

17—10.6 (231) Funding criteria.

10.6(1) *Application.* Application for SIP funds shall be made by proposals submitted to the department.

10.6(2) *Award.* The department shall select subproject sponsors in accordance with the following criteria:

a. The subproject sponsor shall be a public, private or nonprofit organization with proven management and administrative capabilities to provide employment and training services to older workers;

b. The department may choose among competing subproject sponsors based upon the department's determination of the sponsor's ability to comply with requirements set forth in a request for proposal;

c. Factors which may be considered include evaluations of the existing management and administrative capabilities of the organization;

d. Upon review and approval of the application by the department, the applicant shall be notified of grant approval through a notification of grant award;

e. Formal procedures for selecting a subproject sponsor will include the rebidding of a contract for services every five years. Contracts will be awarded following the request for proposal competition and may be renewed for a one-year budget period on a noncompetitive basis. Awards will be subject to availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the project, and a determination that continued funding is in the best interest of the department and the project; and

f. At the the department's discretion, approved positions and funds may be reallocated from one subproject sponsor to another during the program year to further achieve the required performance levels.

10.6(3) *Denial of award.* An application for SIP funding by a subproject sponsor may be denied if the subproject sponsor does not perform according to the guidelines of these rules or fails to meet the requirements of the Older Americans Act as amended October 17, 2006.

10.6(4) *Appeal.* An appeal to a proposed decision made pursuant to these rules may be made according to the procedures contained in Iowa Code chapter 17A and 17—Chapter 13 and must be filed within 30 days of the issuance of the proposed decision.

10.6(5) *Reallocation.* Reallocation of Title V funds may be made by the director according to the criteria defined in 17—paragraph 5.8(1) "b."