

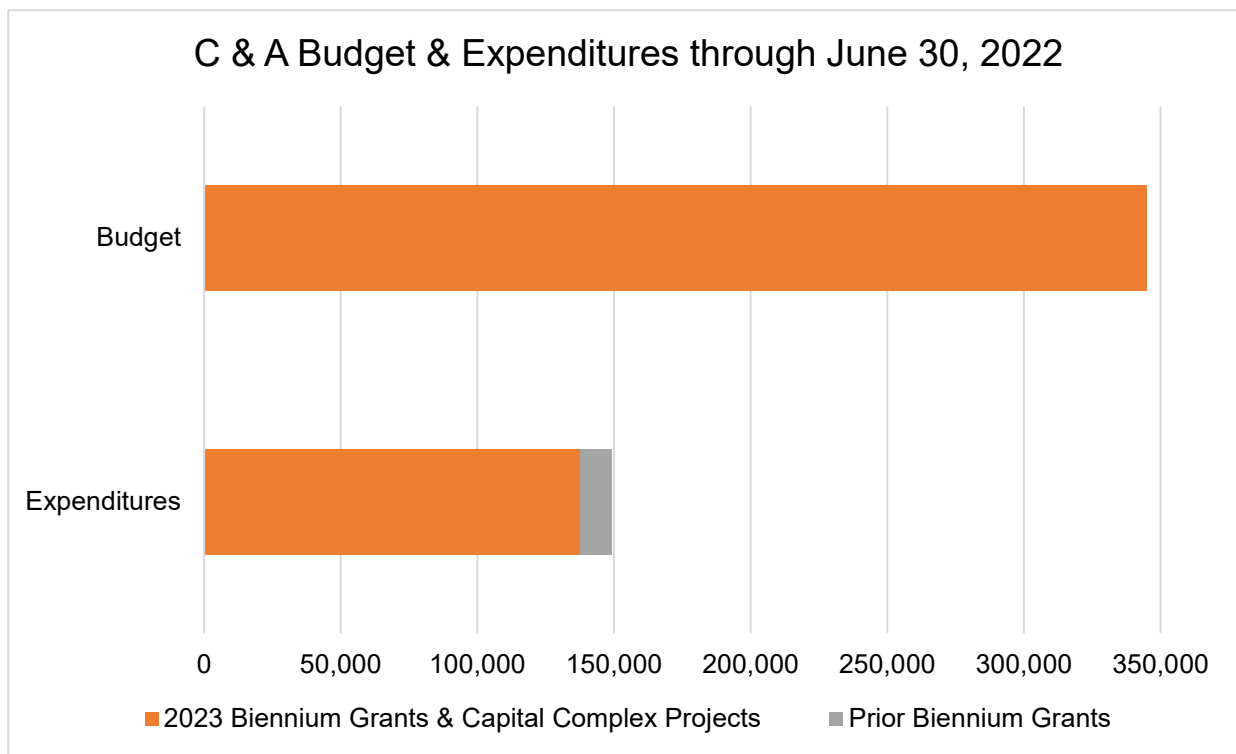
CULTURAL & AESTHETIC GRANTS PROGRAM

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Cultural and Aesthetic (C & A) Grant Program, administered by the Montana Arts Council (MAC), provides grants for cultural and aesthetic programs across the state. The program is funded with the 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 Montana State Capitol and for 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, but are not limited to: the State of Montana; regional, county, city, town, or Indian tribal governments; non-profit organizations; and any person, association, or group using an eligible fiscal agent.

BUDGET & EXPENDITURES

The following chart and table show 2023 biennium C & A Grant Program budget and expenditures through June 30, 2022.



C & A Budget and Expenditures through June 30, 2022				
Item	Appropriations		Balance	% Expended
	HB 9	Expenditures		
2023 Biennium Project Grants	314,800	137,850	176,950	43.8%
2023 Capital Complex Works of Art	30,000	-	30,000	0.0%
Prior Biennium Grants	-	11,400	(11,400)	
Total Appropriations/Expenditures	344,800	149,250	195,550	43.3%

Approximately \$345,000 was established as the budget for the C & A Program in the 2023 biennium. In FY 2022, for the 74 project grants authorized in HB 9 (2021), the MAC expended \$137,850. These are biennial appropriations, so the remaining balance of \$176,950 for these projects is continued in FY 2023. The \$30,000 appropriation for the care and conservation of capitol complex artwork was unexpended in FY 2022; this authority will also be continued in FY 2023. Additionally, there was expenditure of \$11,400 in FY 2022 for grants authorized for the 2021 biennium. For both current and prior authorized projects, expenditures in FY 2022 totaled \$149,250.

For the program’s administrative costs, HB 2 authority and expenditures are discussed in the MAC’s fiscal year-end report, available on the Section E IBC’s webpage, under Meeting Materials:

<https://www.leg.mt.gov/lfd/interim-budget-committee-section-e/>

C & A GRANTS PROGRAM FUND BALANCE

The following chart shows the projected C & A grant fund balance, based on FY 2022 actuals and FY 2023 projections.

Cultural & Aesthetic Grant Fund Balance Analysis - 2023 Biennium					
Account - 02009					
	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Projected	2023 Bien. Projected
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	\$0	\$15,902	\$37,705	\$124,251	\$37,705
Revenue Projections ¹				403,586	403,586
Interest Earnings-09037	(2,875)		(25,672)		
Interest Earnings Transferred-02009	<u>482,737</u>	<u>475,938</u>	<u>493,977</u>		<u>493,977</u>
Total Revenues	479,862	475,938	468,305	403,586	871,891
Expenditures					
MAC Administration and Folklife ²	242,803	244,919	232,703	235,243	467,946
Capitol Complex Works of Art	0	30,000	0	30,000	30,000
Prior Biennium	(2,875)	0	11,400	0	11,400
Fund Balance Adjustment (State Fund Dividend)	(200)	(433)	(194)		(194)
2023 Biennium Grants	<u>224,232</u>	<u>179,649</u>	<u>137,850</u>	<u>176,950</u>	<u>314,800</u>
Total Expenditures/Appropriations	463,960	454,135	381,759	442,193	823,952
Ending Fund Balance	\$15,902	\$37,705	\$124,251	\$85,644	\$85,644
¹ HJ 2					
² HB 2					

In looking at FY 2022 actuals, revenue from interest earnings was about \$25,000 higher than HJ 2 projections. Revenue projections for the 2023 biennium are based on HJ 2 revenue estimates. The current estimated ending fund balance at the end of the 2023 biennium is projected to be \$85,644. Actual ending fund balance for the biennium will depend on revenue and whether or not the MAC fully expends its authority in FY 2023.