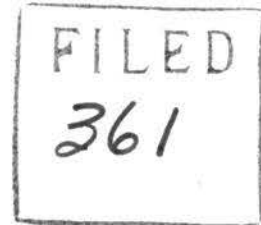


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OPINION LETTER NO. 361

Mr. Jack K. Smith, Executive Secretary
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Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in reply to your request for official opinion of this office concerning whether the State of Missouri in 1971 has appropriated state funds for purposes of matching funds allocated by the federal government for water pollution control projects.

The purpose of your opinion request is to comply with a federal request that an opinion be given indicating the following:

- "A. That the legislation appropriating the money passed.
- "B. That Missouri officials can enter into an agreement unconditionally obligating the State to provide 25 percent matching grants funds.
- "C. That the officials signing the agreement obligating the State to pay the 25 percent are authorized."

The State is authorized, under Sections 204.200, 204.210 and 204.220, RSMo 1969, to make grants to counties, municipalities and sewer districts for purposes of matching funds allocated by the federal government for water pollution control projects. Accordingly, the 76th General Assembly of Missouri has appropriated for the period beginning July 1, 1971, and ending June 30, 1972, the sum of \$6,512,236 dollars from general revenue for matching funds allocated by the federal government. Conference Committee Substitute For House Bill No. 6, Section 6.185. Therefore, in answer to question "A", the appropriation bill passed.

Mr. Jack K. Smith

In answer to questions "B" and "C", the Missouri Water Pollution Board is authorized to and can enter into an agreement unconditionally obligating the State to provide 25 percent matching grant funds, within the appropriation, of course. Section 204.220, RSMo 1969.

Yours very truly,

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