

**261—306.3(15) Eligibility.** Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements for two continuous years prior to applying to the operational support partnership program.

**306.3(1)** An applicant's primary mission and purpose shall be the arts.

**306.3(2)** An applicant shall be incorporated in Iowa under the Iowa nonprofit corporation Act and hold federal tax-exempt status, or be a department or division of an Iowa municipal government. An applicant may not use a fiscal agent.

**306.3(3)** An applicant may be located in a border city.

**306.3(4)** An applicant shall have an annual cash operating budget of at least \$150,000.

**306.3(5)** An applicant shall operate year-round and provide arts programs and services year-round to the citizens of Iowa.

**306.3(6)** At least 50 percent of the individuals benefiting from an applicant's programs and services must be Iowans.

**306.3(7)** An applicant shall have at least one paid staff member employed year-round and responsible for managing the organization.

**306.3(8)** An applicant shall have a strategic plan.

**306.3(9)** An applicant receiving operational support funding during fiscal year 2004 shall meet the eligibility requirements by fiscal year 2007 or be determined ineligible. Thereafter, an applicant must meet the eligibility requirements of the program. A new applicant shall meet the eligibility requirements at the time an application is submitted.

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