

421—24.6(216A) Funding of grants.

24.6(1) *Availability of funds.* The council shall develop requests for proposals for the awarding of grants, subject to availability of funds. Grants shall not exceed 36 months; however, the division shall approve grantee budgets on an annual basis, based upon and subject to available funds.

24.6(2) *Grant application process.* Applications for grants shall be distributed by the division through a request for proposals. Applicants shall submit proposals to the division in accordance with instructions. Applications shall be submitted by mail or hand delivery to the Bureau of Community Services, Division of Community Action Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, by the date and time indicated in the request for proposals.

24.6(3) *Grant proposals.* Grant proposals for the program shall include the following elements:

a. Designation of the families to be served that meet one or more criteria for being at risk of family instability or of dependency on the family investment program, and agreement to serve families who are referred by the department from the family investment program and who meet the criteria.

b. Designation of the services to be provided for the families served, including assistance regarding job-seeking skills, family budgeting, nutrition, self-esteem, methamphetamine education, health and hygiene, parenting and child education preparation, and goal-setting. Proposals shall indicate the support groups and support systems to be developed for the families during the transition between the need for assistance and self-sufficiency.

c. Designation of the manner in which other needs of the families will be provided for, including but not limited to child care assistance, transportation, substance abuse treatment, support group counseling, food, clothing, and housing.

d. Designation of the process for training of staff that provides services and the appropriateness of training for the purposes of meeting family development and self-sufficiency goals of the families served.

e. Designation of the support available within the community for the program and for meeting subsequent needs of families and the manner in which community resources will be made available to the families served.

f. Designation of the manner in which the program will be subject to audit and evaluation.

g. Designation of agreement provisions for tracking and reporting performance measures.

h. Description of project budget. Budgets must conform to all applicable state and federal requirements regarding allowable costs.

i. Description of overall organizational capacity to successfully meet program goals, including personnel and fiscal management capacity.

24.6(4) *Selection of grant proposals.* Criteria for selection of grant proposals include, but are not limited to, the elements identified in subrule 24.6(3). All proposals timely received shall be reviewed by the division, which shall make recommendations to the council. The council shall review the projects recommended by the division and make the final decision with respect to grant awards.

24.6(5) *Notification of applicants.* Applicants shall be notified of grant award decisions within 60 days after the due date for receipt of proposals.

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