

**761—163.7(315) Eligibility of applicants and joint applications.**

**163.7(1) *Applicant eligibility.*** All incorporated cities and all counties in the state of Iowa are eligible to apply for and receive funds under the RISE program. The department is also eligible to initiate projects and receive funds under this program but need not formally apply for funds. Private firms or developers or other agencies may not apply directly for funds but are encouraged to work with county or city governments in seeking funding for projects. In any case, all projects must be let by the applicant or through the department's office of contracts and in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

**163.7(2) *Joint applications.*** Joint applications from two or more counties or cities are encouraged when mutual action is required to support economic development. Joint applications shall designate a lead county or city to serve as a principal contact point for the department.

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