

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

Rules Impact Statement

1. Brief description of the purpose of the proposed rules

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.

2. Classes of persons affected by the proposed rules

Municipal, county or tribal governments, not-for-profit historical organizations registered with the Oklahoma Secretary of State (museums, historic sites, historical associations, archives, libraries with special collections, or genealogical associations in the state of Oklahoma that feature Oklahoma history as a major component of their mission) with an operating budget of under \$750,000 will be eligible for the program. Therefore, if eligible, applicants would be affected by the proposed rules.

3. Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rules

Municipal, county or tribal governments, or not-for-profit historical organizations registered with the Oklahoma Secretary of State (museums, historic sites, historical associations, archives, libraries with special collections, or genealogical associations in the state of Oklahoma that feature Oklahoma history as a major component of their mission) with an operating budget of under \$750,000 will be eligible for the program. The staff/stakeholders of the applicant organization will benefit from having a clear and defined process when applying for the grant.

4. Probable economic impact of the proposed rules upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions

There is no expected economic impact from the proposed rules. However, if awarded a grant, funding would be provided to a grantee (which might include a political subdivision) for a project or program that would not have otherwise had the funding.

5. Probable costs and benefits to the agency and to any agency of the implementation and enforcement of the proposed rules, the source of revenue to be used for implementation and enforcement of the

proposed rules, and any anticipated effect on state revenues, including a projected net loss or gain if it can be projected by the agency

The proposed rules do not include any fees, and no economic impact is anticipated. The Heritage Preservation Grant Program has associated costs, but the program was created by statute and has a dedicated revolving fund for the program. The benefits of the proposed rules to the agency are the clarification of entities eligible for the grant and clarification on the application process. The proposed rules will have no known effect on state revenues.

6. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rules will have an economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rules.

The proposed rules will have no known economic impact. The Heritage Preservation Grant Program will likely have a positive economic impact, which may affect political subdivisions. Political subdivisions would not play a role in implementing or enforcing the rules.

7. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rules will have an adverse economic effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

No adverse economic effect on small business is expected if the proposed rules are implemented.

8. Explanation of the measures the agency has taken to minimize compliance costs and a determination of whether there are less costly or nonregulatory methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rules

There are no expected compliance costs to implement the proposed rules.

9. Determination of the effect of the proposed rules on the public health, safety and environment and, if the proposed rules are designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety and environment

There is no anticipated effect on public health, safety, and the environment. The proposed rules are not designed to reduce significant risks to public health, safety, and the environment.

10. Determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment if the proposed rules are not implemented.

There is no anticipated effect on public health, safety, and the environment if the proposed rules are not implemented.

11. The rules impact statement was prepared on December 20, 2023.