**Section 367.210 Financial Assistance Awards**

The following financial assistance awards are available under the Illinois Clean Lakes Program for lake protection and restoration at the local level:

a) Diagnostic and Feasibility Study (Phase I) Awards

These awards are available to lake owners to conduct a Phase I Diagnostic and Feasibility Study to determine, through monitoring, the current limnological, morphological, demographic, and socioeconomic conditions of a specific lake and its watershed and to develop action plans for future lake protection and restoration.

b) Long-Term Restoration and Preservation Project (Phase II) Awards

These awards are available to lake owners who have completed a Phase I or equivalent study report that meets the requirements of Subpart J of this Part and who agree to implement lake and watershed management plans that provide for the long-term restoration of lake water quality and associated designated lake uses.

c) Lake Quality Maintenance Program (LQMP) Awards

These awards are available to lake owners who have completed a Phase I or equivalent study report that meets the requirements of Subpart J of this Part, and who agree to implement lake and watershed management plans that will:

1) *provide short-term relief from nuisance aquatic vegetation and algae growth; and*

2) *result in the attainment of significant public recreational and other beneficial lake uses such as swimming, fishing, or boating; and*

3) *insure that watershed management plans are being implemented to control incoming pollutants, such as sediment and nutrients.* [525 ILCS 25/3(j)]