

74-7325. Protection from abuse fund; establishment; purpose; administration; grant criteria. (a)

There is hereby created in the state treasury the protection from abuse fund. All moneys credited to the fund shall be used solely for the purpose of making grants to programs providing: (1) Temporary emergency shelter for adult victims of domestic abuse or sexual assault and their dependent children; (2) counseling and assistance to those victims and their children; or (3) educational services directed at reducing the incidence of domestic abuse or sexual assault and diminishing its impact on the victims. All moneys credited to the fund shall be used only for on-going operating expenses of domestic violence programs. All moneys credited to the fund pursuant to any increase in docket fees as provided by this act as described in K.S.A. 60-2001, and amendments thereto, shall not be awarded to programs until July 1, 2003, and shall be used for ongoing operating expenses of domestic violence or sexual assault programs.

(b) All expenditures from the protection from abuse fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the attorney general or by a person or persons designated by the attorney general.

(c) The attorney general may apply for, receive and accept moneys from any source for the purposes for which moneys in the protection from abuse fund may be expended. Upon receipt of any such moneys, the attorney general shall remit the entire amount to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the protection from abuse fund.

(d) Grants made to programs pursuant to this section shall be based on the numbers of persons served by the program and shall be made only to the city of Wichita or to agencies which are engaged, as their primary function, in programs aimed at preventing domestic violence or sexual assault or providing residential services or facilities to family or household members who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. In order for programs to qualify for funding under this section, they must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of section 501(c) of the internal revenue code of 1986;
- (2) be registered and in good standing as a nonprofit corporation;
- (3) meet normally accepted standards for nonprofit organizations;
- (4) have trustees who represent the racial, ethnic and socioeconomic diversity of the county or counties served;
- (5) have received 50% or more of their funds from sources other than funds distributed through the fund, which other sources may be public or private and may include contributions of goods or services, including materials, commodities, transportation, office space or other types of facilities or personal services;
- (6) demonstrate ability to successfully administer programs;
- (7) make available an independent certified audit of the previous year's financial records;
- (8) have obtained appropriate licensing or certification, or both;
- (9) serve a significant number of residents of the county or counties served;
- (10) not unnecessarily duplicate services already adequately provided to county residents; and
- (11) agree to comply with reporting requirements of the attorney general.

The attorney general may adopt rules and regulations establishing additional standards for eligibility and accountability for grants made pursuant to this section.

(e) As used in this section:

- (1) "Domestic abuse" means abuse as defined by the protection from abuse act, K.S.A. 60-3101 et seq., and amendments thereto.
- (2) "Sexual assault" means acts defined in article 35 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, prior to their repeal, or article 55 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, or K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-6419 through 21-6421, and amendments thereto.

(f) On or before the 10th day of each month, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the protection from abuse fund interest earnings based on:

- (1) The average daily balance of moneys in the protection from abuse fund for the preceding month; and
- (2) the net earnings rate for the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.

History: L. 1984, ch. 135, § 4; L. 1989, ch. 239, § 24; L. 1994, ch. 335, § 9; L. 1995, ch. 243, § 5; L. 1996, ch. 234, § 19; L. 1998, ch. 123, § 3; L. 2001, ch. 5, § 337; L. 2002, ch. 51, § 3; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 257; L. 2014, ch. 82, § 38; July 1.