

455D.15 Waste volume reduction and recycling fund.

1. A waste volume reduction and recycling fund is created within the state treasury. Moneys received by the department from fees, including general revenue, federal funds, awards, wills, bequests, gifts, or other moneys designated shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the fund. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any unexpended balance in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall be retained in the fund. Any interest and earnings on investments from money in the fund shall be credited to the fund, section 12C.7 notwithstanding.

2. The department shall award grants based upon the solid waste management hierarchy set forth in section 455B.301A, subsection 1. A grant shall not be awarded to a county, city, or central planning agency which has not complied with the requirements of a comprehensive solid waste management program and which has not complied with or demonstrated an intent to comply with the requirements of section 455B.306.

3. The fund shall be utilized for the following purposes:

a. The initial thirty-five thousand dollars collected for deposit in the fund shall be appropriated to the department for establishment of the pollution hotline program established pursuant to section 455B.116, and for the salary and support of not more than one full-time equivalent position.

b. To provide financial assistance to public and private entities to develop and implement waste reduction and minimization programs for Iowa industries.

c. To provide financial assistance to public and private entities and to develop and implement programs to create and enhance markets for recyclable and other waste products.

d. To develop and implement educational and technical assistance programs that support and encourage waste reduction and recycling efforts by Iowans.

e. To administer the provisions of chapter 455B, division IV, part 1.

f. The department may utilize up to ten percent of the fund to administer the provisions of this chapter.

g. To provide grants to local communities or private individuals for projects which establish recycling collection centers, establish local curbside collection of separated recyclable waste materials, promote public awareness regarding waste volume reduction and the use of recyclable materials, and create markets for recyclable materials. Grants shall not be awarded for incineration.

h. To provide technical assistance to local communities in establishing collection systems and composting facilities for yard waste.

i. To fund the study required pursuant to section 455D.11, subsection 3, and to provide loans and grants for waste tire recycling and reprocessing projects.

j. To carry out the functions of the department of natural resources concerning recycling.

k. To promote the recycling of chlorofluorocarbons used as refrigerant.