

Erosion Control and Water Management Appropriations and Statutory Language 2013

Chapter 114 (HF 976) Environment and Agriculture Appropriations: Article 3, Section 5

\$1,560,000 the first year and \$1,560,000 the second year are for the following cost-share programs:

(1) \$260,000 each year is for feedlot water quality grants for feedlots under 300 animal units in areas where there are impaired waters;

(2) \$1,200,000 each year is for soil and water conservation district cost-sharing contracts for erosion control, nutrient and manure management, vegetative buffers, and water quality management; and

(3) \$100,000 each year is for county cooperative weed management programs and to restore native plants in selected invasive species management sites by providing local native seeds and plants to landowners for implementation.

Chapter 143 (HF 677) Tax Bill: Article 4

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 103C.501, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Cost-sharing funds.** (a) The state board shall allocate ~~at least 70 percent~~ ~~of~~ cost-sharing funds to areas with high priority erosion, sedimentation, or water quality problems or water quantity problems due to altered hydrology. The areas must be selected based on ~~the statewide~~ priorities established by the state board.

(b) The allocated funds must be used for conservation practices for high priority problems identified in the comprehensive and annual work plans of the districts, for the technical assistance portion of the grant funds to leverage federal or other nonstate funds, or to address high-priority needs identified in local water management plans or comprehensive watershed management plans.

~~(b) The remaining cost-sharing funds may be allocated to districts as follows:~~

~~(1) for technical and administrative assistance, not more than 20 percent of the funds; and~~

~~(2) for conservation practices for lower priority erosion, sedimentation, or water quality problems.~~