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4-2-8.7 Invasive Species Mitigation Account created.

- (1) As used in this section, "project" means an undertaking that:
 - (a) rehabilitates or treats an area infested with, or threatened by, an invasive species; or
 - (b) conducts research related to invasive species.
- (2)
 - (a) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the "Invasive Species Mitigation Account."
 - (b) The restricted account shall consist of:
 - (i) money appropriated by the Legislature;
 - (ii) grants from the federal government; and
 - (iii) grants or donations from a person.
- (3)
 - (a) After consulting with the Department of Natural Resources and the Conservation Commission, the department may expend money in the restricted account:
 - (i) on a project implemented by:
 - (A) the department; or
 - (B) the Conservation Commission; or
 - (ii) by giving a grant for a project to:
 - (A) a state agency;
 - (B) a federal agency;
 - (C) a federal, state, tribal, or private landowner;
 - (D) a political subdivision;
 - (E) a county weed board;
 - (F) a cooperative weed management area; or
 - (G) a university.
 - (b) The department may use up to 10% of restricted account funds appropriated under Subsection (2)(b)(i) on:
 - (i) department administration; or
 - (ii) project planning, monitoring, and implementation expenses.
 - (c) A project that receives funds from the Invasive Species Mitigation Account may not spend more than 10% of an award of funds on planning and administration costs.
 - (d) A federal landowner that receives restricted account funds for a project shall match the funds received from the restricted account with an amount that is equal to or greater than the amount received from the restricted account.
- (4) In giving a grant, the department shall consider the effectiveness of a project in the rehabilitation or treatment of an area infested with, or threatened by, an invasive species.

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