

HOUSE BILL No. 2338

An Act concerning the state historical society; authorizing a competitive grant program for recording experiences of state veterans of World War II; concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, for the state historical society.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts and in accordance with the provisions of this act, the executive director of the Kansas state historical society may provide administrative and Kansas veterans' experience history project grants to: (1) Not-for-profit organizations which have tax exempt status under section 501(c) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986; or (2) a state educational institution as defined by K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto; or (3) a degree or certificate granting private college located in the state; or (4) other local, municipal or state historical agency for development and implementation of a program to record experiences of veterans of World War II residing in Kansas.

(b) Such grants shall be awarded for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, on a competitive basis in accordance with guidelines and criteria prescribed by rules and regulations adopted by the executive director of the Kansas state historical society based on the following criteria:

(1) Methods employed to reach out to veterans of World War II and convince such veterans to record their experiences; and

(2) methods employed to copy and archive photographs, maps and other media possessed by such veterans which is of historical value; and

(3) the availability of matching funds from other sources which the organization can make available to leverage state funds; and

(4) methods proposed to network and gain the help of community organizations to contact Kansas veterans of World War II and gain such veterans' participation.

(c) More than one applicant may be awarded a grant to perform different tasks to achieve the purposes prescribed in this section if deemed appropriate by the executive director of the state historical society.

Sec. 2. (a) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, appropriations are hereby made, restrictions and limitations are hereby imposed and transfers, fees, receipts, disbursement and acts incidental to the foregoing are hereby directed or authorized as provided in this act.

Sec. 3.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(a) There is hereby appropriated for the above agency from the state general fund for the fiscal year or years specified, the following:

Kansas veterans' experience history project grants administrative expenses
For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 \$10,000

Provided, That any unencumbered balance in the Kansas veterans' experience history project grants administrative expenses account in excess of \$100 as of June 30, 2006, is hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 2007.

Kansas veterans' experience history project grant awards
For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 \$150,000

Provided, That any unencumbered balance in the Kansas veterans' experience history project grant awards account in excess of \$100 as of June 30, 2006, is hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 2007.

(b) This act shall not be subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of K.S.A. 75-6702, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

HOUSE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

SENATE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.