

**421—24.8(216A) Appeal.** Applicants dissatisfied with the council's actions regarding grant proposals for funds and grantees dissatisfied with termination of a contract may appeal the council's decision. The letter appealing the decision shall be submitted to the division within ten business days of the date of the notice of decision. The appeal must be based on a contention that the process violated state or federal law, policy, or rule; did not provide adequate public notice or was altered without adequate public notice; or involved conflict of interest or was biased or unfair. The appeal must specify the basis for the appeal and must include supporting evidence. Within 15 working days of the receipt of the appeal, the director of the department shall issue a final decision.

In the case of a grant award, no disbursements will be made to a grantee for a period of ten calendar days following issuance of the notice of decision to award. If an appeal is filed within the ten days, all disbursements will be held pending a final decision on the appeal. All applicants will be notified if an appeal is filed.

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