

**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, 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. Proposed changes to the rules include 320:15-1-1 which removes an outdated objective of the program. Proposed changes to 320:15-1-3 clarifies definitions to “cash match,” “not-for-profit historical organization,” and “strategic plan,” and creates a definition for “capacity building.” Proposed changes to 320:15-2-1 include increasing the eligibility threshold for an organization’s operating budget, changing the financial match for organizations requesting less than \$5,000 from a cash match to the option of an in-kind match. Proposed changes are being made to the list of ineligible expenses to clarify expenses related to historic preservation and allowing for certain expenses to be considered on a case-by-case basis and/or addressed in the grant contract as needed. Proposed changes to 320:15-2-2 add two additional examples of items utilized to formulate a score under weighted criteria; project budget and strength of strategic plan (if applicable). Proposed changes to 320:15-2-3 creates additions to the list of typical projects to reflect changes to the rules made last year that now allow for certain types of historic preservation funding, as well as, clarifying expectations of digitization and copyright/fair use. Additional changes outline staff member involvement in evaluation process and the process for project and/or budget modification.

**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 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at the following address:  
Nicole Harvey, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or [nharvey@okhistory.org](mailto:nharvey@okhistory.org)

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at the Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, OKC, OK 73105. Anyone who wishes to speak must sign in at the door by 3:05 p.m. The alternate date and time in the event of an office closure due to inclement weather is January 24, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the Oklahoma History Center. Anyone who wishes to speak must sign in at the door by 3:05 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/grants>

**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, 2021.

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