

Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2026)

Department Name:	IEDA	Date:	6/1/26	Total Rule Count:	5
IAC #:	261	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	Chapter 307	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	17A.7(3) and 15.106A(1)“m”
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The intended benefit of chapter 307 is to describe the art project grant program.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. The authority is able to provide financial assistance through the program.

What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

Applicants for the program could possibly incur minimal costs to document their eligibility.

What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

Authority staff time is required to review and approve applications and administer the program.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes. The program provides financial assistance to individual artists and arts-related organizations for publicly accessible art projects in Iowa.

Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? YES NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

No less restrictive alternatives were identified.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

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Yes.

Rule 261.307.1 should be updated for clarity.

Rule 261.307.2 should be updated for clarity.

Rule 261.307.3 should be updated and renumbered as rule 261.307.4 for clarity and organizational consistency. New rule 261.307.3 should be added to state eligibility criteria for individual and entity applicants.

Current rule 261.307.4 should be updated and renumbered as rule 261.307.5 for clarity and organizational consistency. Current rule 261.307.5 should be eliminated, as it is unnecessary and its removal allows for the renumbering and reorganization of related provisions in the chapter.

RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):

Rule 261.307.5

RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):

CHAPTER 307
ART PROJECT GRANT PROGRAM

261—307.1(15) Purpose. The art project grant program (program) provides financial support for high quality and publicly accessible art projects in Iowa.

261—307.2(15) Definitions. The definitions of terms listed in 261—Chapter 305 apply to this chapter.

261—307.3(15) Eligible applicants. To be eligible for program funding, an applicant must qualify either as an eligible entity under subrule 307.3(1) or as an eligible individual under subrule 307.3(2), and otherwise meet the requirements of rule 261—305.5.

307.3(1) Entities applying for an award must fall into one of the following categories:

1. Active Iowa nonprofit organization registered with the Iowa Secretary of State, exempt from federal taxes under Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(3) and physically located within the state of Iowa.
2. Nonprofit organization physically located within a border city and meeting the requirements of subrule 261—305.5(2).
3. Nonprofit organization that has not yet achieved federal tax-exempt status, but otherwise meets the eligibility requirements in these rules, that is applying through a project partner.
4. Educational institution, educational organization or K-12 school whose primary orientation, mission, and purposes are education and/or awarding academic credits.
5. Unit of local, county, state or federally recognized tribal government physically located in Iowa.

307.3(2) Individuals applying for an award must meet the definition of an “artist” in rule 261—305.1, by creating, practicing, or producing work as a visual or performing artist, filmmaker, musician or creative writer, and must otherwise meet the requirements of rule 261—305.5.

261—307.4(15) Funding priorities. Priority will be given to first time applicants and applicants who have not received funding from any authority arts program in the two fiscal years prior to the application date. The authority places a high priority on projects that include: artistic excellence; involve an arts experience, arts learning activity, or arts professional development activity; and are of public value to Iowans through deliberate public engagement and access to project activities.

261—307.5(15) Eligible projects. Applicants must demonstrate broad-based community engagement and programming surrounding their projects. Types of eligible projects include community events, performances, exhibitions, festivals, conferences or workshops dedicated to arts related activities. Projects may represent a phase of a larger project with a longer timeline, but all project activities must have a beginning and end date during the program funding period.

This chapter is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15.436 and 15.467.

****For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.***

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	0
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	0
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	4

ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?

No.