

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY[261]

### Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 261—Chapters 301, 302, 303, and 304  
“Iowa Community Cultural Grants Program; Cultural Leadership Partners Program; Cultural and Entertainment Districts; Organization and Operation”

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 15.106A(1)“m” and 17A.4(1)  
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code section 15.106A(1)“m”

### *Public Hearing*

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

June 30, 2026  
9:30 to 9:45 a.m.

Via Microsoft Teams  
Information about Teams participation can be found at  
[opportunityiowa.gov/about/iowa-economic-development-authority/ieda-red-tape-review](https://opportunityiowa.gov/about/iowa-economic-development-authority/ieda-red-tape-review)

### *Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Economic Development 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*

Pursuant to Executive Order 10, the Authority proposes to rescind the following obsolete and unnecessary chapters:

- Chapter 301, which describes the Iowa Community Cultural Grants Program. The Authority has decided to discontinue this program. Accordingly, this chapter is no longer necessary.
- Chapter 302, which describes the Cultural Leadership Partners Program. The Authority has decided to discontinue this program. Accordingly, this chapter is no longer necessary.
- Chapter 303, which describes the Cultural and Entertainment Districts Program. Iowa Code section 15.438, which authorized the program, was repealed by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 975, section 37. Accordingly, this chapter is no longer necessary.
- Chapter 304, which provides organization structure, general administration, and operating framework of the Iowa Arts Council within the Authority. The Authority has determined that certain provisions of this chapter remain necessary, while others are duplicative or unnecessary as a standalone chapter. Provisions that continue to serve a purpose are being incorporated into a revised 261—Chapter 305 in a separate rulemaking (RA 26-81, IAB 6/10/26). Accordingly, this chapter is no longer necessary.

### *Analysis of Impact*

1. **Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:**
  - **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**  
Rescission of Chapters 301, 302, 303, and 304 does not impose any costs.
  - **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**  
Rescinding chapters for programs and activities that have been discontinued will provide clarity about the responsibilities of the Authority.
  
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:**  
Rescission of Chapters 301, 302, 303, and 304 does not impose any costs.
  - **Qualitative description of impact:**  
Rescinding chapters for programs and activities that have been discontinued will provide clarity about the responsibilities of the Authority.
  
3. **Costs to the State:**
  - **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**  
No costs are borne by the agency or any other agency.
  - **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**  
Rescission of Chapters 301, 302, 303, and 304 has no anticipated impact on State revenues.
  
4. **Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:**  
The rescission of Chapters 301, 302, 303, and 304 does not impose any costs. Rescinding chapters for programs and activities that have been discontinued will provide more clarity about the responsibilities of the Authority.
  
5. **Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:**  
The Authority has not identified any less costly or less intrusive methods.
  
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 other methods.
  - **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**  
The Authority did not consider any other 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 rescission of Chapters 301, 302, 303, and 304 does not have a substantial impact on small business.

*Text of Proposed Rulemaking*

- ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **261—Chapter 301**.
- ITEM 2. Rescind and reserve **261—Chapter 302**.
- ITEM 3. Rescind and reserve **261—Chapter 303**.
- ITEM 4. Rescind and reserve **261—Chapter 304**.