

466A.2 Watershed improvement fund.

1. A watershed improvement fund is created in the state treasury which shall be administered by the treasurer of state upon direction of the watershed improvement review board. Moneys appropriated to the fund and any other moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the treasurer of state for placement in the fund shall be deposited in the fund. Additionally, payments of interest, recaptures of awards, and other repayments to the fund shall be deposited in the fund. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert, but shall remain available for the same purpose in the succeeding fiscal year. The moneys in the fund shall be used exclusively for carrying out the purposes of the fund as provided in this section. Moneys appropriated to the treasurer of state and deposited in the fund shall not be used by the treasurer of state for administrative purposes.

2. The purposes of the watershed improvement fund are the following:

a. Enhancement of water quality in the state through a variety of impairment-based, locally directed watershed improvement grant projects. Innovative water quality projects shall be encouraged.

b. Positively affecting the management and use of water for the purposes of drinking, agriculture, recreation, sport, and economic development in the state.

c. Ensuring public participation in the process of determining priorities related to water quality including but not limited to all of the following:

(1) Agricultural runoff and drainage.

(2) Stream bank erosion.

(3) Municipal discharge.

(4) Storm water runoff.

(5) Unsewered communities.

(6) Industrial discharge.

(7) Livestock runoff.

2005 Acts, ch 159, §4; 2007 Acts, ch 211, §38