

265—28.3(81GA, HF2782) Project funding.

28.3(1) Recipient eligibility. Communities eligible to apply for assistance shall meet the following criteria:

- a.* The project will serve a community that qualifies as a disadvantaged community as defined by DNR for the drinking water facilities revolving loan fund established in Iowa Code section 455B.295;
- b.* The community is required to install or upgrade wastewater treatment facilities or systems due to regulatory activity in response to water quality standards adopted by DNR in calendar year 2006; and
- c.* The population of the community served by the project is less than 3,000.

28.3(2) Project eligibility and priority. Financial assistance is available for the upgrade or installation of wastewater treatment facilities and systems attributable to compliance with changes to the water quality standards adopted by DNR in calendar year 2006. Financial assistance shall be available under the program only for projects for which DNR determines that completion of the project, or a part of the project, is necessary for the community to meet water quality standards. Priority shall be given to projects in which the program financial assistance is used in connection with financing under the SRF, or is used in connection with other federal or state financing. Priority shall also be given to projects that will provide the most significant improvement to water quality; this criterion will be determined by the score given to a project by the department pursuant to the project priority rating system used for the water pollution control state revolving fund and set forth in 567—Chapter 91.

28.3(3) Applications. Applications will be accepted quarterly on forms developed by IFA and available at www.iowafinanceauthority.gov. Grants will be awarded quarterly. IFA will coordinate with other applicable state or federal financing programs when possible.

28.3(4) Required matching funds. Communities approved for financing shall provide matching moneys in the following amounts:

- a.* Sewered communities and unsewered incorporated communities with a population of less than 500 shall provide a 5 percent match.
- b.* Communities with a population of 500 or more but less than 1,000 shall provide a 10 percent match.
- c.* Communities with a population of 1,000 or more but less than 1,500 shall provide a 20 percent match.
- d.* Communities with a population of 1,500 or more but less than 2,000 shall provide a 30 percent match.
- e.* Communities with a population of 2,000 or more but less than 3,000 shall provide a 40 percent match.

28.3(5) Costs. All eligible costs must be documented to the satisfaction of the authority before proceeds may be disbursed. The applicant must declare how much of the total project costs are attributable to complying with the changes to the water quality standards adopted by DNR in calendar year 2006.

28.3(6) Record retention. The recipient shall maintain records that document all costs associated with the project. The recipient shall agree to provide access to these records to the authority. The recipient shall retain such records and documents for inspection and audit purposes for a period of three years from the date of the final disbursement of grant funds.

28.3(7) Site access. The recipient shall agree to provide the authority, the department and the department's agent access to the project site at all times during the construction process to verify that the funds are being used for the purpose intended and that the construction work meets applicable state and federal requirements.