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CHAPTER 4. ARTS, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES SUPPORT.

§ 39-401. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this chapter, the term:

- (1) "Arena Stage project" means the planning, development, acquisition, and construction of theater facilities and ancillary facilities to be located at 1101 6th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. (Square 472, Lot 123).
- (2) "Eligible organization" means an organization with real property described in § 47-1002(6), (7), (10), or (19) that has a signed lease for at least 10 years to carry out the purposes described in those paragraphs.
- (3) "Capital costs" means the costs of materials and supplies for the construction, rehabilitation, renovation, or preparation of architectural or engineering plans for a physical facility located in the District.
- (5) "Economic assistance" means a loan, grant, investment, or other form of expenditure of District monies.

(Apr. 5, 2005, D.C. Law 15-271, § 2, 52 DCR 820.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Legislative History of Laws

Law 15-271, the "Arts, Cultural, and Educational Facilities Support Act of 2004", was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 15-193, which was referred to the Committee on Economic Development. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on November 9, 2004, and December 7, 2004, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on December 29, 2004, it was assigned Act No. 15-662 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review. D.C. Law 15-271 became effective on April 5, 2005.

§ 39-402. AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR ARTS, CULTURAL, AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.[REPEALED]

(Apr. 5, 2005, D.C. Law 15-271, § 3, 52 DCR 820; Mar. 3, 2010, D.C. Law 18-111, § 7181(a), 57 DCR 181.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Emergency Act Amendments

For temporary (90 day) repeal, see § 7181(a) of Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Support Second Emergency Act of 2009 (D.C. Act 18-207, October 15, 2009, 56 DCR 8234).

For temporary (90 day) repeal, see § 7181(a), of Fiscal Year Budget Support Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2009 (D.C. Act 18-260, January 4, 2010, 57 DCR 345).

Legislative History of Laws

For Law 15-271, see notes following § 39-401.

For Law 18-111, see notes following § 39-105.

Miscellaneous Notes

Short title: Section 7180 of D.C. Law 18-111 provided that subtitle P of title VII of the act may be cited as the "Capital Grant Authority Repeal Amendment Act of 2009".

§ 39-402.01. CONTINUING AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE PUBLIC

SUPPORT.

Subject to the appropriation of funds or the identification of legally available funds, the Mayor may provide economic assistance to pay all or a portion of the capital costs incurred by a project approved by the Council prior to November 1, 2009.

(Apr. 5, 2005, D.C. Law 15-271, § 3a, as added Mar. 3, 2010, D.C. Law 18- 111, § 7181(b), 57 DCR 181.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Emergency Act Amendments

For temporary (90 day) addition, see § 7181(b) of Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Support Second Emergency Act of 2009 (D.C. Act 18-207, October 15, 2009, 56 DCR 8234).

For temporary (90 day) addition, see § 7181(b), of Fiscal Year Budget Support Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2009 (D.C. Act 18-260, January 4, 2010, 57 DCR 345).

Legislative History of Laws

For Law 18-111, see notes following § 39-105.

§ 39-403. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ARENA STAGE.

(a) The Council finds that the Washington Drama Society is an eligible organization, and that the Arena Stage Project will contribute to the redevelopment of the southwest waterfront and provide financial, economic, educational, and cultural benefits to the residents of the District.

(b) Subject to the appropriation of funds or the identification of legally available funds, the Mayor is authorized to provide economic assistance to the Washington Drama Society for the Arena Stage Project in an amount not to exceed \$20 million.

(Apr. 5, 2005, D.C. Law 15-271, § 4, 52 DCR 820.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Legislative History of Laws

For Law 15-271, see notes following § 39-401.

Miscellaneous Notes

Studio Theatre, Inc.: Sections 2 and 3 of D.C. Law 15-311 provide:

"Sec. 2. Findings.

"The Council finds:

"(1) The Studio Theatre, Inc. ('Studio') is an important cultural and economic asset of the District.

"(2) Studio is a not-for-profit organization and the largest actor training program in the District.

"(3) Studio moved to the 14th Street corridor in 1975, less than a decade after the area was hard hit by the riots of 1968. At the time of Studio's relocation, the 14th Street corridor was full of empty storefronts and littered with hypodermic needles and condoms.

"(4) Studio's relocation to the 14th Street corridor and its active involvement in the community has contributed significantly to the corridor's physical and economic revitalization.

"(5) In 2001, Studio announced a major plan to ensure the theatre's continued survival and vibrancy on 14th Street.

"(6) Studio purchased 2 adjacent, dilapidated buildings and announced plans for a 4-theatre performance and training complex.

"(7) Studio is currently engaged in a capital campaign to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, rehabilitating, furnishing, and equipping the additional space.

"(8) The capital campaign --although having already raised \$10 million --has produced lower than expected contributions from corporations and individuals.

"(9) Financial assistance from the District is necessary to avoid a funding shortfall and to ensure the successful completion and operation of the project.

"(10) Studio's expansion will provide significant cultural, social, educational, and economic benefits to residents of the District of Columbia and contribute to community improvements.

"Sec. 3. Authority to provide funds.

"The Mayor may provide up to \$2 million to The Studio Theatre, Inc., a not-for-profit District of Columbia corporation, to assist in financing the costs of expanding, rehabilitating, maintaining, furnishing, equipping,

and making other capital improvements to The Studio Theatre. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "The Studio Theatre" means the facilities located at 1507 and 1509 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. listed in the land records as Lots 830, 834, and 835 in Square 241, that are operated by The Studio Theatre, Inc."

§ 39-404. RULEMAKING.

The Mayor shall promulgate rules and regulations, pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 2, setting forth the criteria and standards for providing economic assistance under this chapter.

(Apr. 5, 2005, D.C. Law 15-271, § 5, 52 DCR 820.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Legislative History of Laws

For Law 15-271, see notes following § 39-401.

§ 39-405. REPORT TO COUNCIL.

Within 45 days after the end of each fiscal year, the Mayor shall submit to the Council a report that states in detail the amount of economic assistance provided under this chapter during the preceding fiscal year, and names the recipients of the economic assistance and their uses of that assistance.

(Apr. 5, 2005, D.C. Law 15-271, § 6, 52 DCR 820.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Legislative History of Laws

For Law 15-271, see notes following § 39-401.