

1 Sec. X. AGRICULTURAL FAIRS AND FIELD DAYS CAPITAL

2 PROJECTS

3 (a) Grant guidelines. The following guidelines shall apply to capital grants
4 made for Vermont agricultural fairs and field days projects pursuant to [this
5 section][Sec. X?]:

6 (1) Grants shall be competitively awarded to capital projects that relate
7 to Vermont agricultural fairs and field days operating a minimum of three
8 consecutive, eight-hour days per year.

9 (2) A project for which a grant is awarded shall have a minimum useful
10 life of 20 years and shall be completed within two years of the execution of a
11 contract to perform work authorized by the grant.

12 (3) A grant recipient shall contribute matching funds or in-kind services
13 in an amount equal to 15 percent or more of the value of the grant.

14 (b) There is established an Agricultural Fairs and Field Days Capital
15 Program Advisory Committee to administer and coordinate grants made
16 pursuant to this section. The Committee shall include:

17 (1) two members appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and
18 Markets;

19 (2) one member appointed by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and
20 Recreation;

1 (3) two members appointed by the Vermont Fair and Field Days

2 Association;

3 (4) one member appointed by the Vermont Department of Tourism and

4 Marketing;

5 (5) one member of the Vermont Senate appointed by the President Pro

6 Tempore of the Senate; and

7 (6) one member of the Vermont House of Representatives appointed by

8 the Speaker of the House.

9 (c) Administration.

10 (1) The Advisory Committee created in subsection (b) of this section

11 shall have the authority to award grants in its sole discretion; provided,

12 however, that the Committee shall consider whether to award partial awards to

13 all applicants that meet Program criteria established by the Committee.

14 (2) The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets shall provide

15 administrative and technical support to the Committee for purposes of

16 administering grants awarded under this section.

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