

4350.3120 PERMIT INFORMATION CENTER GRANT PROGRAM.

Subpart 1. **Applicability.** Funds appropriated for grants for the establishment of regional permit information centers by Minnesota Statutes 1976, section 116C.34 and any future funding for such centers appropriated to the State Planning Agency shall be distributed to those public bodies authorized by laws pursuant to the recommendation of the director of the planning division and these rules.

Subp. 2. **Eligibility.** A regional development commission may apply for a grant from the commissioner of the Department of Employment and Economic Development for the establishment of a regional permit information center; provided that the grant application is submitted before May 1 of the fiscal year for which the legislative appropriation was made; the amount of the grant application does not exceed the legislative appropriation; and the regional development commission agrees to perform the following functions for at least one year following approval of the grant application:

A. designate one person to act as liaison between the regional permit information center and the environmental permit coordination unit;

B. provide an information and referral system to assist the public in understanding and complying with the requirements of state and local government rules and regulations concerning the use of natural resources and protection of the environment;

C. provide for the dissemination of printed materials concerning the requirements of state and local government regulations;

D. publicize the availability and location of the permit information center;

E. provide information to the public on the regulatory functions relating to the environment of the local government units in its region;

F. establish and maintain a file for applicable state resource agency permits, including pertinent rules, criteria for permit issuance and use, and compliance with relevant statute requirements;

G. maintain information on state environmental programs; and

H. maintain a list or directory of pertinent state agency contacts in each region and in Saint Paul as well as a list of local government unit contacts for its region.

Subp. 3. **Grants.** Within 30 days after receipt of a completed grant application, the commissioner of the Department of Employment and Economic Development shall approve the grant or notify the regional development commission in writing of the reasons why the grant application was denied.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 116C.32*

History: *L 1983 c 289 s 34 to 39, s 115 subd 1; L 1987 c 312 art 1; L 2003 1Sp4 s 1*

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