

265—41.12 (16) Administration.

41.12(1) Contracts. Upon selection of an application for funding, IFA will either initiate a contract or authorize a recipient to initiate a contract on IFA's behalf. If a local city or county government or a nonprofit organization is designated as the recipient, the subrecipients shall remain responsible for adherence to the requirements of the SAF program rules. These rules and applicable federal and state laws and regulations become part of the contract. Certain activities may require that permits or clearances be obtained from other state agencies before the start of the project. Funding awards may be conditioned upon the timely completion of these requirements.

41.12(2) Record keeping and retention. Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to the funded program shall be retained by the recipient and the subrecipient. Private, nonprofit subrecipients covered through an SAF program contract from a local city or county government or nonprofit organization are responsible for ensuring that pertinent records of their SAF program funds be made available to the administering city or county or nonprofit organization and to IFA upon request. Proper record retention must be in accordance with the following:

a. Records for any assisted activity shall be retained for three years after the end of the grant period and, if applicable, until audit procedures are completed and accepted by IFA.

b. Representatives of the state auditor's office and IFA shall have access to all books, accounts, documents, records, and other property belonging to or in use by a recipient or a subrecipient pertaining to the receipt of assistance under these rules.

41.12(3) Reporting requirements. Recipients and subrecipients shall submit reports to IFA as prescribed in the contract. Reports include:

a. HMIS data reports. All recipients and subrecipients of SAF program funds are required to submit regular reports on clients served using the current HMIS reporting process as prescribed by IFA unless a recipient or subrecipient qualifies as a domestic violence shelter, in which case the recipient or subrecipient must submit reports using a comparable database. A comparable database must collect client-level data over time and generate unduplicated aggregate reports based on that data.

b. Requests for funds. Recipients and subrecipients must submit requests for funds during the contract year at intervals and using forms as prescribed by IFA. IFA may perform any review or field inspections it deems necessary to ensure program compliance, including review of recipient and subrecipient records and reports. When problems of compliance are noted, IFA may require remedial actions to be taken. Failure to respond to notifications of need for remedial action may result in the remedies for noncompliance set forth in subrule 41.12(5).

41.12(4) Amendments to contracts. Contracts may be amended on an individual basis in emergency situations. Any request to amend a contract must be submitted in writing to IFA. IFA will determine if the request to amend is justified based on the material presented in the letter of request. No amendment is valid until approved in writing by IFA.

41.12(5) Remedies for noncompliance. At any time, IFA may, for cause, find that a recipient or subrecipient is not in compliance with the requirements under this program. Reasons for a finding of noncompliance include, but are not limited to, the recipient's or subrecipient's use of program funds for activities not described in its application, the recipient's or subrecipient's failure to complete approved activities in a timely manner, the recipient's or subrecipient's failure to comply with any applicable state or federal rules or regulations, or the recipient's or subrecipient's lack of continuing capacity to carry out the approved program in a timely manner. At its discretion, IFA may employ any of the following remedies for noncompliance:

a. Issue a warning letter stating that continued failure to comply with program requirements within a stated period of time will result in a more serious action.

b. Condition a future award.

c. Direct the recipient or subrecipient to stop incurring costs with grant funds.

d. Require that some or all of the awarded funds be remitted to the state.

e. Reduce the level of funds the recipient or subrecipient would otherwise be entitled to receive.

f. Elect not to provide future award funds to the recipient or subrecipient until appropriate actions are taken to ensure compliance.

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