

Cultural Facilities Projects in the Capital Bill

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- Eligibility
- Project Cycle



Cultural Facility Projects Background

- Multiple agencies administer community capital grant projects (e.g. OFCC, Dept. of Natural Resources, Dept. of Higher Education)
- Capital bill appropriations for cultural projects are **grants**
- Capital appropriation means a project is **potentially eligible** for grant funding as a cultural facility; not a funding guarantee
- An appropriation **reserves spending authority** exclusively for that project; cannot be transferred to another project without legislative action

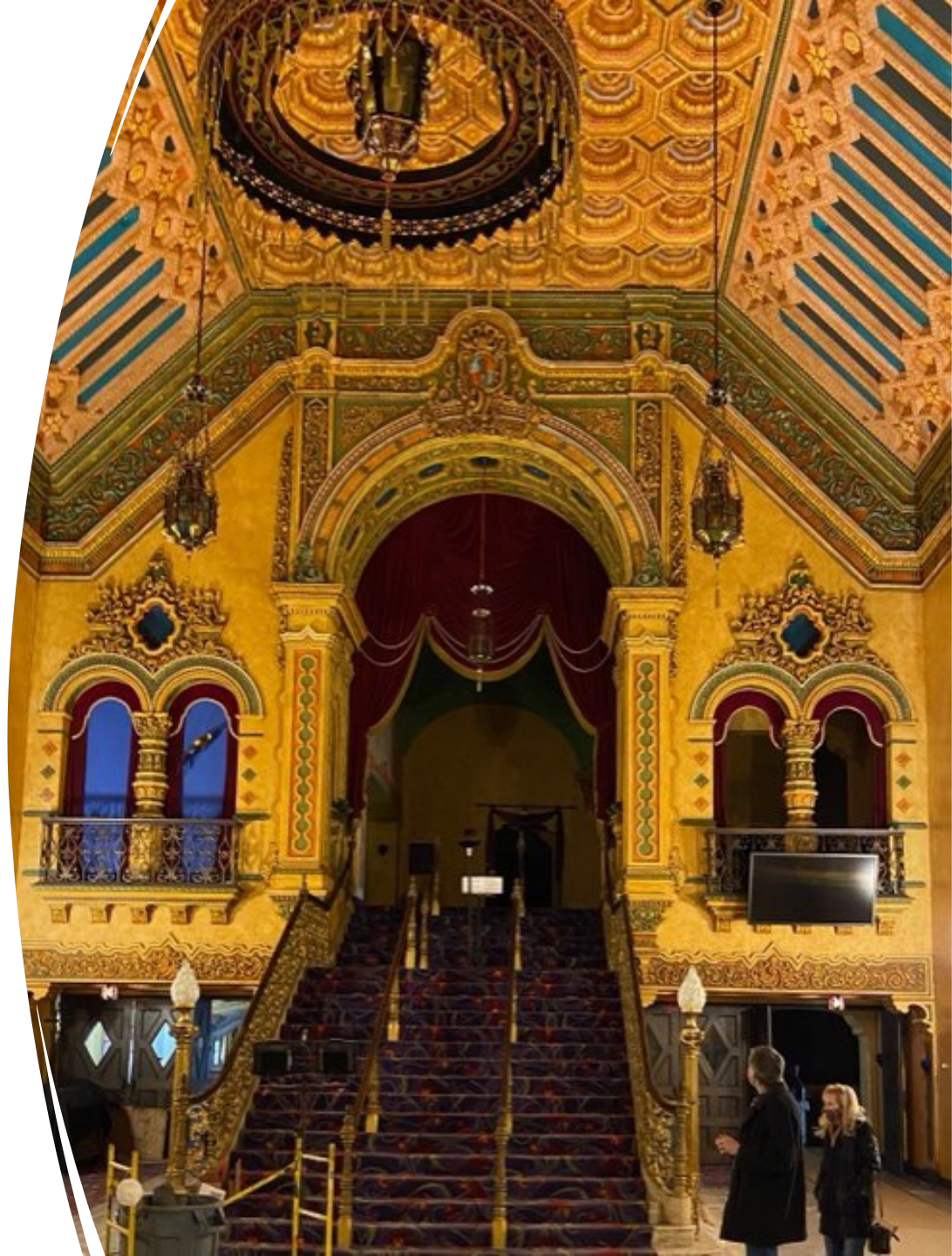
Cultural Facility Projects Background

- Grant is fulfilled by supporting culture over a 10-year period
- After appropriation in capital bill, Grantee applies to OFCC for the cultural grant
- Conditions for granting state funds:
 - Eligible grantee
 - Eligible project
 - Eligible expenditure
- If approved, OFCC and Grantee sign 10-year agreement subject to legislative approval
- Legislature approves project through the Controlling Board



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Eligibility: Who can receive a grant?

Cultural organization means:

- Governmental organization, or
- Ohio non-profit corporation that provides programs or activities in areas directly concerned with culture, or
- Regional arts and cultural district

Eligibility:

What projects qualify?

Project must be construction that supports **culture**:

- **Arts:** visual, musical, dramatic, graphic, design such as architecture, dance, literature, motion pictures, music, painting, photography, sculpture, theater
- **Science:** presentation of its principles in museums or other facilities
- **History:** features of archaeological, architectural, environmental, or historical interest

Eligibility:

What expenditures are OK?

Allowable for reimbursement:

- Design, engineering and architecture services
- New construction materials and contracted services
- Renovation that extends the useful life of the facility
- Labor paid according to prevailing wage law
- Acquisition of property

Eligibility:

What expenditures are not OK?

- Advance payments (grants are reimbursement only)
- Renovation that does not extend the useful life of the facility
- Repairs:
 - Fixing a boiler or other HVAC component
 - Patching a roof
 - Damaged furniture
 - Broken windows
 - Touch up painting
- Administrative expenses
- Maintenance contracts

Eligibility:

Are local matching funds required?

Yes. Grantee must contribute at least \$1 for every \$2 in state funds. Examples of eligible local matching funds are:

- Written fundraising pledges
- Other non-state grants that are fully approved
- Cash
- Endowment funds, newly raised and designated to support the facility
- In-kind contributions of goods or services
- Value of owned property where the project is constructed

Eligibility:

Other requirements

Full funding

- Project cost estimated by a design professional
- All hard and soft costs have been raised
- Pledges, commitments, loans, etc. in writing

Sustainability

- Will organization will be around for 10 years?
- Starts with review of publicly available on-line information
- Sometimes requires more assurance to protect investment

Insurance (property and liability)

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Project Cycle: Steps

1. Receive an appropriation in capital bill
2. Submit initial application to OFCC
3. Provide any supplemental information
4. Sign agreement
5. Receive State Controlling Board approval
6. Begin/complete construction
7. Submit for and receive reimbursement
8. Continue to support culture for term of the agreement



Project Cycle: Reimbursement

- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- Costs can be reimbursed with proof that the work has been completed
- During construction, may be invoiced every 3-4 weeks
- State reimburses based upon its percentage share of the total project budget; example:

$$\frac{\$200,000 \text{ state grant}}{\$500,000 \text{ project budget}} = 40\% \text{ of each invoice}$$

- Project must be **open and operable** before final state grant payment

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Thank you!

For more information visit our website:

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