

1989 Assembly Bill 227

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AN ACT to amend 45.04 (1) (b) and (c), 45.04 (2), 45.04 (5) and 45.04 (6) (d) of the statutes, relating to: adding land acquisition to the costs eligible for a veterans memorial grant.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 45.04 (1) (b) and (c) of the statutes are amended to read:

45.04 (1) (b) "In-kind contributions" includes but is not limited to donations of appliances, buildings, creations, equipment, fixtures, furniture, materials, real property, structures, supplies and utilities, and work performed in the acquisition of land and construction of a memorial.

(c) "Memorial" means a building, structure, statue or creation used to keep alive the remembrance of a veteran, veterans group or an event related to a veteran, ~~but~~ and may include land upon which the building, structure, statue or creation is located. "Memorial" does not include a museum.

SECTION 2. 45.04 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.04 (2) GRANT PROGRAM. From the appropriation under s. 20.485 (2) (s), the secretary shall award to eligible applicants grants to support the acquisition of land and construction of not more than 2 memorials in this state to honor state veterans who served in the U.S. armed forces. One memorial may be constructed to honor state veterans who served during the Korean conflict, June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955, and one to honor state veterans who served during the Vietnam era, August 5, 1964, to June 30, 1975.

SECTION 3. 45.04 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.04 (5) GRANTS. A grant may not exceed \$300,000 per memorial. No person may receive a grant under this section unless the person is able to provide at least \$1 for land acquisition and construction of the memorial for each \$2 granted by the state. An initial payment of part of the grant, not to exceed \$50,000, may be provided to an eligible person before the person obtains the required matching funds if the department is satisfied that the person is able to obtain those matching funds within a reasonable time. The eligible person's share of the cost of acquiring the land and constructing the memorial may be in the form of money or in-kind contributions of equivalent value, or both. If the funds granted by the state plus the matching funds obtained by the grantee exceed the cost of land acquisition and construction of the memorial, any excess state grant shall be returned by the grantee to the department. The department shall return any excess state grant to the transportation fund. No grant may be provided unless the person provides evidence of the ability to provide continuing care and maintenance of the memorial. No funds may be granted for administrative expenses of the grantee.

SECTION 4. 45.04 (6) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.04 (6) (d) The costs related to memorial land acquisition and construction that may be covered under a grant.