

455E.11 Groundwater protection fund established — appropriations.

1. A groundwater protection fund is created in the state treasury. Moneys received from sources designated for purposes related to groundwater monitoring and groundwater quality standards shall be deposited in the fund. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any unexpended balances in the groundwater protection fund and in any of the accounts within the groundwater protection fund at the end of each fiscal year shall be retained in the fund and the respective accounts within the fund. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on investments or time deposits of the moneys in the groundwater protection fund or in any of the accounts within the groundwater protection fund shall be credited to the groundwater protection fund or the respective accounts within the groundwater protection fund. The fund may be used for the purposes established for each account within the fund.

The director shall include in the departmental budget prepared pursuant to section 455A.4, subsection 1, paragraph “c”, a proposal for the use of groundwater protection fund moneys, and a report of the uses of the groundwater protection fund moneys appropriated in the previous fiscal year.

The secretary of agriculture shall submit the report on a biennial basis to the governor in the same manner as provided in section 7A.3. The report shall include a proposal for the use of groundwater protection fund moneys, and uses of the groundwater protection fund moneys appropriated in the two previous fiscal years.

2. The following accounts are created within the groundwater protection fund:

a. A solid waste account. Moneys received from the tonnage fee imposed under section 455B.310 and from other sources designated for environmental protection purposes in relation to sanitary disposal projects shall be deposited in the solid waste account. Moneys shall be allocated as follows:

(1) After the one dollar and fifty-five cents is allocated pursuant to subparagraph (2), the remaining moneys from the tonnage fee shall be used for funding alternatives to landfills and shall be allocated as follows:

(a) (i) Each fiscal year for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2014, not more than two hundred thousand dollars to the department for purposes of awarding a beautification grant each year to one organization that does all of the following:

(A) Assists communities and organizations in cleanup and beautification projects.

(B) Conducts research to assist in the understanding of reasons for littering and illegal dumping.

(C) Administers antilittering and beautification education programs.

(D) Increases public awareness of the costs of littering.

(ii) The grant recipient shall do all of the following:

(A) Expend not more than fifty percent of the moneys for a public education and awareness initiative designed to reduce litter and illegal dumping.

(B) Expend not more than fifty percent of the moneys for a community partnership program designed to support community beautification projects including the deconstruction, renovation, or removal of derelict buildings. Eligible communities are limited to cities of five thousand or fewer in population. Eligible costs shall include but are not limited to asbestos abatement and removal, the recovery and processing of recyclable or reusable material from derelict buildings, and reimbursement for purchased recycled content materials used in the renovation of buildings. Special consideration may be given to communities that hire the unemployed to deconstruct structures, clean up the properties, and, if there is no immediate buyer for the properties, turn the properties into green spaces. Any business entity or individual engaged in the removal or abatement of asbestos must have obtained a valid license or permit as required in chapter 88B.

(iii) As a condition of the grant award each year, the department shall require the grant recipient to submit a written report to the department by the end of the fiscal year for which the grant is awarded. In addition to any other information required by the department, the report shall include information detailing the expenditure of all moneys received by the organization and the results achieved through the expenditure of the money.

(b) Fifty thousand dollars to the department to implement the special waste authorization program.

(c) One hundred sixty-five thousand dollars to the department to be used for the by-products and waste search service at the university of northern Iowa.

(d) Up to thirty percent of the fees remitted shall be used for grants to environmental management systems as provided in section 455J.7.

(e) The balance of the remaining funds shall be used by the department to develop and implement demonstration projects for landfill alternatives to solid waste disposal including recycling programs. These funds may also be used to assist planning areas which have not been designated as environmental management systems in meeting the designation requirements of section 455J.3.

(2) One dollar and fifty-five cents shall be used as follows:

(a) Forty-eight percent to the department to be used for the following purposes:

(i) Eight thousand dollars shall be transferred to the Iowa department of public health for departmental duties required under section 135.11, subsections 18 and 19, and section 139A.21.

(ii) The administration and enforcement of a groundwater monitoring program and other required programs relating to solid waste management.

(iii) The development of guidelines for groundwater monitoring at sanitary disposal projects as defined in section 455B.301.

(iv) The waste management assistance program of the department.

(b) Sixteen percent to the university of northern Iowa to develop and maintain the Iowa waste reduction center for the safe and economic management of solid waste and hazardous substances.

(c) Six and one-half percent for the department to establish a program to provide competitive grants to regional coordinating councils for projects in regional economic development centers related to a by-products and waste exchange system. Grantees under this program shall coordinate activities with other available state or multistate waste exchanges, including but not limited to the by-products and waste search service at the university of northern Iowa. The department shall consult with the Iowa department of economic development and the waste reduction center at the university of northern Iowa in establishing criteria for and the awarding of grants under this program. The department shall expend not more than thirty thousand dollars of the moneys appropriated under this subparagraph division to contract with the by-products and waste search service at the university of northern Iowa to provide training and other technical services to grantees under the program. If regional economic development centers cease to exist, the department shall transfer existing contracts to one or more community colleges or councils of governments and shall revise the criteria and rules for this program to allow community colleges or councils of governments to be applicants for competitive grants.

