

261—30.3(89GA, HF871, HF2564) Eligible uses of funds.

30.3(1) Funds appropriated to the authority for the empower rural Iowa program shall be used to address the challenges and opportunities of rural communities. Uses of funds shall be approved by the director.

30.3(2) Eligible uses of funds include the following:

- a.* The rural housing needs assessment grant program administered pursuant to 261—Chapter 28;
- b.* The rural innovation grant program administered pursuant to 261—Chapter 29;
- c.* Support for entrepreneurship and cooperative business models for businesses in rural communities;
- d.* Leadership development training for representatives of rural communities;
- e.* Education and training opportunities relating to succession planning for businesses in rural communities;
- f.* Promotion of e-commerce opportunities for businesses in rural communities; and
- g.* Implementation of additional recommendations published by the investing in rural Iowa task force, the growing rural Iowa task force, and the connecting rural Iowa task force created by the empower rural Iowa initiative and administered by the authority.

[ARC 5963C, IAB 10/6/21, effective 9/17/21; ARC 6892C, IAB 2/22/23, effective 3/29/23]