

**459.501 Livestock remediation fund.**

1. A livestock remediation fund is created as a separate fund in the state treasury under the control of the department. The general fund of the state is not liable for claims presented against the fund.

2. The fund consists of moneys from indemnity fees remitted by permittees to the department as provided in [section 459.502](#); moneys from indemnity fees remitted by persons required to submit manure management plans to the department pursuant to [section 459.503](#); sums collected on behalf of the fund by the department through legal action or settlement; moneys required to be repaid to the department by a county pursuant to [this subchapter](#); interest, property, and securities acquired through the use of moneys in the fund; or moneys contributed to the fund from other sources.

3. a. The moneys collected under [this section](#) shall be deposited in the fund and shall be appropriated to the department for the following exclusive purposes:

(1) To provide moneys for cleanup of abandoned facilities as provided in [section 459.505](#), and to pay the department for costs related to administering the provisions of [this subchapter](#). For each fiscal year, the department shall not use more than one percent of the total amount which is available in the fund or ten thousand dollars, whichever is less, to pay for the costs of administration.

(2) To allocate moneys to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the payment of expenses incurred by the department of agriculture and land stewardship associated with providing for the sustenance and disposition of livestock in immediate need of sustenance pursuant to [chapter 717](#). The department of natural resources shall allocate any amount of unencumbered and unobligated moneys demanded in writing by the department of agriculture and land stewardship as provided in this subparagraph. The department of natural resources shall complete the allocation upon receiving the demand.

(3) (a) To allocate moneys to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the payment of expenses incurred by the department of agriculture and land stewardship associated with all of the following:

(i) Providing for seizure of animals pursuant to [sections 163.3D](#) and [163.3E](#).

(ii) Court costs, reasonable attorney fees, and expenses related to the investigation and prosecution of the case arising from the seizure of animals.

(b) The department of natural resources shall allocate any amount of unencumbered and unobligated moneys demanded in writing by the department of agriculture and land stewardship as provided in this subparagraph. The department of natural resources shall complete the allocation upon receiving the demand.

(c) The department of agriculture and land stewardship shall repay the fund any amount received from an interested person pursuant to an order by a court in a dispositional proceeding conducted pursuant to [section 163.3E](#).

b. Moneys in the fund shall not be subject to appropriation or expenditure for any other purpose than provided in [this section](#).

4. The treasurer of state shall act as custodian of the fund and disburse amounts contained in the fund as directed by the department. The treasurer of state is authorized to invest the moneys deposited in the fund. The income from such investment shall be credited to and deposited in the fund. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys in the fund are not subject to reversion to the general fund of the state. The fund shall be administered by the department which shall make expenditures from the fund consistent with the purposes set out in [this subchapter](#). The moneys in the fund shall be disbursed upon warrants drawn by the director of the department of administrative services pursuant to the order of the department. The fiscal year of the fund begins July 1. The finances of the fund shall be calculated on an accrual basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The auditor of state shall regularly perform audits of the fund.

5. The following shall apply to moneys in the fund:

a. (1) The executive council may authorize payment of moneys as an expense paid from the appropriations addressed in [section 7D.29](#) and in the manner provided in [section 7D.10A](#) in an amount necessary to support the fund, including the following:

(a) The payment of claims as provided in [section 459.505](#).

(b) The allocation of moneys to the department of agriculture and land stewardship for the payment of expenses incurred by the department of agriculture and land stewardship associated with providing for the sustenance and disposition of livestock pursuant to [chapter 717](#).

(2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), the executive council's authorization for payment shall be provided only if the amount of moneys in the fund, which are not obligated or encumbered, and not counting the department's estimate of the cost to the fund for pending or unsettled claims, the amount to be allocated to the department of agriculture and land stewardship, and any amount required to be credited to the general fund of the state under [this subsection](#), is less than one million dollars.

b. The department of natural resources shall credit an amount to the fund from which the expense authorized by the executive council as provided in paragraph "a" was appropriated which is equal to an amount authorized for payment to support the livestock remediation fund by the executive council under paragraph "a". However, the department shall only be required to credit the moneys to such fund if the moneys in the livestock remediation fund which are not obligated or encumbered, and not counting the department's estimate of the cost to the livestock remediation fund for pending or unsettled claims, the amount to be allocated to the department of agriculture and land stewardship, and any amount required to be transferred to the fund from which appropriated as described in this paragraph, are in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars. The department is not required to credit the total amount to the fund from which appropriated as described in this paragraph during any one fiscal year.

[95 Acts, ch 195, §5](#)

[CS95, §204.2](#)

[98 Acts, ch 1209, §3, 50](#)

[C99, §455J.2](#)

[2002 Acts, ch 1137, §68, 71; 2002 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 1003, §260, 262](#)

[C2003, §459.501](#)

[2003 Acts, ch 44, §76; 2003 Acts, ch 52, §2, 3, 6; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286; 2011 Acts, ch 81, §1; 2011 Acts, ch 131, §35, 158; 2012 Acts, ch 1021, §81; 2020 Acts, ch 1036, §12, 16; 2021 Acts, ch 80, §292](#)

Referred to in [§7D.10A, 163.3E, 459.303, 460.206, 717.4A, 717.5](#)