571—23.6(483A) Application for assistance. Applications shall provide sufficient detail as to clearly describe the scope of the project and how the area will be managed.

23.6(1) Form. Applications shall be submitted on forms provided by the department.

23.6(2) *Time of submission.* Applications for funds shall be reviewed and selected for funding at least twice per year. The department shall publish on its website the date and time for submitting a funding proposal, providing at least 90 days' notice. Applications must be submitted to the department as described on the website. Changes to grant applications must be submitted to the department no later than 4 p.m. the day prior to the committee review date. Upon timely notice to eligible recipients, additional selection periods may be scheduled if necessary to expedite the distribution of these funds. In emergencies, local entities can obtain a waiver so that acquisition projects may be approved for retroactive payments, provided that funds are available and the project meets all other criteria.

23.6(3) *Local funding.* By signing the application, the applicant agency is certifying that all required match has been identified and is committed and available for the project. An applicant shall certify in writing that it has the 25 percent match committed and available, by signing on the signature block provided on the form, and shall state the means of providing for the local share. All necessary approvals for acquisition and financing shall be included with the application. All financial income received directly or indirectly from sources that would have been paid to the previous landowner as a result of a purchase agreement or other title transfer action will be completely documented in the application.

23.6(4) Development projects. An application for development project assistance may include development on more than one area if the development is of a like nature (e.g., planting trees and shrubs).

This rule is intended to implement the provisions of Iowa Code section 483A.3. [ARC 8885B, IAB 6/30/10, effective 8/18/10; ARC 6789C, IAB 1/11/23, effective 2/15/23]