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May 1, 2003

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 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.

The above Senate File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





SENATE FILE 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:

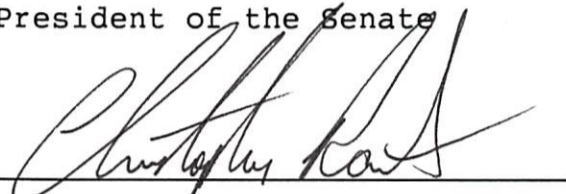
NEW PARAGRAPH. aa. There is appropriated annually from the increase in indirect cost reimbursements over the amount of indirect cost reimbursements received during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, to the office of grants enterprise management of the department of management the sum of up to one 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.



MARY E. KRAMER

President of the Senate



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 438, Eightieth General Assembly.



MICHAEL E. MARSHALL

Secretary of the Senate

Approved May 1, 2003



THOMAS J. VILSACK

Governor