRANT AWARDS; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC GRANTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**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.

**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:

Grant # Grantee

Award Amount



Special Projects		
2407	Preserve Montana (Formerly Montana Preservation Alliance)	\$10,000
2406	Montana Historical Society	\$9,000
2402	Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives	\$6,500
2401	Billings Preservation Society	\$7,000
2405	Lewistown Art Center	\$9,450
2404	Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture	\$10,000
2409	Upper Swan Valley Historical Society, Inc.	\$4,000
2408	Support Local Artists and Musicians (S.L.A.M.)	\$10,000
2403	City County Preservation Committee	\$5,000
Operating Support		
2445	Montana Shakespeare in the Parks	\$10,000
2431	Humanities Montana	\$10,000
2436	MCT, Inc.	\$10,000
2430	Holter Museum of Art	\$10,000
2435	MAPS Media Institute (Formerly Irwin & Florence Rosten Fnd)	\$10,000
2423	Cohesion Dance Project	\$5,000
2459	Western Heritage Center	\$10,000
2434	Mai Wah Society Museum	\$6,749
2429	Hockaday Museum of Art	\$10,000
2411	Alpine Artisans, Inc.	\$6,000
2453	Sunburst Arts and Education	\$6,000
2439	MonDak Heritage Center	\$10,000
2413	Art Mobile of Montana	\$10,000
2454	The Myrna Loy	\$10,000
2415	Billings Symphony Society	\$10,000
2451	Schoolhouse History & Art Center	\$10,000
2458	WaterWorks Art Museum	\$10,000

2438	Missoula Writing Collaborative	\$8,000
2442	Montana Dance Arts Association	\$5,000
2412	Archie Bray Foundation	\$10,000
2414	Billings Cultural Partners	\$4,500
2452	Stillwater Historical Society	\$8,000
2424	Glacier Symphony and Chorale	\$10,000
2410	Alberta Bair Theater	\$10,000
2450	Pondera Arts Council	\$4,000
2433	Montana Art Gallery Directors Association (MAGDA)	\$8,000
2443	Montana Performing Arts Consortium	\$10,000
2457	Verge Theater	\$10,000
2449	Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art	\$10,000
2444	Montana Repertory Theatre, University of Montana	\$10,000
2421	Carbon County Arts Guild & Depot Gallery	\$10,000
2432	Intermountain Opera Association	\$10,000
2456	The Roxy Theater (Formerly International Wildlife Film Festival)	\$4,000
2418	Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization	\$4,500
2437	Missoula Symphony Association	\$10,000
2441	Montana Ballet Company	\$10,000
2417	Bozeman Symphony Society	\$10,000
2455	The Paradise Center	\$7,000
2425	Grandstreet Broadwater Productions, Inc.	\$10,000
2461	Whitefish Theatre Co	\$10,000
2427	Hamilton Players, Inc	\$10,000
2440	Montana Association of Symphony Orchestras	\$10,000
2422	Carbon County Historical Society	\$7,500
2416	Bozeman Art Museum	\$10,000
2428	Helena Symphony	\$10,000

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

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

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

**Section 5. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 9, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

HOUSE BILL NO. 9

INTRODUCED BY M. HOPKINS

BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

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