

**261—78.17(15) Grants to administrative entities.**

**78.17(1)** The department may enter into agreements with administrative entities to administer the program on behalf of the department. Under such agreements, the department will provide grants to the administrative entities to administer and disburse financial assistance consistent with this division to eligible businesses. Nothing in this rule shall require the department to enter into an agreement with an administrative entity to administer the program on its behalf.

**78.17(2)** Each local administrative entity acting on behalf of the department under this rule shall enter into a contract with an eligible business to provide assistance under this program. The contract shall include terms and conditions that meet the requirements of these rules and repayment provisions if funds are not used in compliance with the program. Each local administrative entity shall provide oversight and contract administration to ensure that the recipients of program funds are meeting contract requirements. Each local administrative entity shall collect data relating to the program and shall submit a report to the department as required. The content and form of the report shall be consistent with the program and as directed by the department.

**78.17(3)** Administrative entities acting under this rule may elect to apply singly or join with other administrative entities. To the extent administrative entities act jointly or cooperatively in their participation in the Iowans helping Iowans housing assistance program administered by the Iowa finance authority pursuant to 265—Chapter 40, Iowa Administrative Code, the department may require the administrative entities to similarly act jointly or cooperatively in their participation under this division. [ARC 9067B, IAB 9/8/10, effective 8/20/10]