

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

**324.71509 Making and allocating grants and loans to local units of government; division of state into regions; match by local unit; rules; sale, disposal, or use of facility.**

Sec. 71509. (1) Grants and loans made to local units of government under section 71508(1)(b) shall be made by the department and allocated as follows:

(a) Each region provided for in subsection (2) shall receive \$6.50 per capita based upon the 1985 census figures in the document entitled "estimated state spending by county fiscal year 1985-86" published by the senate fiscal agency, dated October, 1987.

(b) The balance of the money remaining after the distribution under subdivision (a) shall be used for local public recreation projects that are regional parks as defined by rules promulgated by the department. An application under this subdivision shall not preclude an application under subdivision (a).

(2) For purposes of the distribution of grants and loans for local public recreation projects under section 71508(1)(b), the state is divided into the following 3 regions:

(a) Region 1—all of the counties of the Upper Peninsula.

(b) Region 2—Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Leelanau, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco, Mason, Lake, Osceola, Clare, Gladwin, Arenac, Isabella, Midland, Bay, Huron, Saginaw, Tuscola, and Sanilac counties.

(c) Region 3—Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Muskegon, Montcalm, Gratiot, Ottawa, Kent, Ionia, Clinton, Shiawassee, Genesee, Lapeer, St. Clair, Allegan, Barry, Eaton, Ingham, Livingston, Oakland, Macomb, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Jackson, Washtenaw, Wayne, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph, Branch, Hillsdale, Lenawee, and Monroe counties.

(3) A grant made under this part to a local unit of government shall require a 25% match by the local unit of government. Not more than 50% of the local unit of government's contribution under this subsection may be in the form of goods and services directly rendered to the construction of the project, or federal funds, or both. A local unit of government shall establish to the satisfaction of the department the cost or fair market value, whichever is less as of the date of the notice of approval by the department, of any of the above items with which it seeks to meet its local unit portion.

(4) The department shall promulgate rules that establish criteria for grants and loans made under this part, an application process, the definition of regional parks, and a process for disbursement of grants and loans to local units of government.

(5) A facility funded under this section shall not be sold, disposed of, or converted to a use not specified in the application for the grant or loan without express approval of the department.

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