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Applications open for DNR Underserved Farmer-to-Farmer subawards

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The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is ready to accept applications for [Underserved Farmer-to-Farmer subawards](#), funded by a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf of Mexico division.

Over the next five years, the DNR will distribute \$3 million to eligible applicants across the state. Through the grant, the DNR looks to increase the ability of historically underserved farm communities to address nutrient pollution, frequent flooding, and drinking water challenges.

The subawards will be issued to eligible entities who will work with farmers and farm communities who fall under at least one of the [U.S. Department of Agriculture's four underserved groups](#), which includes those who are beginning, socially disadvantaged, veterans and with limited resources.

Eligible subawardees to apply for grants include conservation districts, local or state government entities, nonprofits, tribal nations and institutions of higher learning. Those groups will then work with the DNR to develop projects with a focus on water quality, such as flood reduction, source water protection and nutrient reduction.

Projects may be awarded up to \$250,000 with no match requirement. Applications will be accepted now through April 28, though multiple rounds are possible.

"It is a worthwhile mission to seek to aid the underserved in Iowa, understand what their needs are and meet water issues head on," said Steve Konrady, the DNR's Western Iowa Basin Coordinator.

The Iowa DNR is one of four awardees for the grant across the country. Other awardees include:

- National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Foundation (NASDA) for the Ohio-Tennessee Region (Gulf drainage portions of Indiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee).
- National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) for conservation districts in the non-Mississippi River Gulf Drainage Region (Gulf drainage portions of New Mexico, Colorado, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas)
- Wallace Center at Winrock International for the Upper and Lower Mississippi River Region (Gulf drainage portions of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas,

Mississippi, Louisiana)

For more information and to submit an application, visit www.iowadnr.gov/watershed.

Air Quality permits under review

MEDIA CONTACT: Marnie Stein, DNR, at 515-725-9525 or Marnie.Stein@dnr.iowa.gov for Title V permits

DES MOINES – The DNR Air Quality Bureau has the following draft permits up for review. The permits help protect Iowans' health and air quality. DNR's permitting staff review each permit application to ensure facilities comply with state and federal air quality requirements. We encourage public comments on draft permits, providing help on how to make effective comments. Submit written comments to the assigned permit writer before 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. DNR considers public comments before finalizing the permits.

Title V Operating Permits

Title V Operating permits are reviewed and re-issued every five years. Facilities with a Title V permit have the potential to emit large amounts of air pollutants compared to other facilities. The five-year reviews are a federal requirement and ensure adequate monitoring is included in the permit. The DNR plans to issue Title V Operating Permits for the following facilities. Find permit details at www.iowadnr.gov/titlev-draft.

Mills County

Loess Hills Regional Sanitary Landfill – 59722 290th St., Malvern.

The application was submitted to operate their existing Refuse Systems facility. The public comment period ends April 1.

Webster County

Koch Fertilizer Ft. Dodge, LLC – 3162 200th St., Duncombe.

The modification application was submitted to operate their existing Nitrogenous Fertilizers facility. The public comment period ends April 1.