

1 AN ACT concerning historic preservation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Historic Preservation Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 20 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3410/20 new)

7 Sec. 20. Historic preservation grant program.

8 (a) Subject to appropriations, the Agency is authorized  
9 to conduct and carry out a pilot program of historic  
10 preservation grants to partnerships or other organizations,  
11 whether private, for profit, or not for profit, or  
12 individuals for projects having as their purpose the  
13 identification, acquisition, protection, preservation,  
14 rehabilitation, restoration, or construction of historic  
15 sites, buildings, and properties. The grants shall be  
16 available only in the counties of Madison, Monroe, St. Clair,  
17 and Clinton.

18 The grant program shall be known as the Historic  
19 Preservation Grant Program. Historic Preservation Grant  
20 program funds shall not be provided to any other State  
21 department or agency.

22 (b) Grants shall be awarded for Phase II and III  
23 Archaeological reports, or an Illinois Historic American  
24 Building Survey, subject to availability of funding. Types of  
25 historic preservation projects that may be funded include,  
26 but are not limited to, acquisition and development projects  
27 (including excavation of archaeological sites and building  
28 rehabilitation, stabilization, or planning for such  
29 activities) and survey and planning activities (including  
30 surveying for historic properties).

31 (c) Grant applications may be accepted by the Agency on

1 or after July 1 of each fiscal year, subject to available  
2 funding.

3 (d) The Agency must notify, in writing, the grant  
4 applicant, no later than 30 days after the grant application  
5 has been received by the Agency, of acceptance or denial.

6 (e) Each grant shall be limited to a maximum of \$75,000  
7 and no entity shall receive more than one grant per site per  
8 fiscal year.

9 (f) A grant amount shall not exceed 75% of the project  
10 amount, with the remainder to be provided as matching funds.

11 (g) The Agency may enter into any contracts or  
12 agreements that may be necessary to carry out its duties or  
13 responsibilities under this Section. The Agency may adopt  
14 rules setting forth procedures and criteria for administering  
15 the Historic Preservation Grant Program. The rules adopted by  
16 the Agency may include but shall not be limited to the  
17 following:

- 18 (1) purposes for which grants are available;
- 19 (2) content of applications;
- 20 (3) procedures and criteria for Agency review of  
21 grant applications, grant approvals and denials, and  
22 grantee acceptance;
- 23 (4) grant payment schedules;
- 24 (5) grantee responsibilities for work schedules,  
25 work plans, reports, and record keeping;
- 26 (6) evaluation of grantee performance, including  
27 but not limited to auditing of and access to sites and  
28 records;
- 29 (7) requirements applicable to contracting and  
30 subcontracting by the grantee;
- 31 (8) penalties for noncompliance with grant  
32 requirements and conditions, including stop-work orders,  
33 termination of grants, and recovery of grant funds; and
- 34 (9) indemnification of this State and the Agency by

1       the grantee.

2       (h) There is created in the State treasury a special  
3 fund to be known as the Historic Preservation Grant Fund. The  
4 Historic Preservation Grant Fund shall be appropriated only  
5 for the purpose of this Section. The Fund shall consist of  
6 all moneys that may be appropriated to it by the General  
7 Assembly, any gifts, contributions, grants, or bequests  
8 received from federal, private, or other sources, and moneys  
9 from the repayment of any grants terminated, suspended, or  
10 revoked pursuant to this Section. Notwithstanding any other  
11 provision of law, no portion of the Fund, including interest,  
12 shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund at the end  
13 of any fiscal year.

14       (i) At least annually, the State Treasurer shall certify  
15 to the Agency the amount deposited into the Historic  
16 Preservation Grant Fund.

17       (j) Any portion of the Historic Preservation Grant Fund  
18 not immediately needed for the Historic Preservation Grant  
19 Program shall be invested by the State Treasurer as provided  
20 by the laws of this State. All income from such investments  
21 shall be deposited into the Historic Preservation Grant Fund.

22       Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
23 Section 5.545 as follows:

24       (30 ILCS 105/5.545 new)

25       Sec. 5.545. The Historic Preservation Grant Fund.

26       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
27 becoming law.