

**641—108.5(135) Application and review process.**

**108.5(1)** The department shall follow requirements for competitive selection contained in 641—Chapter 176 in awarding these funds.

**108.5(2)** The department shall establish a request for proposal process for sponsors eligible to receive funding. The request for proposal and review process and review criteria for preference in awarding the grants shall be described in the request for proposal, including preference in the residency specialty and preference for candidates who are residents of Iowa, attended and earned an undergraduate degree from an Iowa college or university, or attended and earned a medical degree from a medical school in Iowa. The residency specialty preference may be reflective of a subspecialty where particular demands for services have been demonstrated, of geographic areas of preference, or of other particular preferences that advance the objectives of the program.

**108.5(3)** Each request for proposal issued by the department will identify one or more of the following purposes for use of the funding:

*a.* The establishment of new or alternative campus accredited medical residency training programs;

*b.* The provision of new residency positions within existing accredited medical residency or fellowship training programs; or

*c.* The funding of residency positions which are in excess of the federal residency cap.

**108.5(4)** An applicant may appeal the denial of a properly submitted request for proposal. Appeals shall be governed by rule 641—176.8(135,17A).

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