

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

Department Name:	IEDA	Date:	6/1/26	Total Rule Count:	13
IAC #:	261	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	Chapter 306	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 306 is to provide financial assistance to individual Iowa artists to advance their artistic practices and elevate the creative industry in Iowa.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

No. The existing rules govern a program that has been discontinued. This rulemaking addresses that issue by rescinding those rules and adopting a new chapter establishing a replacement 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 to individual Iowa artists to advance their artistic practices and elevate the creative industry 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Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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.

Rules 261.306.1 through 261.306.13 should be eliminated in their entirety because the program they implement has been discontinued. This rulemaking replaces the existing chapter with a new chapter, new rules 261.306.1 through 261.306.5, that establishes and administers a new program and reorganizes the rule structure accordingly.

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

Rule 261.306.1

Rule 261.306.2

Rule 261.306.3

Rule 261.306.4

Rule 261.306.5

Rule 261.306.6

Rule 261.306.7

Rule 261.306.8

Rule 261.306.9

Rule 261.306.10

Rule 261.306.11

Rule 261.306.12

Rule 261.306.13

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

CHAPTER 306
ARTIST PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

261—306.1(15) Purpose. The artist professional development program (program) provides financial support to individual Iowa artists to undertake activities that advance their artistic practices and elevate the creative industry in Iowa.

261—306.2(15) Definitions. The definitions of terms listed in 261—Chapter 305 apply to this chapter.

261—306.3(15) Eligible applicants. To be eligible for program funding, an applicant 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—306.4(15) Eligible projects. Eligible projects are one-time professional development activities that advance an applicant’s professional or artistic capacity, enhance their artistic practice, or allow them to learn new or more advanced techniques to support their artistic work. Types of eligible projects include participating in professional development conferences, workshops, courses, apprenticeships, and mentorships.

261—306.5(15) Ineligible projects. Projects that fall outside the scope of rule 306.4(15), or can be categorized as follows are ineligible:

- (a) Initiated, managed by, or that benefit an entity or organization with which the applicant has a formal affiliation such as employment or volunteer service.
- (b) Result in applicant receiving course credit, degree or certification.
- (c) Involve fundraising activities, including benefit events.

This chapter is intended to implement Iowa Code section 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:	8
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	422
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	33

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

No.