

223—50.3(303) Application procedures.

50.3(1) *Eligible applicants.* Grants shall be awarded to any local political subdivisions of the state, state agency, Indian tribe, or nonprofit organization that is duly authorized and charged with responsibilities for construction, maintenance and operation of historical sites.

50.3(2) *Eligible projects.* Grants under this program shall be used for “vertical infrastructure” as defined in Iowa Code section 8.57(5c). Applicants shall submit only one grant application per funding cycle. Projects that received designated legislative earmarking of funds in the current fiscal year shall not be eligible for funding through this program. Projects that received funding from this program are ineligible to apply for three years from the date of grant award.

50.3(3) *Project requirements.* When applicable, all project work shall meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation. All applicants shall submit project information to the society’s community programs bureau for review as part of the application process. Successful applicants shall consult with the society’s historic preservation staff to ensure that the standards are met. Failure to meet the standards shall result in cancellation of the grant.

50.3(4) *Form of application.* Grant applications shall be on forms provided by the society and shall follow all prescribed guidelines. Completed applications shall provide sufficient detail to clearly describe the scope of the project.

50.3(5) *Application timing.* Grant applications (1 original and 11 copies) shall be received by 4:30 p.m. in the program coordinator’s office at the State Historical Society of Iowa, 600 East Locust, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0290, on or before the deadline date, or shall have a United States Postal Service postmark, dated on or before the fourteenth day of September.

50.3(6) *Assistance ceiling and cost share.* Grants to any individual project shall not exceed \$100,000. Project sponsors shall provide cash match at the rate of one dollar for each state grant dollar. An applicant shall certify that it has committed its share of project costs by the time final payment is made. State funds shall not be used as cash match for this program. Indirect costs and staff salaries shall not be used as match.

50.3(7) *Minimum grant amount.* No application requesting less than \$40,000 in grant funds shall be considered.

50.3(8) *Geographic distribution of funds.* No more than two projects may be awarded in any grant cycle within a single county.