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House File 3153 makes changes in a Pollution Control Agency grant program that provides financial assistance to counties in the seven-county metropolitan area for planning, developing and operating recycling and yard waste composting programs. Aggregate grant awards to all counties under this program have ranged from \$2.0 to \$2.3 million annually in recent years.

The statute currently requires a 50 percent match of state funds by counties. The bill broadens the entities that may match a state award to include a local unit of government, tribal government, or private or nonprofit organization. It also specifies that grant funds may not be used to research or develop products that would be patented, copyrighted, or a subject of trade secrets.