

Criteria for Awarding Environmental Management System (EMS) Grants

Approved by EMS Council on July 31, 2015 and EPC on November 17, 2015

(1) LEGISLATIVE CHARGE: 455J.7 (3) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

- a. The council shall recommend to the commission a reasonable allocation of the moneys provided in section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), subparagraph subdivision (d), to eligible systems. In making its recommendation as to the allocation of moneys, the council shall adopt and use a set of reasonable criteria. The criteria shall conform to the goals and purposes of **this chapter** (455J) as described in section 455J.1 and shall be approved by the commission.
- b. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the commission shall make a final allocation of the funds described in 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (d), to systems meeting the requirements of this chapter.
- c. Moneys allocated in pursuant of this subsection shall be used by systems to further compliance with any of the requirements of section 455J.3.

(2) EMS COUNCIL FUND ALLOCATION

The EMS Council will set EMS program grant budgets and grant due dates near the beginning of each fiscal year.

- DNR will provide an estimate of funds to the council.
- DNR will notify EMS participants of grant due dates and allocations.

In order to conform with the goals and purposes of Iowa Code 455J, grant awards must be directly tied to one or more EMS Component Areas as noted in 455J.3.

- Yard Waste Management
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection
- Water Quality Improvement
- Green House Gas Reduction
- Recycling
- Environmental Education

(3) TYPES OF GRANTS

A. Quick Start Grants:

- Once a solid waste agency/permitted facility service area is designated as a Solid Waste Environmental Management System pursuant to Iowa Code 455J.7, the new EMS will be eligible one time only for Quick Start Grant funds.
- Applicants will use the Environmental Management System Quick Start Grant Application Form, 542-0086.

B. Competitive Grant:

- All designated EMS participants will be eligible to submit one EMS Competitive Grant Application each fiscal year.
- Grant applicants will use the Environmental Management System Start Grant Application Form, 542-0123.

(4) APPLICATION SCORING information may be found on the Application Forms.

(5) INELIGIBLE COSTS: Financial assistance shall not be provided or used for costs including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Taxes.

2. Vehicle registration.
3. Legal costs.
4. Contingency funds.
5. Proposal preparation.
6. Contractual project administration.
7. Land acquisition.
8. Office furniture, office computers, fax machines and other office furnishings and equipment.
9. Costs for which payment has been or will be received under another federal, state or private financial assistance program.
10. Costs incurred before a written agreement between the applicant and the department has been executed.