

CHAPTER 99**OFFICE OF GRANTS ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT***S.F. 438*

AN ACT relating to the establishment of the office of grants enterprise management in the department of management to assist the state in receiving more nonstate funds and providing a standing limited appropriation.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 8.9 GRANTS ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT OFFICE.

The office of grants enterprise management is established in the department of management. The function of the office is to develop and administer a system to track, identify, advocate for, and coordinate nonstate grants as defined in section 8.2, subsections 1 and 3. Staffing for the office of grants enterprise management shall be provided by a facilitator appointed by the director of the department of management. Additional staff may be hired, subject to the availability of funding. Funding for the office is from the appropriation to the department pursuant to section 421.17, subsection 33.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 8.10 FACILITATOR'S DUTIES.

The specific duties of the facilitator of the office of grants enterprise management may include the following:

1. Establish a grants network representing all state agencies to assist the grants enterprise management office in an advisory capacity. Each state agency shall designate an employee on the management or senior staff level to serve as the agency's federal funds coordinator and represent the agency on the grants network. An agency may not create a staff position for a federal funds coordinator. The coordinator's duties shall be in addition to the duties of the employee of the agency.
2. Develop a plan for increased state access to funding sources other than the general fund of the state.
3. Develop procedures to formally notify appropriate state and local agencies of the availability of discretionary federal funds and, when necessary, coordinate the application process.
4. Establish an automated information system database for grants applied for and received and to track congressional activity.
5. Provide information and counseling to state agencies and political subdivisions of the state concerning the availability and means of obtaining state, federal, and private grants.
6. Provide grant application writing assistance and training to state agencies and political subdivisions of the state, directly or through interagency contracts, cooperative agreements, or contracts with third-party providers.
7. Monitor the federal register and other federal or state publications to identify funding opportunities, with special emphasis on discretionary grants or other funding opportunities available to the state.
8. Periodically review the funding strategies and methods of those states that rank significantly above the national average in the per capita receipt of federal funds to determine whether those strategies and methods could be successfully employed by this state.

Sec. 3. Section 421.17, subsection 33, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. aa. There is appropriated annually from the increase in indirect cost reimbursements over the amount of indirect cost reimbursements received during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, to the office of grants enterprise management of the department of management the sum of up to one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars. The director of revenue and finance shall transfer the funds appropriated to the department of management

as provided in this paragraph and shall make the funds resulting from the increase in reimbursements available during the fiscal year to the department of management on a monthly basis. If the amount of the increase in indirect cost reimbursements is insufficient to pay the maximum appropriation provided for in this paragraph, the amount appropriated is equal to the amount of such increase.¹

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CHAPTER 100

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE — DISHONORED CHECKS — WRITTEN DEMAND FOR PAYMENT

H.F. 319

AN ACT permitting written demand via regular mail prior to an action under the uniform commercial code for recovery of civil damages for a dishonored check, draft, or order, when supported by an affidavit of service.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 554.3513, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

b. The written demand notified the defendant that treble damages would be sought if the face value of the dishonored check was not paid within thirty days of receipt, and was received by the defendant ~~through personal~~ via any of the following methods:

(1) Personal service or restricted.

(2) Restricted certified mail.

(3) Regular mail to at least one of the following addresses, supported by an affidavit of service retained by the payee or holder of the dishonored check, which affidavit shall be presumptive evidence of the receipt of the demand by the maker three days from the date of execution of the affidavit:

(a) The address printed or written on the check.

(b) The address given by the drawer at the time of issuance of the check.

(c) The last known address of the drawer.

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¹ See 2003 Iowa Acts, First Extraordinary Session, chapter 2, §41 herein