

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 (Primary Sponsor)  
 4 BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC  
 6 PROJECTS GRANT AWARDS; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC GRANTS;  
 7 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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

14 (2) The Montana arts council shall disburse money to projects authorized by [section 2] through  
 15 grant contracts between the Montana arts council and the grant recipient. The award contract with a grantee  
 16 must require the grantee to post the following statement on its website, promotional materials, and publications:  
 17 "Additional support from coal tax placed into Montana's Cultural and Aesthetic Projects Trust Fund." The award  
 18 contract must bind the parties to conditions, if any, listed with the appropriation in [section 2].

19 (3) There is appropriated \$30,000 from the cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund account to the  
 20 Montana historical society for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, for the care and conservation of capitol  
 21 complex artwork.

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 23 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation of cultural and aesthetic grant funds.** The following  
 24 projects are approved, and \$953,500 is appropriated from the cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund account  
 25 to the Montana arts council for the biennium ending June 30, 2027:

26	Grant #	Grantee	Award Amount
27		Special Projects	
28	2601	Billings Preservation Society	\$12,500

1	2602	Chickadee Community Services	\$13,000
2	2603	Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture	\$12,500
3	2604	Great Falls Public Library	\$12,500
4	2605	International Choral Festival	\$13,000
5	2606	Mission Valley Live	\$0
6	2607	Montana Jewish Project	\$13,000
7	2608	The Extreme History Project	\$13,000
8	2609	Working Quiet	\$13,000
9		Operating Support	
10	2610	Alberta Bair Theater	\$12,500
11	2611	Alpine Artisans, Inc.	\$13,500
12	2612	Alpine Theatre Project	\$12,500
13	2613	Archie Bray Foundation	\$12,500
14	2614	Art Mobile of Montana	\$13,500
15	2615	Arts Missoula	\$12,500
16	2616	Bare Bait Dance	\$12,500
17	2617	Billings Symphony Society	\$12,500
18	2618	Bitterroot Performing Arts Council	\$12,500
19	2619	Bozeman Art Museum	\$12,500
20	2620	Bozeman Symphony Society	\$12,500
21	2621	Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization	\$13,000
22	2622	C.M. Russell Museum	\$12,500
23	2623	Carbon County Arts Guild & Depot Gallery	\$13,500
24	2624	Carbon County Historical Society	\$13,500
25	2625	Clay Studio of Missoula	\$12,500
26	2626	Cohesion Dance Project	\$12,500
27	2627	Daly Mansion Preservation Trust	\$13,000
28	2628	Glacier Symphony and Chorale	\$12,500

1	2629	Grandstreet Broadwater Productions, Inc.	\$12,500
2	2630	Great Falls Symphony	\$12,500
3	2631	Hamilton Players, Inc	\$13,000
4	2632	Helena Symphony	\$12,500
5	2633	Hockaday Museum of Art	\$12,500
6	2634	Holter Museum of Art	\$12,500
7	2635	Humanities Montana	\$13,000
8	2636	Lewistown Art Center	\$13,500
9	2637	MAGDA (Montana Art Gallery Directors Assoc.)	\$13,500
10	2638	Mai Wah Society Museum	\$13,000
11	2639	MAPS Media Institute	\$13,000
12	2640	MCT, Inc.	\$12,500
13	2641	Missoula Art Museum	\$12,500
14	2642	Missoula Symphony Association	\$12,500
15	2643	Missoula Writing Collaborative	\$12,500
16	2644	MonDak Heritage Center	\$13,500
17	2645	Montana Association of Symphony Orchestras	\$13,500
18	2646	Montana Ballet Company	\$12,500
19	2647	Montana Dance Arts Association	\$13,500
20	2648	Montana Performing Arts Consortium	\$13,500
21	2649	Montana Playwrights Network	\$13,000
22	2650	Montana Repertory Theatre, University of Montana	\$12,500
23	2651	Montana Shakespeare in the Parks	\$12,500
24	2652	Montana Youth Symphony	\$13,000
25	2653	North Valley Music School	\$12,500
26	2654	Opera Montana (Formerly Intermountain Opera)	\$12,500
27	2655	Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art	\$12,500
28	2656	Park County Museum of Art	\$13,500

1	2657	Pondera Arts Council	\$13,500
2	2658	Preserve Montana	\$12,500
3	2659	Queen City Ballet Company	\$12,500
4	2660	Schoolhouse History & Art Center	\$13,500
5	2661	St. Timothy's Summer Music Festival	\$5,000
6	2662	Stillwater Historical Society	\$13,500
7	2663	Stumptown Art Studio	\$12,500
8	2664	Sunburst Arts and Education	\$13,500
9	2665	The Myrna Loy	\$12,500
10	2666	The Paradise Center	\$13,500
11	2667	The Roxy Theater	\$12,500
12	2668	Tinworks Art	\$12,500
13	2669	Verge Theater	\$12,500
14	2670	Western Heritage Center	\$12,500
15	2671	Whitefish Review, Inc.	\$12,500
16	2672	Whitefish Theatre Co.	\$12,500
17	2673	Zootown Arts Community Center	\$12,500
18		Capital Expenditures	
19	2674	Fort Peck Fine Arts Council, Inc.	\$13,000
20	2675	Red Lodge Area Community Foundation	\$13,000
21	2676	Yellowstone Art Museum	\$12,500

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23 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Reversion of grant money. On July 1, 2027, the unencumbered

24 balance of the grants for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, reverts to the cultural and aesthetic projects trust

25 fund account provided for in 15-35-108.

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27 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Changes to grants on pro rata basis. Except for the appropriation

28 provided for in [section 1(3)], if money in the cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund account is insufficient to

1 fund projects at the appropriation levels contained in [section 2], reductions to those projects with funding  
 2 greater than \$2,000 must be made on a pro rata basis.

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4 NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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