

567—93.6 (455B) Local water protection project requirements.

93.6(1) *Local water protection project assistance.* Assistance under the CWSRF shall be in the form of low-interest loans made by participating lending institutions through a linked deposit arrangement with the CWSRF. The following eligibility conditions and restrictions for participation apply to such assistance.

a. Eligible project costs. The amount of assistance available shall be limited to the total costs deemed necessary, reasonable and directly related to the practices required to provide water quality improvements.

b. Applicant eligibility. Assistance is available to any person who owns or has legal control over land that needs local water protection projects installed to control runoff of sediments, nutrients, pesticides or other nonpoint source pollutants into waters of the state. Loans will be made only to persons who are owners of record or persons who have legal control of the property where the local water protection projects are to be installed.

c. Eligible practices. The local water protection practices that are considered eligible include, but are not limited to, contour buffer strips, diversion, fence, field border, field windbreak, filter strips, grade stabilization structure, grassed waterway, pasture and hayland planting, planned grazing system, pond, riparian forest and vegetative buffers, sediment basin, terrace, underground outlet with secondary water quality treatment, waste management system, water and sediment control basin, stream bank stabilization and restoration, and other practices that are shown to improve or protect water quality.

93.6(2) *Applying for assistance.* Application for project approval shall be made on forms provided by the department or its agent. Forms may also be downloaded from www.iowasrf.com.

93.6(3) *Project review and approval.* Prior to receiving assistance, the applicant shall submit an application to the local soil and water conservation district. The local soil and water conservation district will evaluate the application, provide an estimated cost, and certify that the practice is compatible with state water quality goals. All practices shall be constructed to meet NRCS standards and specifications. NRCS or another technical service provider shall attest that the practice will be constructed to these specifications and standards.

93.6(4) *Duration of the project.* The project is to be maintained, kept in place or operated as proposed for the life span of the practice, but in no case for less than the life of the loan.

93.6(5) *Eligible costs.* All costs directly related to the implementation of local water protection projects approved in the memorandum of project approval are eligible costs.

93.6(6) *Ineligible costs.* Ineligible costs include costs for overbuilding a practice beyond what is required to maintain or improve water quality and costs for the purchase of land.

93.6(7) *Site access.* The applicant shall agree to provide the department or the department's agent access to the project site to verify that the loan was used for the purpose intended.