

AMENDMENTS TO LB 385

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 "Section 1. Section 13-2705, Revised Statutes
4 Supplement, 2002, is amended to read:

5 13-2705. The department may conditionally approve grants
6 of assistance from the fund to eligible and competitive applicants
7 within the following limits:

8 (1) The minimum amount allowed to be applied for by a
9 single project is twenty thousand dollars, and A grant request
10 shall be at least twenty thousand dollars but no more than:

11 (a) For a city of the primary class, one million dollars;

12 (b) For a municipality with a population of forty
13 thousand but less than one hundred thousand, five hundred thousand
14 dollars;

15 (c) For a municipality with a population of twenty
16 thousand but less than forty thousand, four hundred thousand
17 dollars;

18 (d) For a municipality with a population of ten thousand
19 but less than twenty thousand, three hundred thousand dollars;

20 (e) For a municipality with a population of five thousand
21 but less than ten thousand, two hundred thousand dollars; and

22 (f) For a municipality with a population of less than
23 five thousand, one hundred thousand dollars;

24 (2) Assistance from the fund shall not amount to more

1 than fifty percent of the cost of construction, renovation, or
2 expansion; and

3 (3) A municipality shall not be awarded more than one
4 grant in any five-year period.

5 Sec. 2. Section 13-2706, Revised Statutes Supplement,
6 2002, is amended to read:

7 13-2706. Any municipality, except a city of the
8 metropolitan class, or county may apply for a grant of assistance
9 from the fund. Application shall be made on forms developed by the
10 department. ~~The applicant may receive assistance only once for~~
11 ~~construction, renovation, or expansion of any one center.~~

12 Sec. 3. Section 13-2707, Revised Statutes Supplement,
13 2002, is amended to read:

14 13-2707. The department shall evaluate all applications
15 for grants of assistance based on the following criteria:

16 (1) Attraction impact. Funding decisions by the
17 department shall be based in part on the likelihood of the project
18 attracting new cultural, civic, or convention activity to Nebraska
19 from outside of Nebraska. A project with greater out-of-state draw
20 shall be preferred over a project with less impact;

21 (2) Socioeconomic impact. The project's potential for
22 long-term positive impacts on the local and regional economy and
23 society;

24 (3) Financial support. Assistance from the fund shall be
25 matched at least equally from local sources. At least eighty
26 percent of the local match must be in cash. Projects with a higher
27 level of local matching funds shall be preferred as compared to

1 those with a lower level of matching funds; ~~and~~

2 (4) Readiness. The applicant's fiscal and economic
3 capacity to finance the local share and ability to proceed and
4 implement its plan and operate the convention center; and

5 (5) Project location. A project shall be located in the
6 municipality that applies for the grant.

7 Sec. 4. Section 13-2708, Revised Statutes Supplement,
8 2002, is amended to read:

9 13-2708. If a grant of assistance is approved by the
10 department, the applicant shall receive conditional approval of the
11 level of assistance. Projects shall receive funding from the fund
12 in the order conditional approval is received and whenever there is
13 sufficient money in the fund to provide the assistance. ~~in full.~~
14 It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate funds to support
15 projects which have received conditional approval from the
16 department. A grant of assistance shall be finally approved when
17 funds for the project are appropriated by the Legislature.

18 Sec. 5. Original sections 13-2705 to 13-2708, Revised
19 Statutes Supplement, are repealed."