

CHAPTER 21
LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM GRANT FUND

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261—21.1(15) Purpose. The length of service awards program grant fund is created pursuant to and for the purposes stated under Iowa Code section 100B.52 as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 1002.
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261—21.2(15) Definitions.

“Applicant” means an eligible municipality that is applying for a grant.

“Authority” means the economic development authority established pursuant to Iowa Code section 15.105.

“Emergency medical care provider” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 147A.1.

“Grant” means financial assistance provided by the authority from the length of service awards program grant fund established pursuant to Iowa Code section 100B.52 as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 1002, and administered pursuant to this chapter.

“Municipality” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 100B.21.

“Participant” means a volunteer emergency medical care provider, reserve peace officer or volunteer firefighter receiving funds under a program.

“Program” means a length of service award program created by an applicant that meets the requirements set forth in Iowa Code section 100B.51 as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 1002, and Title 26 of the U.S. Code (26 U.S.C. Section 457(e)(11)).

“Recipient” means a municipality that has been awarded a grant.

“Reserve peace officer” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 80D.1A.

“Volunteer” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 100B.51 as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 1002.

“Volunteer firefighter” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 85.61.

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261—21.3(15) Eligible applicants. To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must be a municipality that has:

21.3(1) Created a program by resolution or ordinance from the municipality’s governing body for volunteer emergency medical care providers, volunteer firefighters and reserve peace officers and confirmed by such resolution or ordinance that the program meets the requirements set forth in Iowa Code section 100B.51 as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 1002, and Title 26 of the U.S. Code (26 U.S.C. Section 457).

21.3(2) Created a dedicated account for the sole purpose of funding and managing its program.

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261—21.4(15) Application procedures. An applicant will be required to:

21.4(1) Electronically file the applicant’s grant application in the form and content prescribed by the authority.

21.4(2) Provide the authority with a certified copy of a resolution or ordinance from the applicant’s governing body creating a qualified program.

21.4(3) Provide the authority with a roster of participants in the applicant’s program. Volunteer emergency medical care providers, reserve peace officers and volunteer firefighters shall only be included in a roster for one program per application cycle.

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261—21.5(15) Application review process. An application will be reviewed by the authority for funding approval based on an applicant’s eligibility and the completeness of the applicant’s application. Based on the review process and subject to available funding, the authority may revise the applicant’s overall funding request pursuant to Iowa Code section 100B.52 as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 1002.

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261—21.6(15) Matching contributions. A recipient shall meet the match requirements specified in Iowa Code section 100B.52 as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 1002.

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261—21.7(15) Administration.

21.7(1) The authority will notify a successful applicant in writing of the applicant's approved application for funding and prepare an agreement that reflects the terms of the grant award. The successful applicant must execute and return the agreement to the authority within 45 days of the transmittal of the final agreement from the authority. Failure to do so may result in the authority terminating the award.

21.7(2) Following execution of the final agreement, the authority will disburse the grant funds to the recipient for deposit into the recipient's dedicated program fund.

21.7(3) A recipient shall allow access by the Office of Auditor of State, the authority or the authority's designee to all books, accounts, reports and other records pertaining to the recipient's receipt of a grant, management of and contributions made to the recipient's dedicated program account, and the administration of the recipient's program.

21.7(4) Should the authority find that a recipient is not in compliance with any of the requirements for receiving a grant, the authority may employ any remedies it deems appropriate, including but not limited to the following:

- a.* Issue a warning letter stating that continued failure to comply with grant requirements within a stated period of time will result in a more serious action.
- b.* Condition a future award on correcting compliance issues.
- c.* Require that some or all of the awarded funds be remitted to the authority.
- d.* Elect not to provide future award funds to the recipient until appropriate actions are taken to ensure compliance.
- e.* Prohibit a future award of funds.

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261—21.8(15) References. All references to the United States Code in this chapter are to the laws as in effect January 28, 2026.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 100B.52 as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 1002.

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