(d) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, nine and one-half percent to the department to establish permanent household hazardous waste collection sites so that both urban and rural populations are served and so that collection services are available to the public on a regular basis. Beginning July 1, 2006, six and one-quarter percent to the department to establish permanent household hazardous waste collection sites so that both urban and rural populations are served and so that collection services are available to the public on a regular basis. Beginning July 1, 2007, three percent to the department to establish permanent household hazardous waste collection sites so that both urban and rural populations are served and so that collection services are available to the public on a regular basis. Beginning July 1, 2008, any moneys collected pursuant to this subparagraph division that remain unexpended at the end of a fiscal year for establishment of permanent household hazardous waste collection sites shall be used for purposes of subparagraph division (e).

(e) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, three percent to the department for payment of transportation costs related to household hazardous waste collection programs. Beginning July 1, 2006, six and one-quarter percent to the department for payment of transportation costs related to household hazardous waste collection programs. Beginning July 1, 2007,

nine and one-half percent to the department for payment of transportation costs related to household hazardous waste collection programs.

(f) Eight and one-half percent to the department to provide additional toxic cleanup days or other efforts of the department to support permanent household hazardous material collection systems and special events for household hazardous material collection, and for the natural resource geographic information system required under section 455E.8, subsection 6. Departmental rules adopted for implementation of toxic cleanup days shall provide sufficient flexibility to respond to the household hazardous material collection needs of both small and large communities. Repayment moneys from the Iowa business loan program for waste reduction and recycling pursuant to section 455B.310, subsection 2, paragraph "b", Code 1993, and discontinued pursuant to 1993 Iowa Acts, ch. 176, section 45, shall be placed into this account to support household hazardous materials programs of the department.

(g) Three percent for the Iowa department of economic development to establish, in cooperation with the department of natural resources, a marketing initiative to assist Iowa businesses producing recycling or reclamation equipment or services, recyclable products, or products from recycled materials to expand into national markets. Efforts shall include the reuse and recycling of sawdust.

(h) Five and one-half percent to the department for the provision of assistance to public and private entities in developing and implementing waste reduction and minimization programs for Iowa industries.

b. An agriculture management account. Moneys collected from the groundwater protection fee levied pursuant to section 200.8, subsection 4, the portion of the fees collected pursuant to sections 206.8, subsection 2, and 206.12, subsection 4, and other moneys designated for the purpose of agriculture management shall be deposited in the agriculture management account. The agriculture management account shall be used for the following purposes:

(1) Nine thousand dollars of the account is appropriated to the Iowa department of public health for carrying out the departmental duties under section 135.11, subsections 18 and 19, and section 139A.21.

(2) Two hundred thousand dollars of the moneys deposited in the agriculture management account is appropriated to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and ending June 30, 1988, for the demonstration projects regarding agriculture drainage wells and sinkholes. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made for the purpose of funding such demonstration projects for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and ending June 30, 1988, shall not revert to the account, notwithstanding section 8.33, but shall remain available for the purpose of funding such demonstration projects during the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1988, and ending June 30, 1990.

(3) Of the remaining moneys in the account:

(a) Thirty-five percent is appropriated annually for the Leopold center for sustainable agriculture at Iowa state university of science and technology.

(b) Two percent is appropriated annually to the department and, except for administrative expenses, is transferred to the Iowa department of public health for the purpose of administering grants to counties and conducting oversight of county-based programs for the testing of private rural water supply wells, private rural water supply well sealing, and the proper closure of private rural abandoned wells and cisterns. Not more than thirty-five percent of the moneys is appropriated annually for grants to counties for the purpose of conducting programs of private rural water supply testing, private rural water supply well sealing, the proper closure of private rural abandoned wells and cisterns, or any combination thereof. An amount agreed to by the department of natural resources and the Iowa department of public health shall be retained by the department of natural resources for administrative expenses.

A county applying for grants under this subparagraph division shall submit only one application. To be eligible for a grant, a county must have adopted standards for private water supply and private disposal facilities at least as stringent as the standards adopted by

the commission. During each fiscal year, the amount granted each eligible applicant shall be the total funds available divided by the number of eligible counties applying. Upon receipt of the grant, the county may apply the funds to any one or more of the above three programs.

Not more than six percent of the moneys is appropriated annually to the state hygienic laboratory to assist in well testing. For purposes of this subparagraph division, “cistern” means an artificial reservoir constructed underground for the purpose of storing rainwater.

