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Arkansas Asbestos Abatement Grant Program: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Seeks Public Comment on Procedures/Applicant Guide

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The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (“ADEQ”) issued, pursuant to its Arkansas Asbestos Abatement Grant Program (“Program”), a Procedures and Applicant Guide (“Guide”).

ADEQ is soliciting comments on the Guide through November 1st.

The Guide states that its purpose is to assist Arkansas cities and counties in applying for and properly administering grant funds under the Program.

Act 489 of 2013 created a grant program to provide funding assistance to eligible cities and counties for assessment, stabilization, and asbestos abatement activities of an eligible structure.

The Program was the subject of legislation in the most recent Arkansas General Assembly through Act 456 of 2017. The legislation:

- Revised the population eligibility requirement
- Amended the definition of an eligible structure
- Stipulated Specific uses of grant funds

The activities eligible for funding must be engaged in the “removal of friable asbestos materials from a city or county owned structure that unexpectedly collapsed, is at imminent risk of collapsing, or has failed in its structural integrity.”

Sections of the Guide address:

- Asbestos Abatement Grant Program Summary
- Purpose of this Guide
- Eligibility
- Ineligible Structures
- Funding
- Funding Restrictions
- Insurance Requirements
- Compliance with State Procurement Laws
- Deadlines

- Award Notices
- Application Content
- Final Report Requirements and Content
- Work Practices and Procedures
- Application Submittal
- Grant Close Out
- Communication

Grants pursuant to this Program were provided to the City of Arkadelphia and Howard County in June of 2017. [A post describing the grants can be found here.](#)

Comments on the Guide should be written and submitted to the Asbestos Abatement Section by:

- Phone – 501-682-0842; or
- Email – abatementgrant@adeq.state.ar.us; or
- Mail: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

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[A copy of the Guide can be downloaded here.](#)