

Signs, displays, and devices giving specific information of interest to the traveling public, shall be erected by the department and maintained within the right of way in ~~such~~ the areas, and at appropriate distances from interchanges on the interstate system and freeway primary highways as shall conform with the rules ~~promulgated~~ adopted by the department. ~~Such~~ The rules shall be consistent with national standards promulgated from time to time or as permitted by the appropriate authority of the federal government pursuant to ~~Title 23, section 131, paragraph "f" of the United States Code, 23 U.S.C. sec. 131(f)~~ except as provided in this section. For purposes of this division, "specific information of interest to the traveling public" means only information about public places for outdoor recreation, camping, lodging, eating, and motor fuel and associated services ~~which means the business shall be in continuous operation sixteen hours per day, seven days per week, with telephones and restroom facilities, motor fuel, oil, and water, including trade names which have telephone facilities available when the public place is open for business and businesses engaged in selling motor vehicle fuel which have free air for tire inflation and restroom facilities available when the public place is open for business.~~

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**CHAPTER 1241**  
**COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES**  
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**AN ACT** to assure the continuation of human service programs delivered by community action agencies.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Chapter 7A, Code 1981, is amended by adding sections 3 through 10 of this Act as new sections.

Sec. 2. **PURPOSE.** It is the purpose of this Act to strengthen, supplement, and coordinate efforts to develop the full potential of each citizen by recognizing certain community action agencies and the continuation of certain human service programs delivered by the community action agencies.

Sec. 3. **NEW SECTION. ESTABLISHMENT.** The office for planning and programming shall recognize and assist in the designation of certain community action agencies to assist in the delivery of community action programs. If a community action agency is in effect and currently serving an area, that community action agency shall become the designated community action agency for that area. If there is not a designated community action agency in the area a city council or county board of supervisors or any combination of one or more councils or boards may establish a community action agency and may apply to the office for planning and programming for recognition. The council or board or the combination may adopt an ordinance or resolution establishing a community action agency if a community action agency has not been designated.

Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY BOARD.

1. A recognized community action agency shall be governed by a board of directors composed of at least fifteen members but not more than thirty-three members. The board membership shall be as follows:

a. One-third shall be persons who are currently on a city council or board of supervisors or designees of such persons.

b. One-third shall be persons who according to federal guidelines have incomes at or below poverty level and are elected by such persons, or are representatives elected by such persons.

c. One-third shall be persons who are members or representatives of businesses, industry, labor, religious, welfare, and educational organizations, or other major interest groups. The term of such person shall be not more than three years. Such person shall not serve more than two consecutive terms and shall be elected by a majority of the board members serving pursuant to paragraphs a and b.

2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a public agency which is acting as a community action agency shall establish an advisory board or may contract with a delegate agency to assist the governing board. The advisory board or delegate agency board shall be composed of the same type of membership as a board of directors under subsection 1. The advisory board or delegate agency board shall comply with the duties required for the board of directors for community action agencies under section 5 of this Act. However, the public agency acting as the community action agency shall determine annual program budget requests.

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. DUTIES OF BOARD.

1. The governing board, delegate agency board, or advisory board shall:

a. Provide for:

(1) Comprehensive planning of the community action agency.

(2) Local needs assessment surveys conducted by the community action agency.

b. Approve overall program plans and priorities developed by the community action agency.

2. The governing board may:

a. Own, purchase, and dispose of property necessary for the operation of the community action agency.

b. Receive and administer funds and contributions from private or public sources which may be used to support community action programs.

c. Receive and administer funds from a federal or state assistance program pursuant to which a community action agency could serve as a grantee, a contractor, or a sponsor of a project appropriate for inclusion in a community action program.

Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. DUTIES OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY. A community action agency or delegate agency shall:

1. Plan for a community action program by establishing priorities among projects, activities, and areas to provide for the most efficient use of possible resources.

2. Obtain and administer assistance from available sources on a common or cooperative basis, in an attempt to provide additional opportunities to low-income persons.

3. Establish effective procedures by which the concerned low-income persons and area residents may influence the community action programs affecting them by providing for methods of participation in the implementation of the community action programs and by providing technical support to assist persons to secure assistance available from public and private sources.

4. Encourage and support self-help, volunteer, business, labor, and other groups and organizations to assist public officials and agencies in supporting a community action program

which results in the additional use of private resources while developing new employment opportunities, encouraging investments which have an impact on reducing poverty among the poor in areas of concentrated poverty, and providing methods by which low-income persons can work with private organizations, businesses, and institutions in seeking solutions to problems of common concern.

Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. ADMINISTRATION. A community action agency or a delegate agency may administer the components of a community action program when the program is consistent with plans and purposes and applicable law. The community action programs may be projects which are eligible for assistance from any source. The programs shall be developed to meet local needs and may be designed to meet eligibility standards of a federal or state program providing assistance to a plan to meet local needs.

Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. AUDIT. Each community action agency shall be audited annually but shall in no case be required to obtain a duplicate audit to meet the requirements of this section. In lieu of an audit by the auditor of state, the community action agency may contract with or employ a certified public accountant to conduct the audit, pursuant to the applicable terms and conditions prescribed by sections 11.18 and 11.19 and an audit format prescribed by the auditor of state. Copies of each audit shall be furnished to the office for planning and programming within three months following the annual audit.

Sec. 9. NEW SECTION. ALLOCATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. The director shall provide financial assistance for community action agencies to implement community action programs, as permitted by the community service block grant received in Iowa and other possible funding sources.

If a political subdivision is the agency, the financial assistance shall be allocated to that political subdivision.

Sec. 10. NEW SECTION. REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY. The director shall report annually to the general assembly regarding the community action programs conducted within the state.

Sec. 11. Section 7A.2, Code 1981, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

NEW SUBSECTION. "Community action agency" means a public agency or a private non-profit agency which is authorized under its charter or bylaws to receive funds to administer community action programs and is designated by the governor to receive and administer the funds.

NEW SUBSECTION. "Community action program" means a program conducted by a community action agency which includes projects to provide a range of services to improve the conditions of poverty in the area served by the community action agency.

NEW SUBSECTION. "Director" means the director of the office for planning and programming.

NEW SUBSECTION. "Delegate agency" means a subgrantee or contractor selected by the community action agency.

Sec. 12. NEW SECTION. REPEAL AND REVIEW. Sections 2 through 11 of this Act are repealed effective July 1, 1984. The second session of the Seventieth General Assembly meeting in the year 1984 shall review the activities and performance of the actions of the office for planning and programming relating to the policy and purpose of this Act and shall not later than July 1, 1984 make a determination concerning the status and duties of the department.

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