

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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1. I did not add tribal governments to s. 44.49 (3) (a) because current law (see s. 20.002 (13), stats.) already includes tribal governments.

2. Should the open meetings requirement in s. 44.49 (4) (b) 2. also apply to meetings held to discuss the acquisition of property under s. 44.49 (4) (c) 2.?

3. Article VIII, section 7 (2) (a) 1., of the Wisconsin Constitution would allow grants under this bill to be used to "acquire ... property". However, it's unclear whether the term "property", as used in the constitution, would include all "objects" as the latter term is used in the definition of "historic property" in s. 44.31 (3), stats. In other words, it may be that grants awarded under this bill could not constitutionally be used to acquire certain objects.

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