

28.7 Community empowerment area board responsibilities and authority.

1. A community empowerment area board shall do the following:

a. Designate a public agency of this state, as defined in [section 28E.2](#), a community action agency as defined in [section 216A.91](#), an area education agency established under [section 273.2](#), or a nonprofit corporation, to be the fiscal agent for grant moneys and for other moneys administered by the community board.

b. Administer community empowerment grant moneys available from the state to the community board as provided by law and other federal, state, local, and private moneys made available to the community board. Eligibility for receipt of community empowerment grant moneys shall be limited to those community boards that have developed an approved school ready children grant plan in accordance with [this chapter](#). A community board may apply to the Iowa empowerment board to receive as a community empowerment grant those moneys which would otherwise only be available within the geographic area through categorical funding sources or programs.

c. If a community empowerment area includes a decategorization project, coordinate planning and budgeting with the decategorization governing board. By mutual agreement between the community board and the decategorization governance board, the community board may assume the duties of the decategorization governance board or the decategorization governance board may continue as a committee of the community board.

d. Assume other responsibilities established by law or administrative rule.

2. A community board may do any of the following:

a. Designate one or more committees for oversight of grant moneys awarded to the community empowerment area.

b. Function as a coordinating body for services offered by different entities directed to similar purposes within the community empowerment area.

c. Develop neighborhood bodies for community-level input to the community board and implementation of services.

98 Acts, ch 1206, §7, 20

C99, §71.6

99 Acts, ch 190, §12, 19, 20

CS99, §28.7

2001 Acts, ch 106, §2, 4