

761—163.5(315) Source, allocation, and use of RISE funds.

163.5(1) Source. The RISE program is funded with dedicated state motor fuel and special fuel tax revenues as set out in Iowa Code section 312.2 and chapter 315.

163.5(2) Allocation and use.

a. Allocation among roadway jurisdictions. The RISE fund shall be allocated as specified in Iowa Code section 315.4.

b. Funding restricted to public roads. The use of RISE funds is restricted to construction or improvement of primary roads, secondary roads, city streets, state park roads and county conservation parkways presently open to public use or ones which will be dedicated and open to public use in the future. RISE funds may not be used for private road projects or for any other private purpose. Project activities which may and may not be funded under the RISE program are listed in rule 163.7(315).

c. Use of county or city RISE funds on primary road projects. Counties or cities may at their option make application to the department to apply RISE funds allocated for use on secondary road or city street projects toward primary road projects. Use of county or city RISE funds on primary road projects shall be approved by the commission.

d. Type of projects. The two types of projects which may be funded under the RISE program are immediate opportunity projects and local development projects. The requirements and procedures specifically applicable to the two project types are located in the following rules of this chapter:

(1) Immediate opportunity projects: Rule 761—163.10(315).

(2) Local development projects: Rule 761—163.11(315).

e. Relationship of project. The demonstrated relationship of a project to economic development shall generally be the main criterion employed in determining the priority for funding. The department is required to assign the lowest priority to a project if it involves a business with wages substantially below other area businesses or with a consistent record of law violations. In terms of project type, an immediate opportunity project shall have first priority for all available RISE funds.

f. Use of repaid funds. RISE funds repaid to the department for any reason may be used for other projects or carried over to the next programming cycle. RISE funds repaid shall be credited to the share of the fund from which the project was originally funded.

g. Carryover of funds. The commission need not commit the spending of all RISE funds available during a programming cycle. Uncommitted city funds may be carried over to the next programming cycle or used for immediate opportunity projects. On June 30 of each year, all uncommitted county funds shall be credited to the secondary road fund.

h. Reserve for future needs and contingencies. The commission shall monitor RISE fund commitments and expected RISE fund cash flow and take actions necessary to ensure that funds remain available for anticipated present and future immediate opportunity project needs and other contingencies. Such actions may include placing a moratorium on the receipt and award of local development RISE applications, placing a limit on RISE dollars awarded to each project, or taking other actions at the discretion of the commission.

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