

459.505 Use of moneys by counties for cleanup.

1. A county that has acquired real estate containing a manure storage structure following nonpayment of taxes pursuant to section 446.19 may make a claim against the fund to pay cleanup costs incurred by the county as provided in section 459.506. Each claim shall include a bid by a qualified person, other than a governmental entity, to remove and dispose of the manure for a fixed amount specified in the bid.

2. If a county provides cleanup under section 459.506 after acquiring real estate following nonpayment of taxes, the department shall determine if a claim is eligible to be satisfied under this subsection, and do one of the following:

a. Pay the amount of the claim required in this section, based on the fixed amount specified in the bid submitted by the county upon completion of the work.

b. Obtain a lower fixed amount bid for the work from another qualified person, other than a governmental entity, and pay the amount of the claim required in this section, based on the fixed amount in this bid upon completion of the work. The department is not required to comply with section 8A.311 in implementing this section.

3. If a county provides cleanup of a condition causing a clear, present, and impending danger to the public health or environment, as provided in section 459.506, the county may make a claim against the fund to pay cleanup costs incurred by the county, according to procedures and requirements established by rules adopted by the department. The department shall determine if a claim is eligible to be satisfied under this subsection, and pay the amount of the claim required in this section.

4. Upon a determination that the claim is eligible for payment, the department shall provide for payment of one hundred percent of the claim, as provided in this section. If at any time the department determines that there are insufficient moneys to make payment of all claims, the department shall pay claims according to the date that the claims are received by the department. To the extent that a claim cannot be fully satisfied, the department shall order that the unpaid portion of the payment be deferred until the claim can be satisfied. However, the department shall not satisfy claims from moneys dedicated for the administration of the fund.

5. In the event of payment of a claim under this section, the fund is subrogated to the extent of the amount of the payment to all rights, powers, privileges, and remedies of the county regarding the payment amount. The county shall render all necessary assistance to the department in securing the rights granted in this section. A case or proceeding initiated by a county which involves a claim submitted to the department shall not be compromised or settled without the consent of the department. A county shall not be eligible to submit a claim to the department if the county has compromised or settled a case or proceeding, without the consent of the department.

6. If upon disposition of the real estate the county realizes an amount which exceeds the total amount of the delinquent real estate taxes, the county shall forward to the fund any excess amount which is not more than the amount expended by the fund to pay the claim by the county.

95 Acts, ch 195, §7

CS95, §204.4

98 Acts, ch 1209, §6, 50

C99, §455J.5

2002 Acts, ch 1137, §68, 71; 2002 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 1003, §260, 262

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2003 Acts, ch 145, §264

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