# TITLE 320. OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY CHAPTER 20. OKLAHOMA CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL GRANT PROGRAM

#### **RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

## **PROPOSED RULES:**

Subchapter 1. General Provisions [NEW]

320:20-1-1[NEW]

320:20-1-2 [NEW]

320:20-1-3 [NEW]

Subchapter 2. Grant Applications [NEW]

320:20-2-1 [NEW]

320:20-2-2 [NEW]

320:20-2-3 [NEW]

#### **SUMMARY:**

The proposed new chapter establishes rules for the Oklahoma Civil Rights Trail Grant Program per the requirements of 53 O.S. Section 502(b). The program will provide financial assistance to municipal, county, and tribal governments, as well as nonprofit organizations, to assist organizations that highlight Oklahoma's contributions to the Civil Rights Movement. The purpose of the Oklahoma Civil Rights Grant Program is to connect All-Black towns and locations significant to the Civil Rights Movement in Oklahoma, including many Native American sites of historical significance, stimulating tourism, fostering entrepreneurship, and promoting economic development within these communities. The proposed rules will address the following: the purpose of the program, eligibility, criteria, and the application process, requirements, evaluation, and awards.

### **AUTHORITY:**

Oklahoma Civil Rights Trail Grant Program; 53 O.S. Sections 501-503

# **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 1:30 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 1:35 p.m. The alternate date and time in the event of an office closure due to inclement weather is January 22, 2024, at 1:30 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 1:35 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 locations beginning December 29, 2023.

# **CONTACT PERSON:**

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