

CHAPTER 105
WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

27—105.1(466A) Program purpose. The board shall issue grant awards to eligible applicants to address water quality impairments including but not limited to agricultural runoff and drainage; stream bank erosion; municipal discharge; stormwater runoff; unsewered communities; industrial discharge; or livestock runoff.

27—105.2(466A) Grant awards.

105.2(1) The board shall issue a request for applications.

105.2(2) The board shall determine the date for submission of grant requests.

105.2(3) Projects will be evaluated by the board based on criteria established in the request for applications.

105.2(4) Eligible applicants that have been awarded a grant by the board shall be notified not more than 60 days from the date that the request for applications closes.

105.2(5) Eligible applicants that have been awarded a grant by the board shall be required to sign a contract with the state before any funds are disbursed. Changes to the grant agreement must be negotiated and meet with the approval of the board.

105.2(6) Grant awards shall be for not more than three years and shall not exceed 10 percent of the funds appropriated to the board. A grant recipient shall not be precluded from applying for future grant awards. Grant awards given by the board to an eligible applicant will have the full amount of awarded watershed improvement funds set aside for the entire project length when initially awarded.

105.2(7) The board may act to award less than all of the funds appropriated for this program if it deems that applications do not meet the program's objectives. Additional requests for applications may be solicited by the board if all available funds have not been expended.

27—105.3(466A) Disbursement of funds.

105.3(1) Funds will be disbursed according to the grant agreement.

105.3(2) An eligible applicant that fails to meet the terms and obligations of its grant agreement shall reimburse the state for the portion of the grant received attributed to this failure.

27—105.4(466A) Reports.

105.4(1) Eligible applicants that have been awarded a grant by the board shall submit a written and electronic report at six-month intervals. This report shall include but not be limited to a statement of expenditures; progress toward performance measures established in the grant agreement; progress toward deliverables established in the grant agreement; monitoring methods and results; and the time line for project completion.

105.4(2) Eligible applicants that have been awarded a grant by the board shall submit a final written and electronic report at the conclusion of the grant agreement. This report shall include but not be limited to a final statement of expenditures; performance measures established in the grant agreement; deliverables established in the grant agreement; monitoring methods and results; and findings of the project.

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