

2023 Kansas Statutes

65-34,175. Environmental stewardship fund; expenditures. (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the environmental stewardship fund. All moneys received pursuant to K.S.A. 65-34,117(b)(5), and amendments thereto, shall be deposited into the environmental stewardship fund.

(b) Fund expenditures from the environmental stewardship fund shall be used by the secretary of the department of health and environment for:

- (1) The secretary of health and environment to take whatever emergency action necessary or appropriate in response to an environmental threat to public health or safety;
- (2) state-led programs to investigate, monitor, remediate and perform long-term care actions;
- (3) state matching funds and long-term care actions at federal remedial actions; and
- (4) the administrative, personnel and contractual service expenses incurred in undertaking the provisions of this section.

(c) The secretary of the department of health and environment shall undertake cost recovery actions for expenditures from the environmental stewardship fund if a responsible party is identified.

(d) The environmental stewardship fund shall be used for the purposes set forth in this act and for no other governmental purposes. Moneys in the environmental stewardship fund shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3722, 75-3725a and 75-3726a, and amendments thereto.

(e) All such expenditures from the environmental stewardship fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary of health and environment or the secretary's designee.

History: L. 2015, ch. 26, § 1; July 1.