

455B.311 Grants.

The director, with the approval of the commission, may make grants to cities, counties, or central planning agencies representing cities and counties or combinations of cities, counties, or central planning agencies from funds reserved under and for the purposes specified in section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph "a", subject to all of the following conditions:

1. Application for grants shall be in a form and contain information as prescribed by rule of the department.
2. Grants shall only be awarded to a city or a county; however, a grant may be made to a central planning agency representing more than one city or county or combination of cities or counties for the purpose of planning and implementing regional solid waste management facilities or may be made to private or public agencies working in cooperation with a city or county. The department shall award grants, in accordance with the rules adopted by the commission, based upon a proposal's reflection of the solid waste management policy and hierarchy established in section 455B.301A. Grants shall be awarded only for an amount determined by the department to be reasonable and necessary to conduct the work as set forth in the grant application. Grants may be awarded at a maximum cost-share level of ninety percent with a preference given for regional or shared projects and a preference given to projects involving environmentally fragile areas which are particularly subject to groundwater contamination. Grants shall be awarded in a manner which will distribute the grants geographically throughout the state.
3. Grants shall be awarded only for an amount determined by the department to be reasonable and necessary to conduct the work as set forth in the grant application. Grants for less than a county-wide planning area shall be limited to twenty-five percent state funds, for a single-county planning area the state funds shall be limited to fifty percent, and for a two-county planning area the state funds shall be limited to seventy-five percent. For each additional county above a two-county planning area, the maximum allowable state funds shall be increased by an additional five percent, up to a maximum of ninety percent state funds.
4. Grants shall not be awarded to a city, county, or central planning agency if the entity has not submitted a completed hydrogeological plan to the department.
5. A city, county, or central planning agency on behalf of a city or county may not receive more than one grant under this section in any three-year period.
6. The director, with the approval of the commission, may deny a grant application if in the judgment of the director the applicant could not reasonably be expected to adequately and properly complete the plan for which the grant is requested or the applicant could not reasonably be expected to implement a planned sanitary disposal project.