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(4) The State is not receiving more than 20 per centum of the total amount appropriated for such grants for such fiscal year.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 2408(b)(1))

(d) The Secretary shall certify approved applications to the Secretary of the Treasury in the amount of the grant requested, but in no event an amount greater than 50 percent of the estimated cost of the project, and shall designate the appropriation from which it shall be paid. Funds paid for the establishment, expansion, or improvement of a State veterans' cemetery will be used solely for carrying out such project as so approved.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 2408(c)(2))

(e) Any amendment of any application, whether or not approved under paragraph (c) of this section, will be subject to review and approval pursuant to the regulations governing grants to States for establishment, expansion, and improvement of State veterans' cemeteries in the same manner as an original application.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 2408(c)(1))

(f) Sums provided under paragraph (d) of this section shall remain available until the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year for which they are appropriated. If all funds from a grant have not been utilized by a State for the purpose for which the grant was made within 3 years after the Secretary has certified the approved application for such grant to the Secretary of the Treasury, the United States shall be entitled to recover any such unused grant funds from such State.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 2408, 2411)

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§ 39.4 Disallowance of a grant application and notice of a right to hearing.

(a) No application for the establishment, expansion or improvement of

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State veterans' cemeteries shall be disapproved until the applicant has been afforded an opportunity for a hearing.

(b) Whenever a hearing is requested under this section, notice of hearing, procedure for the conduct of such hearing, and procedures relating to decisions and notices shall be in accord with the provisions §§ 18.9 and 18.10, Title 39, Code of Federal Regulations. Failure of an applicant to request a hearing under this section or to appear at a hearing for which a date has been set shall be deemed to be a waiver of the right to be heard and constitutes consent to the making of a decision on the basis of such information as is available.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 2408(c)(2))

§ 39.5 Responsibilities following project completion.

(a) States shall monitor use of the facility by various sub-groups and minority groups. To the extent that underutilization by any of these groups is determined to exist, a program shall be established to inform members of these groups about benefits available to them. The information regarding the program shall be available in a language other than English where a significant number or portion of the population eligible to be served or likely to be directly affected by the grant program needs such service or information.

(b) State veterans' cemeteries established, expanded, or improved with assistance under this program shall be operated and maintained as follows:

(1) Buildings, grounds, roads, walks, and other structures shall be kept in reasonable repair to prevent undue deterioration and hazards to safety of users.

(2) The cemetery shall be kept open for public use at reasonable hours and time of the year.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 2408(c)(1))

(c) The State, in coordination with the Secretary, shall audit such projects at their completion in accordance with Attachment P. OMB Circular A-102 and audit procedures established by the VA Office of the Inspector General. A copy of the audit shall be forwarded to the