

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 641—Chapter 141
“Love Our Kids Grant”

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 321

State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code sections 147A.4 and 321.34

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

October 21, 2025
10 a.m.

Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 286 319 808 076 0
Passcode: tX6ck6P8

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

The purpose of the Love our Kids Grant is to provide funding to statewide, regional and local agencies and service programs that serve to promote the development, promotion, and implementation of injury prevention and education for children in Iowa. Funds are provided by the Iowa Department of Transportation and the Department disburses the funds to eligible agencies across the State. The Iowa Code does not dictate that the funds must be administered via grants. In addition, there is no rulemaking authority for this chapter. Therefore, the Department is proposing to rescind this chapter and distribute funds to agencies through the procurement and contracting process instead of through grants.

Analysis of Impact

1. **Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:**
 - **Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**
There are no costs associated with this rulemaking.
 - **Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**
This proposed rulemaking will benefit all Iowa communities receiving funds.
2. **Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:**
 - **Quantitative description of impact:**
Funds have not been disbursed via this grant program since 2018.
 - **Qualitative description of impact:**

Distribution of funds through contracts instead of grants will allow the funds to be disbursed more efficiently for a more immediate impact to the communities being served.

3. Costs to the State:

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

The majority of implementation costs stem from the administrative work required for the collection and review of requests for proposals. Disbursing funds through the contracting process will allow for a more streamlined disbursement of funds.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

There is no impact on State revenues.

4. Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:

Rescinding the chapter is appropriate since there is no rulemaking authority for the chapter.

5. Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

The move toward disbursing funds through contracts is a more cost-effective method.

6. Alternative methods considered by the agency:

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

Not applicable.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.
- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.
- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

This rulemaking is not anticipated to have any impact on small business in Iowa.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **641—Chapter 141**.