

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1696

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Municipal Infrastructure Cost-
8 Share Program; authorizing the Oklahoma Conservation
9 Commission to create program; stating purpose;
10 authorizing Commission to promulgate rules; creating
11 the Oklahoma Conservation Commission Municipal
12 Infrastructure Cost-Share Revolving Fund; stating
13 procedures for expenditures; stating purposes;
14 limiting expenses for administration; providing for
15 codification; providing an effective date; and
16 declaring an emergency.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-3-501 of Title 27A, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission is hereby authorized to
22 establish and administer the Oklahoma Conservation Commission
23 Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Share Program as funds become
24 available and otherwise appropriated. The Oklahoma Conservation
Commission Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Share Program shall provide
monies to eligible communities and rural water districts for the
purpose of implementing conservation or best management practices on

1 such eligible land pursuant to priority watershed work or
2 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) work, or watershed
3 rehabilitation or watershed operation and maintenance work in
4 accordance to rules promulgated by the Commission.

5 B. The Commission shall promulgate rules as necessary to
6 implement the provisions of this act.

7 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-3-502 of Title 27A, unless
9 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
11 fund for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to be designated the
12 "Oklahoma Conservation Commission Municipal Infrastructure Cost-
13 Share Revolving Fund".

14 B. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal
15 year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the
16 Oklahoma Conservation Commission in the form of gifts, grants,
17 reimbursements, donations, industry contributions, state
18 appropriations, funds allocated by federal agencies for cost-share
19 programs and such other monies specifically designated for the
20 Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Share Program. All monies accruing to
21 the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted
22 and expended by the Commission for the Municipal Infrastructure
23 conservation cost-share program; and interest attributable to
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1 investment of money in the Oklahoma Conservation Commission
2 Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Share Revolving Fund.

3 C. All donations or other proceeds received by the Commission
4 pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be deposited with
5 the State Treasurer to be credited to the Oklahoma Conservation
6 Commission Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Share Revolving Fund.
7 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the
8 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
9 Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

10 D. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby
11 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma
12 Conservation Commission for the purpose of matching municipal or
13 rural water district funds for the rehabilitation of watershed dams
14 and for the Conservation Cost Share Program and the Conservation
15 Reserve Enhancement Program pursuant to the Oklahoma Conservation
16 Commission Municipal Infrastructure cost-share program.

17 D. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants
18 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by
19 law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

20 E. No more than five percent (5%) of the monies in the fund
21 shall be used for the payment of administrative expenses, salary or
22 any other continuing obligation of the Oklahoma Conservation
23 Commission.

24 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

1 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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