

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1153

Page 1, line 2, replace “contract services” with “grant funding”

Page 1, replace lines 6-11 with:

Grant funding for trade associations.

1. The council shall develop a grant program to provide funding for no more than two trade associations that are incorporated in this state dedicated to serving North Dakota corn producers, improving farm and corn regulatory policy and advocacy, corn grower education, and other corn-related program and services that benefit North Dakota corn producers.
2. The amount of funds for the trade association grant shall be at least fifty percent of the money deposited in the corn fund, after consideration of funds needed for administration and operations and any refunds of assessment requested under 4.1-04-13.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 4.1-04-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amendment and reenacted as follows:

4.1-04-09. Council – Duties.

1. The council shall determine the uses for which any moneys raised under this chapter may be expended. The uses may include the funding of research, education programs, market development efforts, as well as participation in programs under the auspices of other state, regional, national, and international promotion groups. Funds may also be used for corn policy development, policy-maker education and advocacy, promotion, and support to agricultural trade associations representing corn producers.
2. The council shall develop and disseminate information regarding the purpose of the corn assessment and ways in which the assessment benefits corn producers.
3. The council shall meet at least twice per year with organizations representing corn growers to discuss recommendations for uses of moneys raised under this chapter.

