

STATE PARKS AMENDMENTS

2000 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Joseph L. Hull

AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATION; ALLOWING THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO GIVE RIVERWAY ENHANCEMENT GRANTS OR RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANTS TO STATE AGENCIES; AND SEPARATING THE MOUNTAIN MEADOWS MASSACRE SITE FROM IRON MISSION STATE PARK.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

63-11-17.8, as last amended by Chapter 85, Laws of Utah 1994

63-11-54.5, as enacted by Chapter 262, Laws of Utah 1992

63-11a-501, as last amended by Chapter 85, Laws of Utah 1994

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **63-11-17.8** is amended to read:

63-11-17.8. Riverway enhancement grants -- Matching funds requirements -- Rules.

(1) (a) The Division of Parks and Recreation may give grants to local governments and state agencies for riverway enhancement projects with funds appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

(b) Each grant recipient must provide matching funds having a value that is equal to or greater than the grant funds received. However, the Board of Parks and Recreation may allow a grant recipient to provide property, material, or labor in lieu of money, provided the grant recipient's contribution has a value that is equal to or greater than the grant funds received.

(2) The Board of Parks and Recreation shall:

(a) make rules setting forth procedures and criteria for the awarding of grants for riverway enhancement projects; and

(b) determine to whom grant funds shall be awarded after considering the recommendations of and after consulting with the Riverway Enhancement Advisory Council and the division.

(3) Rules for the awarding of grants for riverway enhancement projects shall provide that:

(a) each riverway enhancement project for which grant funds are awarded must be along a river or stream that is impacted by high density populations or prone to flooding; and

(b) riverway enhancement proposals that include a plan to provide employment opportunities for youth, including at-risk youth, as defined in Section 63-11a-501, in the development of the riverway enhancement project shall be encouraged.

Section 2. Section **63-11-54.5** is amended to read:

63-11-54.5. Mountain Meadow Massacre site included within state park system.

(1) [~~An annex to Iron Mission State Park consisting of the~~] The Mountain Meadow Massacre site and monument [is established] shall be included within the state park system.

(2) The Division of Parks and Recreation may:

(a) enter into an agreement with the United States Forest Service for the use of land at the site as a state park; and

(b) receive donations of land, facilities or both at the site for inclusion within the state park.

Section 3. Section **63-11a-501** is amended to read:

63-11a-501. Grants -- Matching funds requirements -- Rules.

(1) (a) The division may give grants to federal government agencies, state agencies, or local governments for the planning, acquisition, and development of trails within the state's recreational trail system with funds appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

(b) Each grant recipient must provide matching funds having a value that is equal to or greater than the grant funds received. However, the Board of Parks and Recreation may allow a grant recipient to provide property, material, or labor in lieu of money, provided the grant recipient's contribution has a value that is equal to or greater than the grant funds received.

(2) The Board of Parks and Recreation shall:

(a) make rules setting forth procedures and criteria for the awarding of grants for recreational trails; and

(b) determine to whom grant funds shall be awarded after considering the recommendations of and after consulting with the Recreational Trails Advisory Council and the division.

(3) Rules for the awarding of grants for recreational trails shall provide that:

(a) each grant applicant must solicit public comment on the proposed recreational trail and submit a summary of that comment to the division;

(b) each trail project for which grant funds are awarded must conform to the criteria and guidelines specified in Sections 63-11a-102, 63-11a-103, and 63-11a-201; and

(c) trail proposals that include a plan to provide employment opportunities for youth, including at-risk youth, in the development of the trail shall be encouraged.

(4) As used in this section, "at-risk youth" means youth who:

(a) are subject to environmental forces, such as poverty or family dysfunction, that may make them vulnerable to family, school, or community problems;

(b) perform poorly in school or have failed to complete high school;

(c) exhibit behaviors which have the potential to harm themselves or others in the community, such as truancy, use of alcohol or drugs, and associating with delinquent peers; or

(d) have already engaged in behaviors harmful to themselves or others in the community.