(c) The department shall allocate a sum not to exceed seventy-nine thousand dollars of the moneys appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and ending June 30, 1988, for the preparation of a detailed report and plan for the establishment on July 1, 1988, of the center for health effects of environmental contamination. The plan for establishing the center shall be presented to the general assembly on or before January 15, 1988. The report shall include the assemblage of all existing data relating to Iowa drinking water supplies, including characteristics of source, treatment, presence of contaminants, precise location, and usage patterns to facilitate data retrieval and use in research; and detailed organizational plans, research objectives, and budget projections for the anticipated functions of the center in subsequent years. The department may allocate annually a sum not to exceed nine percent of the moneys of the account to the center, beginning July 1, 1988.

(d) Thirteen percent of the moneys is appropriated annually to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for financial incentive programs related to agricultural drainage wells and sinkholes, for studies and administrative costs relating to sinkholes and agricultural drainage wells programs. Of the moneys allocated for financial incentive programs, the department may reimburse landowners for engineering costs associated with voluntarily closing agricultural drainage wells. The financial incentives allocated for voluntary closing of agricultural drainage wells shall be provided on a cost-share basis which shall not exceed fifty percent of the estimated cost or fifty percent of the actual cost, whichever is less. Engineering costs do not include construction costs, including costs associated with earth moving.

c. A household hazardous waste account. The moneys collected pursuant to section 455F.7 and moneys collected pursuant to section 29C.8A which are designated for deposit, shall be deposited in the household hazardous waste account. Two thousand dollars is appropriated annually to the Iowa department of public health to carry out departmental duties under section 135.11, subsections 18 and 19, and section 139A.21. The remainder of the account shall be used to fund toxic cleanup days and the efforts of the department to support a collection system for household hazardous materials, including public education programs, training, and consultation of local governments in the establishment and operation of permanent collection systems, and the management of collection sites, education programs, and other activities pursuant to chapter 455F, including the administration of the household hazardous materials permit program by the department of revenue.

The department shall submit to the general assembly, annually on or before January 1, an itemized report which includes but is not limited to the total amount of moneys collected and the sources of the moneys collected, the amount of moneys expended for administration of the programs funded within the account, and an itemization of any other expenditures made within the previous fiscal year.

d. A storage tank management account. All fees collected pursuant to section 455B.473, subsection 5, and section 455B.479, shall be deposited in the storage tank management account. Moneys deposited in the account shall be expended for the following purposes:

(1) One thousand dollars is appropriated annually to the Iowa department of public health to carry out departmental duties under section 135.11, subsections 18 and 19, and section 139A.21.

(2) The moneys remaining in the account after the appropriation in subparagraph (1) are appropriated from the storage tank management account to the department of natural resources for the administration of a state storage tank program pursuant to chapter 455B, division IV, part 8, and for programs which reduce the potential for harm to the environment and the public health from storage tanks.

(3) Each fiscal year, the department of natural resources shall enter into an agreement with the Iowa comprehensive petroleum underground storage tank fund for the completion of

administrative tasks during the fiscal year directly related to the evaluation and modification of risk based corrective action rules as necessary and processes that affect the administration in subparagraph (2).

87 Acts, ch 225, §111; 88 Acts, ch 1169, §9 – 13; 88 Acts, ch 1188, §2, 3; 88 Acts, ch 1190, §3; 89 Acts, ch 131, §41; 89 Acts, ch 272, §38; 89 Acts, ch 311, §28; 90 Acts, ch 1255, §30, 31; 90 Acts, ch 1260, §27, 28; 91 Acts, ch 257, §6; 91 Acts, ch 268, §237; 92 Acts, ch 1215, §18; 92 Acts, ch 1239, §21; 93 Acts, ch 176, §46; 94 Acts, ch 1023, §112; 94 Acts, ch 1173, §36; 94 Acts, ch 1177, §5; 95 Acts, ch 80, §3; 95 Acts, ch 97, §1; 95 Acts, ch 216, §35; 98 Acts, ch 1220, §22; 2000 Acts, ch 1066, §46 – 49; 2000 Acts, ch 1086, §1; 2001 Acts, ch 7, §13, 14; 2001 Acts, ch 24, §54; 2001 Acts, ch 124, §3 – 6; 2001 Acts, ch 129, §6; 2002 Acts, ch 1119, §176; 2002 Acts, ch 1162, §60 – 62; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286; 2004 Acts, ch 1082, §5; 2004 Acts, ch 1101, §64; 2005 Acts, ch 33, §2, 3; 2006 Acts, ch 1178, §28; 2008 Acts, ch 1109, §3; 2008 Acts, ch 1126, §17, 33; 2009 Acts, ch 41, §136, 263; 2010 Acts, ch 1191, §24; 2010 Acts, ch 1193, §176

See Iowa Acts for special provisions relating to appropriations in a given year

Subsection 2, paragraph a, subparagraph (1), NEW subparagraph division (a) and former subparagraph divisions (a) – (d) redesignated as (b) – (e)

Subsection 2, paragraph d amended