

288—14.5(256) Appeal of grant or contract denial or termination. Any applicant may appeal to the administrator the denial of a properly submitted competitive program grant or contract application or the unilateral termination of a competitive program grant or contract. Appeals must be in writing and received within ten working days of the date of the notice of decision and must be based on a contention that the process was conducted outside of statutory authority; violated state or federal law, policy, or rule; did not provide adequate public notice; was altered without adequate public notice; or involved conflict of interest by staff or committee members. The contested case procedures found in 288—Chapter 13 that govern the administrator's decision shall be applicable to any appeal of denial or termination.

In the notice of appeal, the applicant shall give a short and plain statement of the reasons for the appeal.

The administrator shall issue a decision within a reasonable time, not to exceed 60 days from the date of the appeal.