

74-50,151. Kansas economic opportunity initiatives fund (KEOIF); authorized uses; approval of expenditures; guidelines; review of proposed projects; estimates of receipts to state economic development initiatives fund; transfers to fund of amounts sufficient to fund budgeted transfers and expenditures therefrom; transfer of interest earnings; review panel, report. (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the Kansas economic opportunity initiatives fund. Subject to acts of the legislature applicable thereto, the moneys in the Kansas economic opportunity initiatives fund shall be used only for the purposes prescribed by this section.

(b) All expenditures made pursuant to this act shall be made in accordance with appropriations acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the governor or the governor's designee. The governor may approve a warrant upon certification, by the secretary of commerce, that an economic emergency or unique opportunity exists which warrant funding for a strategic economic intervention by such state agency or agencies to address expenses involved in securing economic benefits or avoiding or remedying economic losses related to:

- (1) A major expansion of an existing Kansas commercial enterprise;
- (2) the potential location in Kansas of the operations of a major employer;
- (3) the award of a significant federal or private sector grant which has a financial matching requirement;
- (4) the departure from Kansas or the substantial reduction of the operations of a major employer; and
- (5) the closure or the substantial reduction of a major federal or state institution or facility.

(c) An intervention strategy may include financial assistance in the form of grants, loans or both. The department of commerce shall adopt written guidelines concerning the terms and conditions of any such loans. However, all repaid funds shall be credited to the Kansas economic opportunity initiatives fund. No intervention strategy approved pursuant to this act shall facilitate the moving of an existing Kansas firm to another location within the state unless such restriction is waived by the secretary of commerce. Every intervention strategy approved pursuant to this act shall identify the intended outcomes to be realized by the strategy for which funding is sought.

(d) The department of commerce shall make findings concerning the costs and benefits, on both a local and statewide basis, of projects proposed pursuant to this act. Prior to allocation of any funds pursuant to this act, the governor shall review the cost-benefit findings performed on each project.

(e) The director of the budget and the director of the legislative research department shall consult periodically and review the balance credited to and the estimated receipts to be credited to the state economic development initiatives fund during the fiscal year. During any period when the legislature is not in session, upon a finding by the director of the budget in consultation with the director of the legislative research department that the total of the unencumbered balance and estimated receipts to be credited to the state economic development initiatives fund during a fiscal year are insufficient to fund the budgeted expenditures and transfers from the state economic development initiatives fund for the fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of appropriation acts, the director of the budget shall make a certification of such finding to the governor. Upon approval by the governor, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer the amount of moneys from the Kansas economic opportunity initiatives fund to the state economic development initiatives fund that is required, in accordance with a certification by the director of the budget under this subsection, to fund the budgeted expenditures and transfers from the state economic development initiatives fund for the fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of appropriation acts, as specified by the director of the budget pursuant to such certification.

(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 state economic development initiatives fund interest earnings based on:

- (1) The average daily balance of moneys in the Kansas economic opportunity initiatives fund for the preceding month; and
- (2) the net earnings rate for the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.

(g) The secretary of commerce shall review annually the propriety of projects funded under this section and report the findings in writing to the governor, the committee on commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives and the senate commerce committee. The report to the commerce, labor and economic development committee of the house of representatives and the commerce committee of the senate under this subsection shall be made either: (1) By publishing such report on the internet and by notifying each member of the committees that the report is available and providing, as part of such notice, the uniform resource locator (URL) at which such report is available; or (2) by submitting copies of such report on CD-ROM or other electronically readable media to such committees.

History: L. 1994, ch. 258, § 1; L. 1996, ch. 205, § 9; L. 1998, ch. 149, § 1; L. 2000, ch. 157, § 7; L. 2002, ch. 151, § 5; L. 2003, ch. 154, § 57; L. 2011, ch. 104, § 14; L. 2012, ch. 65, § 9; L. 2013, ch. 134, § 11; July 1.