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## Department of Community and Culture Implements Process for Capital Grant Request Prioritization

Salt Lake City - - Communities and community-based cultural organizations now have a formal conduit to request state financial assistance for capital projects. The Utah Department of Community and Culture (DCC) announces the process for community partners to request prioritization of their capital project funding requests by four DCC boards. Each board will then provide the Governor's Office and State Legislature a list of prioritized capital projects for future consideration when constructing state budgets.

Based on a 2009 statutory change in their duties, the Board of Directors of the Utah Arts Council, the Museum Services Advisory Board, the State Library Board and the Board of State History will now review independent applications for financial assistance on capital projects and then rank the applications based on the goals of the applicant, the public benefit of the proposed project and the strategic value of the project's partnerships.

Prioritization of an application, however, is no guarantee of funding. That decision is ultimately up to the Legislature. But it does provide the Governor's Office and legislative fiscal analysts another level of context by subject matter experts and it also allows applicants to secure a validation of their efforts, or at least a professional review to insure projects are more successful.

Applications are now available through the Divisions of Arts and Museums, State History, and State Library on the DCC website ([www.community.utah.gov](http://www.community.utah.gov)). Applications will be accepted until 6 p.m. on September 21.

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