

12-17,164. Establishment of STAR bond projects by city or county; approval of secretary; limitations; administrative fees; recovery of certain costs. (a) The governing body of a city may establish one or more STAR bond projects in any area within such city or wholly outside the boundaries of such city. A STAR bond project wholly outside the boundaries of such city must be approved by the board of county commissioners by the passage of a county resolution.

The governing body of a county may establish one or more STAR bond projects in any unincorporated area of the county.

The projects shall be eligible for financing by special obligation bonds payable from revenues described by K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 12-17,169(a)(1), and amendments thereto.

(b) Each STAR bond project shall first be approved by the secretary, if the secretary determines that the proposed project or complex sufficiently promotes, stimulates and develops the general and economic welfare of the state as described in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 12-17,160, and amendments thereto. The secretary, upon approving the project, may approve such financing in an amount not to exceed 50% of the total costs including all project costs and any other costs related to the project. The proceeds of such STAR bond financing may only be used to pay for incurred project costs.

(c) For a city proposing to finance a major motorsports complex pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 12-17,169(a)(1)(C) or (a)(1)(E), and amendments thereto, the secretary, upon approving the project, may approve such financing in an amount not to exceed 50% of the STAR bond project costs.

(d) The secretary may approve a STAR bond project located in a STAR bond project district established by a city prior to May 1, 2003.

(e) A project shall not be granted to any business that proposes to relocate its business from another area of the state into such city or county, for the purpose of consideration for a STAR bond project provided by K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 12-17,160 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(f) A project shall not be approved by the secretary if the market study required by K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 12-17,166, and amendments thereto, indicates a substantial negative impact upon businesses in the project or complex market area or the granting of such project or complex would cause a default in the payment of any outstanding special obligation bond payable from revenues authorized pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 12-17,169(a)(1), and amendments thereto.

(g) The maximum maturity of special obligation bonds payable primarily from revenues described by K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 12-17,169(a)(1), and amendments thereto, to finance STAR bond projects pursuant to this section shall not exceed 20 years.

(h) The secretary shall not approve any application for STAR bond project financing which is submitted by a city or county more than one year after the STAR bond project district in which the STAR bond project is located has been established.

(i) For the purpose of recovering the costs of the secretary and the department arising from fulfilling administrative, review, approval, oversight and other responsibilities under the STAR bonds financing act and from providing assistance to cities, counties and private businesses in relation to STAR bond projects, the secretary may assess an administrative fee of up to 1%, not to exceed \$200,000, of the amount of the special obligation bonds payable from revenues described by K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 12-17,169(a)(1), and amendments thereto, issued or reissued for STAR bond projects. The secretary may also recover any actual costs incurred by the secretary in excess of the fee. The fee, and any actual costs incurred by the secretary in excess of the fee, shall be paid to the secretary from the proceeds of such bonds. All such moneys received by the secretary shall be remitted 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 STAR bond administrative fee fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. All expenditures from the STAR bond administrative fee 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 secretary or a person or persons designated by the secretary.

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