

House File 460 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the cultural grants program administered by
2 the department of cultural affairs that provides operating
3 budget support to certain cultural organizations.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 303.3, subsection 2, Code 2015, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. The department shall establish a grant program
4 which provides general operating budget support to major,
5 multidisciplined cultural organizations which demonstrate
6 cultural and managerial excellence on a continuing basis to the
7 citizens of Iowa. Applicant organizations must be incorporated
8 under chapter 504, be exempt from federal taxation, and not
9 be attached or affiliated with an educational institution.
10 Eligible organizations shall be operated on a year-round basis
11 and employ at least one full-time, paid professional staff
12 member. The department shall establish criteria for review and
13 approval of grant applications. Criteria established shall
14 include, but are not limited to, a matching funds requirement.
15 The matching funds requirement shall permit an applicant
16 to meet the matching requirement by demonstrating that the
17 applicant's budget contains funds, other than state and federal
18 funds, in excess of the grant award.

19 b. An organization receiving a grant pursuant to this
20 subsection shall not use the funds received on travel expenses
21 or professional development.

22 c. An organization receiving a grant pursuant to this
23 subsection shall file a report with the department within
24 forty-five days after the end of the organization's fiscal
25 year. The report shall include information on the expenditure
26 of the grant moneys and other information as determined by the
27 department by rule.

28 EXPLANATION

29 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
30 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

31 This bill concerns the cultural grant program administered
32 by the department of cultural affairs that provides general
33 operating budget support to certain cultural organizations.
34 The bill prohibits an organization receiving a cultural grant
35 under the program from using the funds for travel expenses

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1 or professional development. The bill also requires the
2 organization to file a report detailing the expenditures of the
3 grant money with the department of cultural affairs within 45
4 days of the end of the organization's fiscal year.