

(K) ALL EASEMENT ACQUISITIONS MUST BE RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS WHERE THE REAL PROPERTY IS LOCATED.

(L) STATE OR LOCAL CONDEMNATION AUTHORITY MAY NOT BE USED TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS UNDER THIS PROGRAM.

(M) FUNDS MAY BE USED TO PURCHASE AN EASEMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF HISTORIC SITES OR SIGNIFICANT ARCHEOLOGICAL AREAS THAT OTHERWISE MEET THE GOALS OF THIS PROGRAM, ONLY IF THE SPONSOR IS ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS THROUGH A FEE ESTATE SIMPLE PURCHASE.

(N) A LAND OR MINERAL OWNER WHO PARTICIPATES IN THIS PROGRAM MAY RESERVE MINERAL RIGHTS FOR EXTRACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND THE TERMS OF THE EASEMENT OR FEE ACQUISITION.

5-9A-06.

(A) THE BOARD MAY DESIGNATE A RURAL LEGACY AREA AND ACCEPT A RURAL LEGACY PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THIS SUBTITLE AND THE OVERALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM.

(B) (1) THE BOARD MAY AWARD A GRANT TO A SPONSOR OF A DESIGNATED RURAL LEGACY AREA IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE BOARD AND PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF A GRANT AGREEMENT.

(2) A PORTION OF THE GRANT MAY BE USED TO PAY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, INCLUDING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MONITORING OF AN EASEMENT:

(I) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, NOT TO EXCEED 3 PERCENT OF THE GRANT AMOUNT; AND

(II) PROGRAM COMPLIANCE COSTS FOR MONITORING EASEMENTS, AS STATED IN THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

(3) THE BOARD MAY ESTABLISH TIME LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS.

(C) (1) THE BOARD'S ACTIONS IN SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) OF THIS SECTION ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

(2) BPW APPROVAL ENCUMBERS THE GRANT FUNDS.

(D) THE BOARD SHALL ENCOURAGE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO REFLECT RURAL LEGACY PLANS IN THEIR COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS AS UPDATED AND REVISED.

5-9A-07.

(A) THE BOARD AND THE APPROVED SPONSOR OF A DESIGNATED RURAL LEGACY AREA SHALL EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT.