

CHAPTER 5
IOWANS IN TRANSITION

435—5.1(216A) Definitions. “*Iowan in transition*” means an individual who is unemployed or underemployed, and who has had, or would apparently have, difficulty finding appropriate paid employment; and

1. Is a displaced homemaker who has worked principally in the home providing unpaid household services for family members, and is or has been

• Dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income, or

• Dependent on government assistance, or

• Supported as the parent of a minor; or

2. Is a single parent; or

3. Is a female offender, or a female who has a record of criminal offense.

435—5.2(216A) Program eligibility. In any year in which the legislature appropriates funds, the department of human rights division on the status of women shall provide moneys for certain selected programs to provide services to Iowans in transition. The amount of money provided shall be contingent upon the amount of funds available. Programs shall include the provision of intake, assessment, planning and personal counseling services. Only nonprofit organizations or governmental units are eligible.

435—5.3(216A) Proposals. Agencies wishing to apply for funding shall submit a funding proposal to the division. Proposals shall contain all the information specified in the request for proposals (RFP).

435—5.4(216A) Selection of proposals. The division administrator shall appoint an advisory committee of no fewer than five persons. All proposals received will be evaluated by the advisory committee and the division administrator to determine which agencies will receive grants. Agencies submitting applications for continuing programs which have demonstrated both a need and the ability to effectively operate the program will be given first consideration for funds. The division administrator shall make the final decision with respect to the expenditure of funds. The applicant may be requested to modify the proposal through the contracting process. The following factors will be considered in selecting proposals:

1. The demonstrated need for the service in the program area serviced;

2. The community support demonstrated and the relationship to existing agencies;

3. The emphasis of the plan on helping clients achieve economic self-sufficiency through education, training, and job placement in conjunction with other agencies;

4. The general program structure including, but not limited to, how well goals can be met, how realistic the objectives are, the administration of funds, stability of the organization, the overall quality in comparison to other proposals and the services offered; and

5. The plan for using the funds; funds may be used for salaries, fringe benefits, contract services, job-related travel, and operational expenses.

435—5.5(216A) Appeal procedure. The following appeal and hearing procedure shall be used:

1. An applicant denied assistance or who wishes to file a complaint about the Iowans in transition program has ten days from the date of denial or complaint action to submit an appeal in writing to the administrator of the division on the status of women.

2. The administrator and the advisory committee will respond with a decision within ten days of receipt of the appeal or complaint.

435—5.6(216A) Program reports. Grantees shall submit program performance reports to the division on the status of women as prescribed in the contract.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 216A.57 and 216A.58.

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