



POLICY

GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Background

The ARC has advised Wayne County Department of Environment on the eligibility requirements for subgrants awarded under the provisions of the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project (Rouge Project). Wayne County has acted upon the advice of the ARC including limiting the subgrant eligibility of communities in the Rouge watershed to those that are members of the ARC. At its August 2006 meeting, the ARC passed a resolution concerning future eligibility of communities within the Rouge River watershed for grant dollars from both the Rouge Project administered by Wayne County, and future grants obtained by the ARC itself. It also referred additional concerns to its Organization Committee for consideration of a formal policy on grant eligibility.

Future Grant Eligibility

The ARC recommends to Wayne County that any future Rouge Project subgrants not be available under the grant criteria to public entities that are eligible for membership in the ARC, but have chosen not to join.

It is the policy of the ARC that any grants received by the ARC and allocated in the form of subgrants to other entities shall be limited to:

- Agencies that are members in good standing of the ARC (i.e., public agencies that have adopted the bylaws of the ARC and have paid their assessments as well as approved nested jurisdictions of ARC members in good standing); or
- Public or private entities not eligible for ARC membership (e.g., autonomous public entities with no Rouge River water discharge permit requirements, and private non-profit or private educational institutions).

Further, it is the policy of the ARC that

- Any guidelines subsequently developed by the ARC establishing the criteria for subgrant awards of grant funds received by the ARC shall reflect this policy and shall include provisions in any subgrant award and/or interagency subgrant

agreement to require that any ARC member awarded a subgrant shall remain an ARC member in good standing throughout the term of the subgrant award.

- In the event that an ARC member is awarded a subgrant and subsequently chooses not to remain a member of the ARC during the term of any subgrant, the subgrant award or interagency subgrant agreement shall provide for a means to authorize the ARC to terminate the subgrant and retain any unpaid portion of the subgrant.

Any divergence from this policy shall be first reviewed by the ARC Executive Committee and subsequently approved by the members at a regular meeting of the ARC.