

466A.4 Eligible applicants — local watershed improvement committees.

1. Public water supply utilities, counties, county conservation boards, and cities may also be eligible and apply for and receive local watershed improvement grants for water quality improvement projects. An applicant shall coordinate with a local watershed improvement committee or a soil and water conservation district and shall include in the application a description of existing projects and any potential impact the proposed project may have on existing or planned water quality improvement projects.

2. A local watershed improvement committee shall be organized for the purposes of applying for a local watershed improvement grant and implementing a local watershed improvement project. Each local watershed improvement grant application shall include a methodology for attaining measurable, observable, and performance-based results. A majority of the members of the committee shall represent a cause for the impairment of the watershed. The committee shall be authorized as a not-for-profit organization by the secretary of state. Soil and water conservation districts may also be eligible and apply for and receive local watershed improvement grants.

3. A local watershed improvement committee shall be responsible for application for and implementation of an approved local watershed improvement grant, including providing authorization for project bids and project expenditures under the grant. A portion of the grant moneys may be used to engage engineering expertise related to the project. The committee shall monitor local performance throughout the local watershed grant project and shall submit a report at six-month intervals regarding the progress and findings of the project as required by the committee.

2005 Acts, ch 159, §6; 2007 Acts, ch 211, §39; 2009 Acts, ch 146, §6; 2009 Acts, ch 179, §142