

**75-2732. Competitive grant program for partnership historic sites; eligibility; use of moneys; selection process; reports; rules and regulations; partnership historic sites grant fund.** (a) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, the state historical society is hereby authorized to develop a program of competitive grants to be awarded to partnership historic sites as provided in this section. To be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to this section, such partnership historic site shall: (1) Be listed on the national register of historic places or the register of historic Kansas places, be owned or operated by a public entity or an organization which is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, develop and submit a business plan to be reviewed by the partnership historic site committee, not receive any state funding for operations, be open to the public or have the potential to be open to the public for a minimum of at least 500 hours a year and be owned and operated for the purpose of educating the public about a specific aspect of Kansas and United States history; (2) provide a 50% match of funds which are not state or federal moneys; and (3) abide by all federal, state and local laws. Such grants shall be used by a partnership historic site to develop a historic preservation plan that meets the secretary of the interior's standards in cooperation with the Kansas state historical society or to cover basic operations costs, or both.

(b) Partnership historic sites to be awarded grants pursuant to this section shall be selected by the state historical society upon recommendation of the partnership historic site committee, which is hereby created. Such committee shall be composed of seven members as follows: One member to be appointed by the president of the senate, one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate, one member to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives, two members to be appointed by the governor and one member to be appointed by the chairperson of the historic sites board of review. The member appointed by the chairperson of the historic sites board of review shall serve as chairperson of such committee. Each member of the committee shall be appointed for a term of two years. Each member shall continue in such appointment until a successor is appointed. Members shall be eligible for reappointment, and appointment may be made to fill an unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. The executive director of the Kansas state historical society shall develop the application procedure and grant periods in cooperation with such committee.

(c) Each partnership historic site which is awarded a grant pursuant to this section shall be required to submit a report of its operations and use of any grant moneys awarded and any other information required related to the grant to the Kansas state historical society at the end of the grant period in a form and manner prescribed by the Kansas state historical society.

(d) The executive director shall adopt rules and regulations regarding the application procedure, grant periods, grant evaluation criteria, the filing of forms that support the application for grant awards pursuant to this section, and any other matter necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

(e) (1) There is hereby established in the state treasury the partnership historic sites grant fund. All moneys deposited in the partnership historic sites grant fund shall be used for the purpose of awarding grants pursuant to this section. No more than 12% of the moneys deposited in the fund shall be used for administration of the fund.

(2) On or before the 10th of each month, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the partnership historic sites grant fund interest earnings based on:

- (A) The average daily balance of moneys in the partnership historic sites grant fund for the preceding month; and
- (B) the net earnings rate for the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.

(3) All expenditures from the partnership historic sites grant 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 executive director of the state historical society or the executive director's designee.

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