

**TITLE 320. OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CHAPTER 15. OKLAHOMA HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

320:15-1-1 [AMENDED]

320:15-1-3 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 2. Grant Applications

320:15-2-1 [AMENDED]

320:15-2-2 [AMENDED]

320:15-2-3 [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The Oklahoma Heritage Preservation Grant Program provides financial assistance to cities, counties, tribal governments, and nonprofit historical organizations to operate and improve the effectiveness of museums and historical organizations. The purpose of the Oklahoma Heritage Preservation Grant Program is to encourage the collecting, preserving, and sharing of Oklahoma history. Proposed changes to 320:20-1-3 change the term "third-party consultant" to "third-party vendor." Proposed changes to 320:15-2-1 include increasing the eligibility threshold for an organization's operating budget from \$500,000 to \$750,000 and increasing the minimum and maximum amount of allowable grant funds requested to account for inflation. Proposed changes to 320:15-2-2(3) will add phrasing/clarity to weighted criteria by stating that the institutional readiness of the applicant organization will address "the applicant organization's capacity to complete the project." Proposed changes to 320:15-2-2(4) will change to weight from three (3) to five (5) on "implementation of project." Proposed changes to 320:15-2-3 clean up self-imposed requirements to disseminate notice of the grant cycle and outline the process for contract extension requests. Additional proposed changes to the rules are limited to grammatical and consistency improvements.

AUTHORITY:

Heritage Preservation Act; 53 O.S. Section 411-417; Oklahoma Historical Society

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons wishing to present their views in writing may do so before 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at the following address: Nicole Harvey, Oklahoma Historical Society, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or nicole.harvey@history.ok.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at the Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, OKC, OK 73105. Anyone who wishes to speak will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes to speak and must sign in at the door by 1:05 p.m. The alternate date and time in the event of an office closure due to inclement weather is January 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the same address as above. Notice of office closure can be found at www.okhistory.org. Anyone who wishes to speak will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes to speak and must sign in at the door by 1:05 p.m.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

N/A

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Oklahoma Historical Society, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. The proposed rules are also available on the Oklahoma Historical Society's website at <http://www.okhistory.org/agency>.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., §303(D), a rule impact statement will be prepared and may be obtained from the Oklahoma Historical Society at the above address no later than December 29, 2023.

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