

Sec. 18. Section 384.53, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:
384.53 PROCEDURES TO LET CONTRACT.

Contract letting procedures shall be as provided in ~~division VI of this chapter 26~~. The council may award any number of contracts for construction of any public improvement.

Sec. 19. Section 386.6, subsection 6, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

6. If the council orders the construction of the improvement, it shall proceed to let contracts therefor in accordance with chapter 384, ~~division VI 26~~.

Sec. 20. Section 386.7, subsection 3, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

3. If the council orders the construction of the self-liquidating improvement, contracts for it shall be let in accordance with ~~division VI of chapter 384 26~~.

Approved May 9, 2007

CHAPTER 145

DISASTER AID INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

H.F. 896

AN ACT creating a disaster aid individual assistance grant fund.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 29C.20A DISASTER AID INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND.

1. A disaster aid individual assistance grant fund is created in the state treasury for the use of the executive council. Moneys in the fund may be expended following the governor's proclamation of a state of disaster emergency. The executive council may make financial grants to meet disaster-related expenses or serious needs of individuals or families adversely affected by a disaster which cannot otherwise be met by other means of financial assistance. The aggregate total of grants awarded shall not be more than one million dollars during a fiscal year. However, within the same fiscal year, additional funds may be specifically authorized by the executive council to meet additional needs.

2. The grant funds shall be administered by the department of human services. The department shall adopt rules to create the Iowa disaster aid individual assistance grant program. The rules shall specify the eligibility of applicants and eligible items for grant funding. The rules shall be adopted no later than January 1, 2008. The executive council shall use grant funds to reimburse the department of human services for its actual expenses associated with the administration of the grants.

3. To be eligible for a grant, an applicant shall have an annual household income that is less than one hundred thirty percent of the federal poverty level based on the number of people in the applicant's household as defined by the most recently revised poverty income guidelines published by the United States department of health and human services. The amount of a grant for a household shall not exceed twenty-five percent of one hundred thirty percent of the federal poverty level for a household of one. Expenses eligible for grant funding shall be limited to personal property, home repair, food assistance, and temporary housing assistance. An applicant for a grant shall sign an affidavit committing to refund any part of the grant that is

duplicated by any other assistance, such as but not limited to insurance or assistance from community development groups, charities, the small business administration, and the federal emergency management agency.

4. The homeland security and emergency management division shall submit an annual report, by January 1 of each year, to the legislative fiscal committee and the legislative government oversight committee concerning the activities of the grant program in the previous fiscal year.

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CHAPTER 146

DENTAL SCREENINGS OF CHILDREN

H.F. 906

AN ACT requiring children enrolling in elementary or high school to have a dental screening and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.17 DENTAL SCREENING OF CHILDREN.

1. a. Except as provided in paragraphs “c” and “d”, the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in elementary school shall provide evidence to the school district or accredited nonpublic elementary school in which the child is enrolled of the child having, no earlier than three years of age but prior to reaching six years of age, at a minimum, a dental screening performed by a licensed physician as defined in chapter 148 or 150, a nurse licensed under chapter 152, a licensed physician assistant as defined in section 148C.1, or a licensed dental hygienist or dentist as defined in chapter 153. Except as provided in paragraphs “c” and “d”, the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in high school shall provide evidence to the school district or accredited nonpublic high school in which the child is enrolled of the child having, at a minimum, a dental screening performed within the prior year by a licensed dental hygienist or dentist as defined in chapter 153. A school district or accredited nonpublic school shall provide access to a process to complete the screenings described in this paragraph as appropriate.

b. A person performing a dental screening required by this section shall record the fact of having conducted the screening, and such additional information required by the department, on uniform forms developed by the department in cooperation with the department of education. The form shall include a space for the person performing the screening to summarize any condition that may indicate a need for special services.

c. The department shall specify the procedures that constitute a dental screening and authorize a waiver signed by a licensed physician, nurse, physician assistant, dental hygienist, or dentist for a person who is unduly burdened by the screening requirement.

d. The dental screening requirement shall not apply to a person who submits an affidavit signed by the person or, if the person is a minor, the person’s parent or legal guardian, stating that the dental screening conflicts with a genuine and sincere religious belief.

2. Each public and nonpublic school shall give notice of the dental screening requirement to parents of students enrolled or to be enrolled in the school at least ninety days before the start of the school year in the manner prescribed by the department.

3. A person may be provisionally enrolled in a public or nonpublic elementary or high school if the person is in the process of obtaining the required dental screening.