**Section 1523.100 Ecosystem Project Grant** **Application**

a) An applicant for an Ecosystem Project Grant must submit a description of the proposed Ecosystem Project on the required application. The application shall be prescribed by the Department and is available from the program contact location described in Section 1523.170.

b) The application shall at a minimum require:

1) The name of the Ecosystem Partnership Area in which the Ecosystem Project is to be located.

2) The name and address of the applicant and of a contact person, if different than the applicant.

3) A project title.

4) A project abstract.

5) A description of and justification for the proposed project based upon the criteria outlined in Section 1523.110(b)(2).

6) Sufficient information to locate the proposed project.

7) A project budget identifying, at a minimum, the requested amount of Conservation 2000 funds, any matching funds or in-kind services.

8) The attachment of a U.S. Geological Survey map (1:24,000 topographic maps) and design plans to allow the site-specific assessment of potential natural resource impacts of projects that will alter vegetation or otherwise alter surface features and to identify potential properties for land acquisitions/easements.

9) The application must be type written if it is not submitted electronically.

c) The application may also include attachments beyond those required in subsection (b)(8). All supplemental attachments will be kept on file at the program's central office in Springfield; however, at the discretion of the Conservation 2000 Administrator, not all attachments may be distributed for the grant review process.

d) Grant applications may be modified by the Conservation 2000 Administrator with concurrence from the applicant.

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