

**281—65.9(279) Grant process.**

**65.9(1)** An applicant shall make formal response using forms issued and procedures established by the department.

**65.9(2)** A rating team comprised of persons with expertise in early elementary school programs, understanding of the at-risk population, and fiscal management shall review and rank the proposals.

**65.9(3)** Additional weighting not to exceed 30 percent of the total grant points shall be given to applicant buildings based on the percentage of low-income families within each district-size category. The weighting points shall be based on the free and reduced price lunch percentage of the individual applicant building or of the district, whichever is higher.

**65.9(4)** The department shall have the final discretion to award funds. The decision to renew existing grants or instead to reopen the entire grant process rests with the department.

**65.9(5)** New program requests may be funded up to \$200,000 per building or up to \$1,000 per K-3 child in buildings with K-3 enrollment of less than 200.

**65.9(6)** Grants will be funded in each of the following three district-size categories for the innovative grants, if acceptable application is made and the proposed program meets all other criteria:

- small (fewer than 1,199 district enrollment)
- medium (1,200—5,000 district enrollment)
- large (5,001 and more district enrollment)

Additional programs may be funded within each category depending upon available funds and requests.

**65.9(7)** Rescinded IAB 5/11/94, effective 6/15/94.