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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 9						
2			INTRODUCED BY J. F	FITZPATRICK			
3		BY REQUEST OF	THE OFFICE OF BUDG	GET AND PROGRA	M PLANNING		
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5	A BILL FOR A	N ACT ENTITLED: "A	N ACT ESTABLISHING	PRIORITIES FOR	CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC		
6	PROJECTS GRANT AWARDS; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC GRANTS;						
7	AND PROVIDI	ING 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 S	SECTION. Section 1.	Appropriation of cul	tural and aesthetic	grant funds priority of		
12	disbursement	t. (1) The Montana arts	s council shall award gra	ants for projects auth	norized by and limited to the		
13	amounts appro	opriated by [section 2]	and this section.				
14	(2)	The Montana arts co	ouncil shall disburse mo	ney to projects author	orized by [section 2] through		
15	grant contracts	s between the Montana	a arts council and the gr	ant recipient. The av	ward contract with a grantee		
16	must require th	ne grantee to post the	following statement on i	ts website, promotio	nal materials, and publications		
17	"Additional sur	oport from coal tax pla	ced into Montana's Cult	ural and Aesthetic P	rojects Trust Fund." The award		
18	contract must	bind the parties to con	ditions, if any, listed with	n the appropriation in	n [section 2].		
19	(3)	There is appropriate	d \$30,000 from the cult	ural and aesthetic pr	ojects trust fund account to the		
20	Montana histo	rical society for the bie	ennium ending June 30,	2027, for the care a	nd conservation of capitol		
21	complex artwo	ork.					
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23	NEW S	SECTION. Section 2.	Appropriation of cul	tural and aesthetic	grant funds. The following		
24	projects are ap	oproved, and \$953,500) is appropriated_from th	e cultural and aesth	etic projects trust fund account		
25	to the Montana	a arts council for the bi	iennium ending June 30	, 2027:			
26	Grant	# Grantee			Award Amount		
27		Special Projects					
28	2601	Billings Preservation	ı Society		\$12,500		



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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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NEW SECTION. Section 3. Reversion of grant money. On July 1, 2027, the unencumbered balance of the grants for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, reverts to the cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund account provided for in 15-35-108.

NEW SECTION. 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



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

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