

32-1420. Matching grant program to assist tourism and tourist attractions development; eligibility; administration by secretary; rules and regulations. (a) There is hereby established a state matching grant program to provide assistance in the promotion of tourism and development of quality tourist attractions within the state of Kansas. Grants awarded under this program shall be limited to not more than 40% of the cost of any proposed project. Applicants shall not utilize any state moneys to meet the matching requirements under the provisions of this program. Both public and private entities shall be eligible to apply for a grant under the provisions of this act. Not less than 75% of all moneys granted under this program shall be allocated to public entities or entities exempt from taxation under the provisions of 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986 and amendments thereto. No more than 20% of moneys granted to public or nonprofit entities shall be granted to any single such entity. Furthermore, no more than 20% of moneys granted to private entities shall be granted to any single such entity. The secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism shall administer the provisions of this act and the secretary may adopt rules and regulations establishing criteria for qualification for a matching grant and such other matters deemed necessary by the secretary for the administration of this act.

(b) For the purpose of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 32-1420 through 32-1422, and amendments thereto, "tourist attraction" means a site that is of significant interest to tourists as a historic, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational or architecturally unique site, or as a site of natural scenic beauty or an area naturally suited for outdoor recreation, however, under no circumstances shall "tourist attraction" mean a race track facility, as defined in K.S.A. 74-8802, and amendments thereto, or any casino or other establishment which operates class three games, as defined in the 1991 version of 25 U.S.C. § 2703.

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