

**281—7.5(290,17A) Appeal of grant denial or termination.** Any applicant may appeal the denial of a properly submitted competitive program grant application or the unilateral termination of a competitive program grant to the director of the department.

**7.5(1)** Appeals are to be:

- a.* In writing,
- b.* Received within ten working days of the date of the notice of decision, and
- c.* Based on a contention that the process was conducted outside of statutory authority; violated state or federal law, policy, or rule; did not provide adequate public notice; was altered without adequate public notice; or involved conflict of interest by staff or committee members.

**7.5(2)** The hearing and appeal procedures found in 281—Chapter 6 that govern the director's decisions apply to any appeal of denial or termination.

**7.5(3)** In the notice of appeal, the grantee will give a short and plain statement of the reasons for the appeal.

**7.5(4)** The director will issue a decision within a reasonable time, not to exceed 60 days from the date of the hearing.

[ARC 7431C, IAB 12/27/23, effective 1/31/24]