

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

Rules Impact Statement

1. Brief description of the purpose of the proposed rules

The proposed new chapter establishes rules for the Oklahoma Heritage Preservation Grant Program per requirements of 53 O.S. Section 413(a). The program will provide financial assistance to cities, counties, nonprofit organizations, and tribal governments to operate and improve the effectiveness of museums and historical organizations. The purpose of the Heritage Preservation Grant Program is to encourage the collecting, preserving, and sharing of Oklahoma history. The proposed rules will address the purpose of the program, eligibility, criteria, and application process.

2. Classes of persons affected by 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, libraries with special collections, or genealogical associations in the state of Oklahoma that feature Oklahoma history as a major component of their mission) are 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, libraries with special collections, or genealogical associations in the state of Oklahoma that feature Oklahoma history as a major component of their mission) are eligible for the program, therefore the staff 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 an organization (which might include a political subdivision) for a project or program that would not have otherwise had the funding. In turn, this may lead to an increase in visitation or grants and donations received from other entities.

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 will have 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 a defined process for how those entities may apply. 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, unless said political subdivision, if eligible, chose to apply for a grant.

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 the public health, safety and environment. The proposed rules are not designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety and environment.

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

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

11. The rules impact statement was prepared on February 28, 2019.