

441—166.6 (249A) Awarding of grants. Grants will be awarded beginning July 1 of each calendar year in which grant funds are available.

166.6(1) A grant award review committee shall be appointed by the state Medicaid director. The committee shall review and evaluate all complete grant applications submitted within the required time frame.

166.6(2) Applications shall be evaluated using the following criteria (indicated on Form 470-4869, Grant Award Application):

- a.* Vision or goal: 5 points.
- b.* Description of initiative: 20 points.
- c.* Effect on quality of care or quality of life of residents: 20 points.
- d.* Objectives and outcomes: 20 points.
- e.* Implementation plan: 25 points.
- f.* Education plan: 5 points.
- g.* Sustainability: 5 points.

166.6(3) Each grant application must score at least 85 points on the evaluation criteria for the application to be recommended to the department director for an award.

166.6(4) The department shall comply with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance on whether specific categories of civil money penalty use require federal approval. The department shall submit the project plan for each grant the department intends to award, along with any required documentation, to CMS to seek approval or denial of the proposed project.

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