

261—23.17 (15) Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program. The authority will apply to HUD’s Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program to establish a section 108 program to assist with economic and community development projects in Iowa.

23.17(1) Eligible applicants.

a. All incorporated cities and all counties in the state of Iowa, except those designated as entitlement areas by HUD, are eligible to apply for and receive funds under this program.

b. Projects must meet a national objective as described in subrule 23.5(2).

c. The minimum loan amount for a project will be \$500,000. The maximum loan amount for a project will be \$10 million.

d. Applications must provide evidence of adequate private equity and ability to repay loan funds.

e. Applicants must certify to meet all applicable federal requirements including those requirements in subrule 23.5(9).

23.17(2) Eligible activities. Projects under the program will fall into at least one of the following categories:

a. Economic development resulting in substantial private investment and job creation/retention.

b. Adaptive reuse of vacant or underutilized commercial or industrial buildings for residential purposes.

c. Conversion of buildings to provide upper-story residential units.

d. Rehabilitation of vacant single-family residential units or demolition of blighted, unoccupiable, vacant single-family residential units.

23.17(3) Application procedure. Application forms and instructions shall be available at iowagrants.gov. The authority shall accept section 108 applications at any time and shall review applications on a continuous basis as long as funding is available.

23.17(4) Review criteria and funding decision. The authority shall review applications based on criteria described in the annual action plan. All final funding decisions will be made by HUD.