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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 799

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the incentive grant program for
7 stimulating the development of projects to demonstrate
8 alternative sewage waste disposal systems; establishing
9 the incentive grant fund; and providing for an effec-
10 tive date."

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

12 * Section 1. AS 46.03 is amended by adding new sections to read:

13 ARTICLE 9. ALTERNATIVE SEWAGE WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS.

14 Sec. 46.03.910. PURPOSE OF PROGRAM. The incentive grant program
15 is established to stimulate development of demonstration projects
16 whose objective is to test alternative sewage waste disposal systems
17 in municipalities where extension of or connection to an existing sewer
18 system is untenable due to adverse soil conditions, terrain, drainage,
19 weather or excessive cost.

20 Sec. 46.03.920. RECIPIENT QUALIFICATIONS. A municipality, cor-
21 poration, partnership, or individual may submit a demonstration project
22 proposal and be awarded a grant, if the proposal successfully passes
23 review and funding is available.

24 Sec. 46.03.930. PROPOSAL REVIEW BOARD. All demonstration project
25 proposals shall be reviewed and prioritized by a proposal review board.
26 The board shall be composed of five members: one associated with the
27 Environmental Protection Agency's Alaska village demonstration project,
28 one associated with the Alaska village safe water program, and three
29 members professionally engaged in the study and investigation of water

1 and sewerage treatment systems.

2 Sec. 46.03.940. PROPOSAL GUIDELINES. Demonstration project pro-
3 posals shall be judged solely upon substantive content, estimated
4 project costs, and technical feasibility.

5 Sec. 46.03.950. GRANT ADMINISTRATION. Grant awards shall be
6 administered by the Department of Environmental Conservation but awarded
7 only according to the priorities established by the review board, the
8 availability of funding and satisfactory compliance with the conditions
9 set out in this section. Applications for a grant shall be made in a
10 manner and form prescribed by the department. Before any funds are
11 disbursed there shall be a written agreement executed by the department
12 and the grant recipient containing the provisions agreed upon by the
13 parties which shall include, at least, the following provisions:

14 (1) that the grant recipient submit proof to the department
15 that the proposed project is located in an area where all recipients
16 of project services can obtain satisfactory conventional sewage dis-
17 posal service if the project fails;

18 (2) that agreements have been entered into providing that
19 a municipality, a utility, or each individual recipient of services
20 will accept and perform all project operation and maintenance functions;

21 (3) that performance objectives for the planning, designing,
22 implementation, and evaluation of each project shall be set between the
23 department and the grantee before the grant award and that continuous
24 monitoring of these objectives shall be performed by the department;

25 (4) that the grant recipient agrees

26 (A) to establish a planning, design, implementation,
27 and evaluation time-line with the department, and to deviate from
28 this time-line only upon prior approval of the department;

29 (B) not to discontinue any phase of the project nor

1 dispose of all or any part of a demonstration project for which
2 a grant is received without prior approval of the department;

3 (C) that all grant funds and disbursements under the
4 control of the grantee shall be accounted for through generally
5 accepted accounting practices;

6 (D) to apply for, and make reasonable efforts to secure
7 federal assistance which may be available for the demonstration
8 project; federal funds received for a project reduce the state
9 obligation to the demonstration project cost; all money received
10 for a demonstration project in excess of the project costs shall
11 be returned to the incentive grant fund;

12 (E) that substantive specification changes in the
13 demonstration project from those in the proposal will be made only
14 with prior permission of the department.

15 Sec. 46.03.960. PROJECT SCOPE. There shall be no more than six
16 demonstration projects established in the state with no more than two
17 projects complementing a given municipal sewer system.

18 Sec. 46.03.970. INCENTIVE GRANT FUND ESTABLISHED. There is
19 created the incentive grant fund to carry out the purposes established
20 in secs. 910 - 980 of this chapter. Money from this fund is to be
21 apportioned as follows:

22 (1) seven per cent for the administration of the incentive
23 grant program;

24 (2) fifteen per cent for contingencies such as cost overruns;

25 (3) eighty-eight per cent for grant awards to qualifying
26 recipients to cover planning design, implementation, and evaluation of
27 the demonstration projects.

28 Sec. 46.03.980. TERMINATION DATE. The department shall make an
29 annual report on the projects of the incentive grant program. Upon

1 completion of six demonstration projects or on June 30, 1979, whichever
2 occurs sooner, secs. 910 - 980 of this chapter terminate and the balance
3 of any funds remaining in the incentive grant fund returned to the
4 general fund.

5 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1976.
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