Establishes a program of state matching grants for amateur athletic facilities and programs. Appropriates money from the proceeds of specified excise and use taxes.

Section

1 Grants for athletic facilities and programs.

Subd. 1. Grants. Permits the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC) to make matching grants to political subdivisions or to post secondary education systems for:

(1) land and buildings for amateur athletics;
(2) renovation of existing facilities used primarily for amateur athletics;
(3) support of recreational programs for children and adolescents; and
(4) support of special events involving amateur athletics.

Subd. 2. Geographic dispersal. To extent possible, requires MASC to disperse grants equally among congressional districts, and to award half outside of the metropolitan area.

Subd. 3. Maximum grants and matching contributions. Requires grants to be matched. Specifies permissible in-kind contributions.

Provides that a grant for new facilities cannot exceed $100,000 and must be matched by the recipient at a rate of four times the grant. A renovation grant cannot exceed $50,000, and must be matched equally by the recipient. A grant for recreational programs cannot exceed $20,000 and must be matched equally. A grant for a special event or program cannot exceed $100,000 and must be matched equally.

2 Appropriation of certain excise and use tax proceeds. Appropriates $3 million each fiscal year to MASC from proceeds of the excise and use tax on admission to places of amusement, recreational areas, athletic events, and sports clubs and health club membership. $2.5 million is for facilities, and $500,000 for programs. This money is available only after amounts needed to pay off specified state bonds are received from these sales tax proceeds.
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