

571—27.5(456A) Grant application submission.

27.5(1) *Form of application.* Grant applications for both state and local projects shall be on forms and follow guidelines provided by the department. Projects selected for funding with land and water conservation assistance must be in accordance with state comprehensive outdoor recreation plan (SCORP) priorities.

27.5(2) *Application timing.* The following information applies to local projects only. Grant applications and amendment requests which increase the existing grant amount shall be reviewed and selected for funding on an annual basis as provided in subrule 27.2(2). 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.

27.5(3) *Local funding.* An applicant shall certify that it has committed its share of project costs. Cash donations must be on deposit and a bond issue must have been passed by the electorate if such passage is necessary if either or both is a source of local funding.

27.5(4) *Development project application.* An application for a development project grant shall include development on only one project site or area with the exception that an application may include development of a like nature only on several sites (e.g., tennis courts).

27.5(5) *Application timing.* The following applies only to state projects. Grant applications and amendments to existing approved projects which exceed 10 percent of the original grant amount will be reviewed, evaluated and submitted to the National Park Service for approval as soon as practicable upon notification of Iowa's apportionment.

27.5(6) *Application acceptance.* Applications for state projects will be accepted from the Iowa department of natural resources and any other state agency which submits an eligible project application. [ARC 6789C, IAB 1/11/23, effective 2/15/23]