

75-2723. Same; official state agency to administer federal assistance under federal act; powers as administrative agency; availability of funds for state's share required. (a) The state historical society is hereby designated as the official state agency to administer federal assistance under provisions of the national historic preservation act of 1966 and to accept and disburse funds apportioned to the state under the provisions of said act.

(b) The state historical society, as the administrative agency for the state for such federal assistance and benefits as may be available under the national historic preservation act of 1966, shall have the right and is authorized and empowered to: (1) Apply for such assistance and benefits as may be available to the state under said act, and the state treasurer is hereby authorized to receive and disburse such moneys upon the proper voucher by the agency.

(2) Disburse federal and state funds to eligible local governments and private agencies and individuals as directed by the historic sites board of review according to the priorities established in the Kansas preservation plan.

(3) Enter into contracts and agreements with individuals, organizations, municipalities, governmental agencies and with the United States or any appropriate agency thereof.

(4) Keep financial and other records thereto and to furnish appropriate officials and agencies of the state and of the United States such reports and information as may be reasonably necessary to enable such officials and agencies to perform their duties under said program.

(5) Perform such other acts as may be necessary to comply with federal requirements in securing for the state the benefits provided by the national historic preservation act of 1966.

(c) The state historical society shall make no commitment or enter into any agreement pursuant to the exercise of authority under this act until it has determined that sufficient funds are available to meet the state's share, if any, of the project cost.

History: L. 1977, ch. 284, § 9; July 1.