

By Representative Rubio

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to regional cultural
3 facilities; creating s. 265.702, F.S.;
4 authorizing the Division of Cultural Affairs of
5 the Department of State to accept and
6 administer funds to provide grants for
7 acquiring, renovating, or constructing regional
8 cultural facilities; providing for eligibility;
9 requiring the Florida Arts Council to review
10 grant applications; requiring the council to
11 submit an annual list to the Secretary of
12 State; requiring the updating of information
13 submitted by an applicant that is carried over
14 from a prior year; providing definitions;
15 providing standards for matching state funds;
16 limiting the maximum amounts of grants;
17 granting rulemaking authority to the division;
18 providing an effective date.

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20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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22 Section 1. Section 265.702, Florida Statutes, is
23 created to read:24 265.702 Regional cultural facilities; grants for
25 acquisition, renovation, or construction; funding; approval;
26 allocation.--27 (1) The Division of Cultural Affairs of the Department
28 of State may accept and administer moneys that are
29 appropriated to it for providing grants to counties,
30 municipalities, and qualifying nonprofit corporations for the

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1 acquisition, renovation, or construction of regional cultural
2 facilities.

3 (2) A county, municipality, or qualified corporation
4 may apply for a grant of state funds for the acquisition,
5 renovation, or construction of a regional cultural facility.
6 As used in this section, the term "qualified corporation"
7 means a corporation that is designated as a not-for-profit
8 corporation pursuant to s. 501(c)(3) or s. 501(c)(4) of the
9 Internal Revenue Code, that is described in and allowed to
10 receive contributions under s. 170 of the Internal Revenue
11 Code, and that is a corporation not for profit incorporated
12 under chapter 617.

13 (3) Any entity that owns an interest in the land upon
14 which a regional cultural facility is located or is to be
15 located must meet the requirements set forth in subsection
16 (2). A state grant awarded under this section must be matched
17 by a contribution from the county, municipality, or nonprofit
18 corporation in an amount equal to \$2 for each \$1 awarded under
19 this section.

20 (4) The Florida Arts Council shall review each
21 application for a grant to acquire, renovate, or construct a
22 regional cultural facility which is submitted pursuant to
23 subsection (2) and shall submit annually to the Secretary of
24 State for approval a list of all applications received and a
25 list of all projects that are recommended by the council for
26 the award of grants, arranged in order of priority. The
27 division may allocate grants only for regional cultural
28 facilities that are approved by the secretary or for which
29 funds are appropriated by the Legislature. Regional cultural
30 facilities that are approved and recommended by the Secretary
31 of State but are not funded by the Legislature shall be

1 retained on the project list for the following grant cycle
2 only. For each project that is retained, such information as
3 the department requires must be submitted by the established
4 deadline date of the latest grant cycle, in order to
5 adequately reflect the most current status of the regional
6 cultural facility.

7 (5) As used in this section, the term "regional
8 cultural facility" means an existing or proposed fixed
9 facility that is primarily engaged in the arts and that:

10 (a) Has educational programs of excellence and
11 facilities, space, and staff dedicated to the development and
12 delivery of programs in the arts;

13 (b) Presents programs or exhibits in the arts which
14 are of national or international renown or reputation;

15 (c) Has, within a 150-mile radius of the facility, a
16 service area that includes regular attendees, clients, or
17 program participants; and

18 (d) Has a documented proposed acquisition, renovation,
19 or construction cost of at least \$50 million.

20 (6) With respect to the matching funds required under
21 subsection (3):

22 (a) Fifty percent of any in-kind contributions of
23 goods or services may be counted toward the required match;
24 however, any such in-kind contribution:

25 1. Must be documented and valued at the fair-market
26 value to the facility;

27 2. Must directly relate to the facility's acquisition,
28 renovation, or construction; and

29 3. Must not be in the form of a lease.
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1 (b) Documented expenditures made for project purposes
2 during the 3 years immediately preceding the award of a grant
3 may be used.

4 (7) The annual amount of a grant made under this
5 section may not exceed the lesser of \$2.5 million or 10
6 percent of the total costs of the regional cultural facility.
7 The total amount of the grants awarded to a regional cultural
8 facility in a 5-year period may not exceed the lesser of \$10
9 million or 10 percent of the total costs of a regional
10 cultural facility. The total cost of a regional cultural
11 facility must be calculated with respect to the primary scope
12 of the original proposal as submitted under this section and
13 may not include the cost of any additions that change the
14 scope of the regional cultural facility, such as additional
15 facilities or significant design alterations.

16 (8) The Division of Cultural Affairs may adopt rules
17 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 prescribing the criteria
18 to be applied to applications for grants and rules providing
19 for the administration of this section.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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23 HOUSE SUMMARY

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25 Authorizes the Division of Cultural Affairs of the
26 Department of State to accept and administer funds to
27 provide grants for acquiring, renovating, or constructing
28 regional cultural facilities. Provides for eligibility to
29 apply for such a grant. Provides that the Florida Arts
30 Council shall review grant applications. Requires the
31 council to submit an annual list of applicants and
 recommended grant recipients to the Secretary of State.
 Requires the updating of information submitted by an
 applicant that is carried over from a prior year. Defines
 the terms "qualified corporation" and "regional cultural
 facility." Provides standards for matching state funds.
 Limits the maximum amounts of a grant which may be
 awarded in a single year and over a 5-year period. Grants
 rulemaking authority to the division.