VOLUNTEER SERVICE, IOWA COMMISSION ON[817]

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 817—Chapter 7
"Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)"

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 15H.2
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code section 15H.2

Public Hearing

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

January 17, 2025 9 a.m.	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 254 845 374 808 Passcode: hPYxD2

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Department of Health and Human Services 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

This chapter outlines the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) grant application and administration. At its November 14, 2024, meeting, the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service voted to rescind the chapter and put the information in a policy manual. Federal changes to the awarding process make the current methodology outlined in Chapter 7 untenable. Relying upon policy as opposed to administrative rules will allow the Commission to be more responsive to federal changes moving forward.

Analysis of Impact

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

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

There are no costs associated with the proposed rulemaking.

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

Not applicable.

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:**

Not applicable.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

Not applicable.

3. **Costs to the State:**

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

There are no costs borne by the Commission or the Department.

- **Anticipated effect on state revenues:**

There is no impact on state revenues.

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

The current methodology in the chapter is no longer tenable with the move to competitive awards and the possibility of new and overlapping RSVP projects. The funding methodology outlined in the chapter is based on historical funding. This is no longer applicable in an open competition framework and would result in inefficient and wasteful use of taxpayer dollars, while programs that do need the support may not be able to receive funds. RSVP projects agree with the decision to rescind the chapter. The decision to rescind instead of revise the chapter was made to allow the Commission flexibility to adapt to future anticipated federal changes to the awarding process.

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

Not applicable.

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

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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?

There is no impact on small business.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **817—Chapter 7**.