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MINING INVESTMENT AND LOCAL IMPACT FUND BOARD

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Discretionary Payment Program Guidelines

2015 Funding Ceiling: \$205,000

I. Application Process

- A. Wisconsin counties, cities, villages, towns, school districts, and federally recognized tribal councils are eligible to apply for discretionary payment grants. Local or joint impact committees may, through their appointing authority, submit a request to the Board.
- B. An applicant may submit more than one application.
- C. Two or more applicants may submit a joint application.
- D. Application Deadlines
 1. July 31, 2015 - Discretionary grant applications must be submitted to the Board by this date.
 2. August 31, 2015 – Supporting resolutions from the appropriate local governing body or bodies (required for each grant application) must be submitted to the Board by this date.
 - a. Each local or joint impact committee application shall be accompanied by a supporting resolution from the committee.
 - b. Each joint impact committee application shall be accompanied by a supporting resolution from each local committee within the area served by the joint committee and from each municipality which appoints the joint committee.
 - c. Each local impact committee application shall be accompanied by a supporting resolution from its appointing authority.
 3. October 15, 2015 - The Board shall notify all applicants in writing of the action taken on their respective applications by this date.
 - a. The Board may approve or deny the application for funds.
 - b. The Board may provide partial funding to a municipality for a project.
 - c. The Board may require municipalities to provide matching funds.

II. Contents of Applications

There are two kinds of applications for discretionary grants:

- A. **Project Proposals** - Applicants seeking funds for a particular public service or facility, including the design, construction, or maintenance of a public facility, the hiring of consultants to provide specific legal, planning, local development, or technical assistance shall develop a project proposal for consideration by the Board. Information on the following shall be provided in the application for a project proposal:
 1. A detailed description of the project and its component parts.

2. The facts which verify the mining impact the proposal addressed or will address.
3. A detailed budget for the proposal including the local funding contribution the municipality made or plans to make or any outside funding that was or would be used for the project.
4. The project timetable, including the date of commencement and the date the project was completed or is expected to be completed.
5. A description of any alternatives to the proposed project which were considered and an explanation of why the proposed project was rated more highly than the alternatives.
6. A description of how the project alleviated or will alleviate a mining impact.

B. **Mining Impact Brief** - Applicants seeking funding for the operations of a local impact committee or a joint impact committee shall submit a mining impact brief. Mining impact briefs shall include:

1. A description of the committee activities performed.
2. A detailed budget including a description of the amount and sources of other funds and resources that were or will be applied toward committee activities during the proposed project.
3. An explanation of how the proposed committee activities alleviated or will alleviate a mining related impact or impacts.
4. A description of how the project was or will be coordinated with other local and joint impact committees.
5. A comprehensive description of the committee's long-term plans and goals, including a description of the committee activities for which it anticipates that funding will be sought from the Board and from other sources in the year subsequent to the proposed project and during the long-term planning period.
6. A description of how the proposed activities to be funded relate to the long-term plans of the committee.

III. **Eligible Expenses**

Applicants may seek discretionary grant distributions for the following purposes:

- A. Private sector economic development projects and studies.
- B. Police and fire services associated with the operation and construction of the mine.
- C. Highway construction and repair resulting from construction and operation of the mine.
- D. Environmental monitoring of the mine.
- E. Certain costs incurred by a town, village or city in monitoring the effects of prospecting or mining on surface water and groundwater resources and responding to claims of damage to private water supplies, as provided under § 293.65(5)(a), Wis. Stats.
- F. Extraordinary community services and facilities provided as a result of mining activity.
- G. Legal counsel and experts to appear before state agencies on mining-related matters.
- H. Other expenses related to the construction, operation, closing or cessation of the mine, including expenses related to preparation for negotiation of local agreements.
- I. Preparing community service plans to identify and minimize the impacts of the mine.

- J. Provision of educational services in a school district.
- K. Expenses related to assisting displaced workers resulting from a temporary or permanent closing of a mine.
- L. School districts may be reimbursed for increased costs attributable to enrollment resulting from the mine.
- M. Operating expenses of local and joint impact committees, as provided under §§ 293.33(4) and 295.443(4), Wis. Stats.

IV. Ineligible Expenses

Applicants may *not* seek discretionary grant distributions for the following purposes:

- A. Entertainment costs, including social events, ceremonies, and amusements.
- B. Costs for lobbying members of the State Legislature, or other legislative activities.
- C. Loaning funds to other programs, activities, or projects.
- D. Retainer fees for attorneys and other consultants.
- E. Overdrawn account charges of a financial institution or payment of loan interest.
- F. Independent financial or compliance audits other than those required by the Board.
- G. Salaries for elected governing body officials for legislative, administrative, or executive purposes.
- H. Building space, lights, heat, and janitorial services, except when these costs are incurred and necessary as a result of meetings held exclusively for mining-related purposes.

Review criteria

The Board will evaluate applications based on the criteria set forth in Wis. Admin. Code § Tax 13.07(2)(c).