

CHAPTER 15  
STEM BEST APPROPRIATION

**261—15.1(89GA, HF871, HF2564) Purpose.** The authority is directed to adopt rules to establish criteria for the distribution of funds appropriated to the authority for the STEM BEST program.  
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**261—15.2(89GA, HF871, HF2564) Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

“*Authority*” means the economic development authority created in Iowa Code section 15.105.

“*Council*” means the Iowa governor’s STEM advisory council operated pursuant to Executive Order 74 dated July 26, 2011, and Executive Order 81 dated May 15, 2013.

“*Program administrator*” means the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics collaborative initiative established at the university of northern Iowa pursuant to Iowa Code section 268.7.

“*STEM BEST program*” or “*program*” means the grant program overseen by the council and program administrator to support curriculum development by K-12 schools and industry professionals to prepare students for careers in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) or a related field.

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**261—15.3(89GA, HF871, HF2564) Eligible uses of funds.** Funds appropriated to the authority for the STEM BEST program shall be transferred to the program administrator to fund grant awards. Awards shall be made in accordance with program guidance established by the council and program administrator. The program guidance is published at [www.iowastem.org](http://www.iowastem.org). Funds may also be used for program recruitment and applicant support.

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These rules are intended to implement 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 871, section 3(11), and 2022 Iowa Acts, House File 2564, section 3(12).

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