

224.43-505 Kentucky pride fund -- Distribution -- Grants to eliminate illegal open dumps -- Recycling and household hazardous waste grants program -- Incentives and rewards -- Implementation costs.

- (1) A trust fund known as the Kentucky pride fund is hereby established in the State Treasury to receive money collected from environmental remediation fees established in KRS 224.43-500. The fund shall be used to accomplish the purposes established in this section. Any money accruing to the fund in any fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year. The fund may also receive state appropriations, gifts, grants, and federal funds. All interest earned on money in the fund shall be credited to the fund.
- (2) The cabinet shall administer the Kentucky pride fund as provided by this section and any administrative regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Money from the fund received by the cabinet shall be distributed as follows:
 - (a) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) of the money deposited into the fund each year shall be retained by the cabinet, subject to the following conditions:
 1. The cabinet may use up to two and one-half million dollars (\$2,500,000) of the money deposited into the fund as necessary for direct costs associated with site identification, characterization, and corrective action assessments of solid waste disposal sites and facilities that have ceased accepting waste before July 1, 1992, including former permitted municipal solid waste disposal facilities or abandoned solid waste disposal sites or facilities. The cabinet shall prioritize the sites and facilities based on risks to human health, safety, and the environment, and develop an implementation plan for closure and remediation of those sites and facilities. Funds may be utilized to begin design and implementation of proper closure and corrective action for those sites and facilities with unabated pending violations.
 2. The cabinet shall suspend until July, 2006, enforcement activity regarding landfill closure and remediation obligations against formerly permitted municipal solid waste disposal facilities owned by a city or county that ceased accepting waste prior to July 1, 1992, except as necessary to abate an environmental emergency.
 3. Two and one-half million dollars (\$2,500,000) per year shall be used to pay debt service on bonds sold by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority in the amount of at least twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000), the proceeds from which were deposited into the Kentucky pride fund established in this section and utilized for undertaking closure and corrective action at formerly permitted solid waste disposal facilities or abandoned solid waste sites or facilities that ceased accepting waste prior to July 1, 1992, which pose the most significant environmental or human health risk. Moneys not appropriated for the identification and characterization of orphaned or abandoned landfills, or debt service, may be used for the elimination of illegal open dumps, direct costs associated with the closure of orphaned landfills, recycling grants, household hazardous waste grants, or additional debt service.

- (b) The interest on all moneys deposited into the fund, including unused debt services, shall be distributed annually in an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Kentucky Environmental Education Council for implementation of the environmental education center component of the Environmental Education Master Plan.
- (c) The remaining balance of the funds from the environmental remediation fee established in KRS 224.43-500, plus any unspent interest revenues, shall be utilized by the cabinet for grants to counties for the elimination of illegal open dumps and to establish a recycling and household hazardous waste grants program. Any county, waste management district, city, urban-county government, or other political subdivision of the state shall be eligible to apply for recycling and household hazardous waste grants under this program.
- (d) Two and one-half million dollars (\$2,500,000) shall be transferred in each of the fiscal years 2002-03 and 2003-04 and annually thereafter from the road fund established in KRS 48.010(15)(g) and two and one-half million dollars (\$2,500,000) shall be transferred in each of the fiscal years 2002-03 and 2003-04 and annually thereafter from the highway construction contingency fund to the Kentucky pride fund established in this section, to be reserved and distributed annually for anti-litter control programs with distributions to be made as follows:
 - 1. Thirty-three and one-third percent (33-1/3%) of the money shall be distributed annually based on each county's miles of public roads as a percentage of the total miles of public roads in the Commonwealth at the time of distribution;
 - 2. Thirty-three and one-third percent (33-1/3%) of the money shall be distributed annually based on the county's rural population as a percentage of the total rural population of the Commonwealth at the time of distribution. "Rural population" means the population residing outside a city, town, or urban area with a population of two thousand five hundred (2,500) persons or more;
 - 3. Thirty-three and one-third percent (33-1/3%) of the money shall be distributed annually based on the county's population as a percentage of the total population of the Commonwealth at the time of distribution;
 - 4. Of the moneys apportioned to counties on the basis of miles of public roads and population as provided for in subparagraphs 1. and 3. of this paragraph, the cabinet shall provide to the participating incorporated cities within the jurisdiction of each respective county which, by ordinance or other means, provides municipal solid waste collection service, an amount of funds equal to the ratio of that city's total miles of public roads in the county and the ratio of that city's population to the population of the county, to be used for the purpose of litter cleanup on public roads within city boundaries;
 - 5. Moneys received by counties and cities pursuant to this paragraph shall be applied for by November 1 of the year preceding the grant distribution and shall be used to meet obligations with respect to the

litter cleanup of public roads required by the provisions of KRS 224.43-345; and

6. Litter abatement funding rejected or otherwise returned from the grant recipients shall be applied to the following year's allotment for litter abatement grants.
- (3) Any county may apply for a grant for the elimination of illegal open dumps subject to the following provisions:
 - (a) The cabinet first shall prioritize expenditures from this fund among those counties with approved solid waste management plans in order to address those illegal open dumps posing the most significant public health and environmental risks; and
 - (b) The cabinet shall provide grants to counties for eliminating illegal open dumps. To be eligible for grant funding, the applicant shall:
 1. Establish an effective universal municipal solid waste collection service that is available to all county residences and businesses;
 2. Employ a solid waste coordinator with enforcement powers;
 3. Remain in compliance with an approved solid waste management plan under this chapter;
 4. Enter into agreement with the cabinet to provide a twenty-five percent (25%) match which may be in kind to the grant amount and comply with the grant criteria, except that the grant match may be waived for illegal dump cleanups projected to cost more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000);
 5. Agree to use all legal methods at their disposal to collect delinquent solid waste collection fees; and
 6. Establish a committee to be designated as the clean county committee, composed of representatives from business, schools, agriculture, homemakers, and other concerned citizens, to increase awareness and develop education and enforcement strategies to keep the county free of litter and illegal open dumps.
 - (4) The cabinet shall impose the following requirements for recycling and household hazardous waste management grants to counties, waste management districts, cities, urban-county governments, or other political subdivisions of the state:
 - (a) Each grantee shall provide a twenty-five percent (25%) match to the grant amount which may be in kind and shall comply with the grant criteria;
 - (b) Each grantee shall demonstrate that the proposed project will remain financially viable after grant funds have been expended;
 - (c) The grantee shall demonstrate that the service added by the project is needed and would otherwise be unavailable within the proposed service area; and
 - (d) Projects that create opportunities for regional recycling or regional household hazardous waste management shall be given priority.
 - (5) Counties that meet the requirements set out above in subsection (3) of this section shall be provided the following incentives and rewards by the cabinet:

- (a) Extra points when applying for Land and Water Conservation Fund grants, National Recreation Trails Funds grants, and funding from the state-funded Community Rivers and Streams Program; and
 - (b) Priority consideration for funds from the Division of Conservation State Cost Share Program for dumps on farmland and the Waste Tire Trust Fund for tire dumps.
- (6) The cabinet shall be reimbursed for reasonable costs related to the implementation of the provisions of this section, not to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) annually.

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