## NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT) Act 451 of 1994

## 324.16908 Scrap tire regulatory fund; creation; investment; interest and earnings; department as administrator for auditing purposes; no reversion to general fund; use of money in fund; grants.

Sec. 16908. (1) The scrap tire regulatory fund is created in the state treasury. The fund shall receive money as provided by law and any gifts or contributions to the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. Interest and earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund. The department shall be the administrator of the fund for auditing purposes. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not revert to the general fund.

- (2) Subject to subsection (4), money in the fund shall be used, upon appropriation, for all of the following purposes:
- (a) For administrative costs of the department associated with this part including the implementation and enforcement of this part. However, money shall not be expended under this subdivision for the employment of more than 11 full-time equated positions.
- (b) For the administrative costs of the secretary of state associated with the collection of the tire disposal surcharge pursuant to section 806 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.806.
- (c) For the cleanup or collection of abandoned scrap tires and scrap tires at collection sites. The department shall give priority to funding activities under this subdivision at collection sites in which the scrap tires were accumulated before January 1, 1991 and to collection sites that pose an imminent threat to public health, safety, welfare, or the environment. For collection sites that have accumulated tires after January 1, 1991, a lien in favor of this state, up to the value of the cleanup grant amount and any increase in the value of the property as a result of the cleanup of the property with grant funds, shall be placed on the property that is affected by the removal of the tires as provided in section 16908b. Before making a grant under this subdivision, the department shall consider the extent to which the making of the grant would contribute to the achievement of a balanced distribution of grants under this subdivision throughout this state. If a grant is awarded under this subdivision for collecting scrap tires at a community cleanup site, the tires shall be removed from the community cleanup site by the time specified in the grant contract.
- (d) For grants to reimburse the cost of purchasing scrap tires to support the development of increased markets for scrap tires. Only the cost of purchasing scrap tires from scrap tire processors in this state or other generators of scrap tires in this state is eligible for reimbursement under this subdivision.
- (e) For grants of up to 50% of the cost of purchasing equipment, or research and development, to provide for a new or increased use for scrap tires.
  - (f) For costs associated with enforcement of this part, including grants to local law enforcement agencies.
- (3) Applications for grants under subsection (2) shall be submitted on a form approved by the department and shall contain the information required by the department. The department shall publish criteria upon which the grants will be issued and shall make that information available to grant applicants.
- (4) For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, only, \$4,000,000.00 of the money in the scrap tire regulatory fund is transferred to and must be deposited into the general fund.

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