

Business Item 2013-198: Direction to Hold a Public Meeting on a Proposed I&I Grant Program Design

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Today's Agenda

- I. Appropriation
- II. Draft Schedule
- III. Process
- IV. Eligibility
- V. Reporting Requirements

Appropriation:

Per HF 1183, Sec. 9. - COUNCIL is appropriated:

a) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year are for grants or loans for local inflow and infiltration reduction programs addressing high priority areas in the metropolitan area, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2. This appropriation is available until expended.

Draft I/ Grant Program Schedule

July 9:	Env. Comm: Direction to hold public meeting
August 13:	Public Meeting
August 23:	Public input ends
Sept. 10:	Env. Comm: Review input, and recommendation
Sept. 25:	Potential Council Approval
October 1:	Program Begins (cities eligible to apply)

End Date is when appropriation is exhausted.

Proposed Process

1. Cities:

- apply to be in program and sign grant agreements
- communicate program to private parties

2. Private parties:

- get estimates or bids from contactors,
- submits to their city

3. Cities:

- review requests for eligibility
- submit requests to MCES for prequalification approvals

4. MCES:

- also reviews eligibility details,
- approves, if funding available,
- encumbers funds, notifies cities

Proposed Process (continued)

5. Cities:

- notify applicants (approvals are the maximums per site)
- issue permits

6. Private Parties:

- get the repair work done
- submit receipts to City

7. Cities:

- send summary of actual dollars spent to MCES
- certifies work was done and records are auditable

8. MCES:

- gets City paid, and
- if less than encumbered, MCES adjusts available pool of funds
 - and issues more prequalification approval(s)
- reports to state

Proposed Eligibility

- High priority = Communities participating in I/I Surcharge Program
 - 50 communities to date
 - New communities getting an I/I surcharge
- Communities that sign grant agreement, including:
 - Pass through grants
 - Pre-qualification requirements
 - Certification of work done
 - Repairs require plumbing permits
 - Reporting requirements

Proposed Eligible Repairs

- Only non-municipal sewer infrastructure, where:
 - Pre-qualified before work done
 - Property owner provides a repair cost estimate
 - Building is occupied
 - City allowed to and will inspect
- Grants to be one third of actual, eligible, reasonable and verifiable repair costs
 - Out-of-pocket costs only (inspection and owner labor costs not eligible)
 - Limited to \$2,000 per site
 - Community match of one third is encouraged

State Reporting Requirements

a) Projects must have:

- Measureable outcomes
- Plan for measuring and evaluating results
- Be compiled and reported to Legislature

b) Priority for funding must be competitive

c) Information required:

- Legacy logo and contact information put on website
- Data collected may need to conform to state standards

Questions, Concerns

