

CHAPTER 15
ELDER ABUSE INITIATIVE, EMERGENCY SHELTER AND
SUPPORT SERVICES PROJECTS

321—15.1(231) Authority. The elder abuse initiative, emergency shelter and support services projects are authorized by Iowa Code section 231.56A.

321—15.2(231) Purpose. The purpose of these projects is to focus on the prevention, intervention, detection and reporting of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation by presenting elders with options to enhance their lifestyle choices.

321—15.3(231) Definitions. Words and phrases used in this chapter shall be as defined in 321 IAC 1 unless the context of the rule indicates otherwise. The following definitions also apply to this chapter:

“Elder abuse initiative” or *“EAI”* means a service delivery system created through partnerships with the AAA, the department of human services, law enforcement, county attorneys, care providers and other stakeholders in the community for emergency shelter and support services.

“Exploitation” (OAA) means the illegal or improper act or process of an individual, including a caregiver, using the resources of an older individual for monetary or personal benefit, profit, or gain.

“Physical harm” (OAA) means bodily injury, impairment, or disease.

“Request for proposal” or *“RFP”* means a document issued by the department, in accordance with Iowa Code section 8.47 and 11 IAC 105, 106 and 107, detailing the process for submitting an application for designation as a new or expanded EAI project and the criteria for qualification.

321—15.4(231,249H) Funding. Funding is provided by the senior living trust fund created in Iowa Code chapter 249H as well as other funds which may be available for activities directed toward the prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation of elders. Requirements of Iowa Code section 231.56A(5) and (6) apply to funds awarded for EAI projects.

321—15.5(231) Eligibility.

15.5(1) Only applicants that meet the requirements of Iowa Code section 231.56A may apply for designation as EAI projects.

15.5(2) A qualified AAA may apply to the department for a new EAI for one or more counties within the AAA’s boundaries with funding, or may apply to expand an existing EAI into one or more counties within the AAA boundaries with or without funding as specified in the RFP issued by the department.

15.5(3) Project activities including, but not limited to, public education and the dissemination of information may supplement prior activities.

15.5(4) AAA shall implement the activities in coordination with local groups, individuals and agencies, such as the department of human services’ multidisciplinary committee.

321—15.6(231) Application process.

15.6(1) In a fiscal year in which funding is available, the department shall release, by July 1, an RFP detailing the application requirements, type of EAI requested and the criteria for qualification for new projects or expansion counties. The criteria shall include compliance with Iowa Code section 231.56A(3). The EAI designation and funding are awarded based on these criteria and those established in the RFP.

15.6(2) AAA that seek to initiate a new EAI or expand their current EAI service beyond that designated in the current contract may make application to the department as specified in the RFP.

15.6(3) All application materials shall be reviewed by the department and, if appropriate, a recommendation for approval made to the commission based on the completeness of the application and the apparent ability of the applicant to meet the criteria established in the Iowa Code and the RFP.

15.6(4) Upon commission approval of the department recommendation, the successful applicant shall enter into a contract with the department which delineates the responsibilities of each party.

321—15.7(231) Reporting and monitoring. Monitoring and submission of fiscal and program reports shall be in accordance with the terms of the contract as well as the requirements of this chapter.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 231 and 249H.

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