

HOUSE BILL No. 5114

November 4, 1987, Introduced by Reps. Harrison, Scott, Bartnik, Joe Young, Sr., Watkins, DeMars, Sitz, Maynard, DeBeaussiaert, Gire, Browne, Niederstadt, Murphy, Weeks, Lynn Owen, Hart, Emerson, Berman, Docherty, Palamara, Leland, Gagliardi, Rocca and Jacobetti and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to establish a grant program to fund clean-up projects in the Great Lakes and its major tributaries; and to prescribe the powers and duties of the department of natural resources.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "Great Lakes clean-up grants act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Approved community organization" means a community
5 organization approved by the department for the purposes of this
6 act.

7 (b) "Clean-up" means the clearing of debris from shorelines,
8 river bottoms, or beaches; building, restoring, or removing
9 structures for public enjoyment of the resource; projects to

1 prevent or diminish bank erosion along tributaries; and other
2 clean-up activities.

3 (c) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

4 (d) "Director" means the director of the department of natu-
5 ral resources.

6 (e) "Eligible community organization" means any of the fol-
7 lowing in a city, village, or township, or group thereof, that
8 borders the Great Lakes or a major tributary of the Great Lakes:

9 (i) The governing body of the city, village, or township or
10 the governing bodies of a group of cities, villages, or
11 townships.

12 (ii) A watershed council established pursuant to the local
13 river management act, Act No. 253 of the Public Acts of 1964,
14 being sections 323.301 to 323.320 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

15 (iii) An approved community organization.

16 (e) "Great Lakes" means Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake
17 Michigan, Lake Ontario, Lake Superior, and Lake St. Clair, and
18 their connecting waterways.

19 (f) "Major tributary" means a river that flows into the
20 Great Lakes that has a drainage area in excess of 700 square
21 miles or has a drainage area that contains a population of
22 1,000,000 persons or more.

23 Sec. 3. (1) The department shall establish a Great Lakes
24 clean-up incentives grant program. The program shall provide
25 grants to eligible community organizations to fund up to 50% of
26 the cost of projects designed to clean up Great Lakes waters and

1 shorelines and major tributaries. A grant under this act shall
2 not exceed \$25,000.00.

3 (2) The department shall establish an applicant review pro-
4 cedure by rule promulgated under section 4.

5 (3) The department shall consider at least the following
6 factors in selecting recipients of Great Lakes clean-up incen-
7 tives grants:

8 (a) The extent to which the grant contributes to a balanced
9 geographic and demographic distribution of grants throughout the
10 state.

11 (b) The extent to which the applicant demonstrates that the
12 remaining funding of the project has been or will be committed to
13 the clean-up project by an eligible community organization.

14 (c) The extent of community involvement and support for the
15 project.

16 (d) The extent to which the project stimulates an awareness
17 of the Great Lakes or major tributaries, and their adjacent natu-
18 ral areas.

19 (e) The likely effectiveness of the project in cleaning up
20 Great Lakes or major tributary waters and shorelines.

21 (f) The extent of commitment to a continuing cleaning up and
22 protection program by the eligible community organization.

23 (g) The extent to which a clean-up project protects endan-
24 gered or threatened species, wetlands, or other environmentally
25 sensitive areas.

26 (4) A grant issued under this section shall not be used to
27 supplement other state funds for a clean-up project.

1 Sec. 4. The director shall promulgate rules pursuant to the
2 administrative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public
3 Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan
4 Compiled Laws, for all of the following purposes:

5 (a) To establish criteria for approving community
6 organizations.

7 (b) To establish an applicant review procedure.

8 (c) To establish additional criteria for the selection of
9 recipients for Great Lakes clean-up incentives grants.

10 Sec. 5. The department shall report to the legislature and
11 the governor each year regarding any grants authorized by this
12 act that were awarded during the preceding year.

13 Sec. 6. The legislature shall appropriate funds necessary
14 to implement this act.