

21—52.22(159) Application and review process.

52.22(1) The department will establish a uniform application process and make information about applying available on its website.

52.22(2) Applications will only be accepted during the times established by the department. Late submissions will not be accepted. An individual, business, agricultural cooperative, nonprofit organization, or local government may only apply for one project per grant cycle.

52.22(3) A scoring committee established by the department will review and evaluate applications based on the scoring criteria described in rule 21—52.23(159).

52.22(4) The department, after considering the recommendations made by the scoring committee, will determine which applications to fund and how much should be awarded to each applicant. The department has final decision-making authority on requests for financial assistance for the program.

52.22(5) Priority will be given to applicants who were not awarded a grant in the previous fiscal year.

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