

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 265—paragraph 19.1(1)“a”
“State Housing Trust Fund”

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 16.5(1)“r” and 16.181

State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code sections 16.5(1)“r” and 16.181

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

March 24, 2026
3 to 3:15 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams
Information about Teams participation can be found at:
opportunityiowa.gov/about/iowa-finance-authority/ifa-red-tape-review

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Iowa Finance Authority (Authority) no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

The Authority proposes to amend Chapter 19 to update the date of the allocation plan applicable to the housing trust fund administered by the Authority pursuant to Iowa Code section 16.181. The Authority Board approved an updated allocation plan at its meeting on February 4, 2026, that changed the Local Housing Trust Fund Program’s local match requirement to 10 percent of the total amount requested from the fund.

Analysis of Impact

1. **Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:**

• **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**

Entities that apply for and are approved for grants from the fund will bear the costs of the rulemaking.

• **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**

Entities that apply for and are approved for grants from the fund will benefit from the rulemaking.

2. **Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:**

• **Quantitative description of impact:**

Entities interested in applying for grants from the fund may require staff time to complete an application. Recipients may similarly incur costs to comply with reporting and monitoring requirements. Some applicants may choose to rely on an external service provider to complete these

tasks. The amount of the costs will vary depending on the compensation of staff or service providers involved.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

Entities that apply for and are approved for grants will benefit from the rulemaking. This program supports local housing trust fund activities across the State.

3. **Costs to the State:**

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

Authority staff time is required to review and approve applications, administer grants, and communicate with program applicants and recipients.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

The rulemaking has no fiscal impact. The Authority is directed to administer the fund by Iowa Code section 16.181.

4. **Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:**

Only the entities that will potentially benefit from financial assistance bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking. The costs to the State to administer the program are proportional to the activities supported by financial assistance.

5. **Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:**

The Authority has not identified less costly methods or less intrusive methods of administering the fund.

6. **Alternative methods considered by the agency:**

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

The Authority did not consider any alternative methods.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

The Authority did not consider any alternative methods.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.

- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.

- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

The proposed rulemaking does not have a substantial impact on small business. The application, contracting, and monitoring requirements related to the program have no greater impact than is necessary to administer the statutory requirements of the program. The rulemaking does not establish design or operational standards.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **19.1(1)“a”** as follows:

a. The Iowa Finance Authority State Housing Trust Fund Allocation Plan for the Local Housing Trust Fund Program dated ~~September 8, 2021~~ February 4, 2026; and