

Environmental Management System (EMS) Grant Assistance Process FY18

EMS Grant Assistance

Background Information:

- EMS Grant Assistance Criteria is set by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with input from stakeholders. The Criteria is approved by the Environmental Protection Commission as required by Iowa Code 455J.7 which states that “the criteria shall conform to the goals and purposes of this chapter as described in section 455J.1 and shall be approved by the commission.”
- At the beginning of each fiscal year, DNR sets the program budget based on:
 - Information regarding funds available per section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph “a”, subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (d). The budget includes the amount available for grant assistance.
 - Program participation, which may include special consideration for grant assistance for new program designees.

Grant Process:

- There will be two grant application rounds for all participants in each Fiscal Year.
- In Application Period 1, each designated EMS program participant will be allotted an equal portion of the funds budgeted for that Fiscal Year’s grant process.
- In the Application Period 2, applicants will be eligible to apply for all funds not allocated in Application Period 1. There will be no individual participant dollar amount limit.
- New EMS program designees (Tier 1) may be eligible for additional funding as set by DNR when the budget is set. The Grant Assistance Method will be determined when the budget is set.
- EMS program participants will use grant application forms specific to the EMS program.
- The Solid Waste Alternative Program (SWAP) Review Committee will review applications. That committee is presently made up of representatives from the following organizations: Iowa Waste Exchange, Iowa Recycling Association, Iowa Society of Solid Waste Operations and two DNR staff members. Grant reviewers will be provided program information about the EMS program.
- The SWAP process will be followed-

Application Review Process:

Discuss each application and arrive at a consensus recommendation. Generally proposals are grouped:

- Yes fund
- No / not fundable
- Maybe – additional information is needed before a final decision can be made

Other Information:

- EMS program participants may contact DNR staff, EMS program consultants or other for assistance prior to grant application submittal.
- A Grant Prioritization guidance document is available online: [Grant Prioritization Guidance](http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Waste-Planning-Recycling/Solid-Waste-EMS/EMS-Participants) or <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Waste-Planning-Recycling/Solid-Waste-EMS/EMS-Participants>
- The SWAP database is available here: <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/swap/>