Chapter NR 65

ADMINISTRATION OF MOTORCYCLE RECREATION PROGRAM (MRP)

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NR 65.01 Eligible units of government. Towns, villages, cities and counties are eligible for grants under this chapter.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1978, No. 267, eff. 4-1-78.

NR 65.02 Definitions. (1) "Department" means the state of Wisconsin department of natural resources.

(2) "MRP" means motorcycle recreation program.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1978, No. 267, eff. 4-1-78.

NR 65.03 Procedure for application for grants. (1) Submit application on prescribed department forms including a resolution officially adopted by the governing unit.

(2) Applications may be submitted for the acquisition, development or operation and maintenance of facilities for public motorcycle outdoor off-the-road recreation areas.

(3) Furnish land appraisals, options, relocation information, environmental assessment information, cost estimates, specifications and other information as may be required to evaluate the application.

(4) Before construction of certain facilities may be undertaken, formal approval may be required from other state agencies concerning health, safety or sanitation requirements.

(5) Facilities acquired or developed with funds from the motorcycle recreation program shall not be converted to any other use without the prior consent of the department in writing.

(6) Use of motorcycle recreation facilities is restricted to motor-driven cycles as defined in section 340.01(33), Wis. Stats., except for snowmobiles and other compatible recreational activity upon written approval of the department.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1978, No. 267, eff. 4-1-78.

NR 65.04 Allowable costs - billings - audits. (1) To be eligible for reimbursement, costs must have been incurred within the project period unless written retroactivity has been granted by the department.

(2) Billings may be submitted when deeds or other proof of land control have been received for land acquisition and upon completion of a development project or a usable portion of a development project.

(3) All payments are contingent upon final audit. Financial records, including all documentation to support entries in the accounting records

to substantiate charges for each project, must be available to the department for a period of 3 years after final payment.

(4) Claims for payment must be submitted within one year of the project termination date.

(5) Final payment will be dependent on completion of the project in accordance with the conditions described in the approved project agreement.

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NR 65.05 General program requirements. (1) Facilities acquired, developed or maintained with assistance from the MRP program shall be open to the general public.

(2) Facilities acquired, developed or maintained with assistance from the MRP program shall not be converted to any other use.

(3) Eligible local units of government shall submit applications for the acquisition, development and operation and maintenance of public outdoor motorcycle facilities by March 15 of each year, beginning in 1979. Applications may be submitted until May 15, 1978, for 1978 program funds.

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NR 65.06 Acquisition. (1) Funds will be available at the rate of up to 100% for the acquisition of land or facilities for public motorcycle off-the-road recreation purposes.

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NR 65.07 Development. (1) Funds will be available at the rate of up to 75% of the total approved project costs for the development of public motorcycle off-the-road recreation facilities. Seventy-five percent advance payments may be made at the time of project approval if formally requested by the sponsor.

(2) Assistance may be given to develop leased real property provided control and tenure of such property is commensurate with the proposed development.

Note: The interest in the property is of such a duration that no undue benefits will accrue to the lessor rather than the public as a result of development. Example: Capital improvements with a life of 10 years (straight line depreciation) will require a 10-year lease or provisions will be contained in the lease to recapture the salvage value of capital improvements from the sponsor if the life of the capital improvements is greater than the term of the lease or remaining portion thereof.

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NR 65.08 Operation and maintenance. (1) Funds may be available at the rate of up to 50% for the operation and maintenance of public motorcycle outdoor recreation facilities.

(2) Funds may be available at the rate of up to 100% for the maintenance of trails which are jointly used for motorcycling and other outdoor recreation purposes. These funds will be available only for that maintenance which is directly related to motorcycling.

(3) Funds available for any one MRP facility for operation and maintenance shall not exceed 10% of the annual program revenue received.

(4) Reasonable entrance of user fees may be charged to offset operation and maintenance costs. Such costs are subject to department review.

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NR 65.09 Liability insurance. Funds will be available at the rate of 100 percent for the purchase of liability insurance up to a maximum of $7,000 annually. Such funding shall not extend to insurance premiums for competitive events.

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