

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

Rules Impact Statement

1. Brief description of the purpose of the proposed rules

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 Trail 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.

2. Classes of persons affected by the proposed rules

Municipal, county, or tribal governments, and not-for-profit organizations registered with the Oklahoma Secretary of State 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, and not-for-profit organizations registered with the Oklahoma Secretary of State will be eligible for the program. Therefore, if eligible, applicants would be affected by the proposed rules. 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 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 Oklahoma Civil Rights Trail Grant Program will have associated costs in terms of grant monies awarded and administrative oversight of the program, but the program was created by statute and has a dedicated revolving fund. 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 Oklahoma Civil Rights Trail 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.