



STREAMBANK CLEANUP AND LAKESHORE ENHANCEMENT (SCALE) PROGRAM

ESTABLISHED

The SCALE Program was established by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) in 2003.

PRIMARY GOALS

The SCALE program was created to assist organizations to conduct streambank and lakeshore litter collection events to improve water quality in Illinois.

ILLINOIS EPA'S ROLE

Illinois EPA promotes and administers the program statewide, makes grant payments, and maintains program integrity.

RECIPIENT'S ROLE

The SCALE grant recipient coordinates the litter collection event(s) and provides documentation of the event to Illinois EPA. Event documentation includes: event date, number of persons participating, size of clean up area, an estimate of the tons of litter collected and photographs of the event.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE?

Only organizations that have an established, recurring streambank or lakeshore cleanup events are eligible for the SCALE program. Those who have received grants in the past include: environmental groups, soil and water conservation districts, park districts, and not for profit organizations.

WHAT CAN THE MONIES BE USED FOR?

The SCALE funds can be used for safety attire (includes gloves and vests), litter bags, event promotion, logistical needs and dumpster or landfill fees. It is expected that some woody debris removal will be necessary to collect entangled litter; however, events that focus solely on the removal of woody debris or invasive species or water quality monitoring do not qualify for the program.

FUNDING SOURCE AND MATCH REQUIREMENT

The SCALE program is 100 percent cost share. No local match is required.

HOW MUCH MONEY IS A SCALE GRANT?

The SCALE grants range from \$500 to \$3,500. The amount is determined based on the event's proximity to Illinois EPA's priority waters, the number of people who have participated in past events and the size of the cleanup area. The program is funded under Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Beginning in 2009, applications for SCALE will be limited to electronic submission. Visit www.epa.state.il.us/water/watershed/scale.html to apply online. You will need:

General Applicant Information

- Contact Person
- Phone & Fax
- Email
- Mailing Address

Upcoming Event Information

- Date or Dates
- Waterbody Involved
- Event Partners
- Location – List of Counties where cleanups will be held

History of Past Events

- Date
- Miles or Acres Cleaned
- Number of Participants

SCALE applications must be submitted to Illinois EPA by November 30th to be considered for funding in the next calendar year.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Contact the Illinois EPA Nonpoint Source Unit at (217) 782-3362 or send SCALE correspondence to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water, Watershed Management Section
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
Attention: SCALE