

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 which 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 under subsection  
23 (2) and shall submit annually to the Secretary of State for  
24 approval a list of all applications received and a list of all  
25 projects that are recommended by the council for the award of  
26 grants, arranged in order of priority. The division may  
27 allocate grants only for regional cultural facilities that are  
28 approved by the secretary or for which funds are appropriated  
29 by the Legislature. Regional cultural facilities that are  
30 approved and recommended by the Secretary of State but are not  
31 funded by the Legislature shall be retained on the project

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

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

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

13 (b) Presents cultural programs or exhibits that are of  
14 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) In-kind contributions of goods or services may be  
23 counted toward 50 percent of the required match; however, any  
24 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 prescribing the criteria to be applied to applications for  
18 grants and rules providing for the administration of this  
19 section.

20                    Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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23                    SENATE SUMMARY

24                    Authorizes the Division of Cultural Affairs of the  
25                    Department of State to accept and administer funds to  
26                    provide grants for acquiring, renovating, or constructing  
27                    regional cultural facilities. Provides for eligibility.  
28                    Requires the Florida Arts Council to review grant  
29                    applications. Requires the council to submit an annual  
30                    list to the Secretary of State. Requires the updating of  
31                    information submitted by an applicant which is carried  
                     over from a previous year. Provides standards for  
                     matching state funds. Limits the maximum amounts of  
                     grants. Grants rulemaking authority to the division.