

## Appendix J.1: After the Peer Review Process - Iowa

After the Peer Review process, applicants with the highest scores are reviewed by the state for federal, state and application rules compliance.

### **EDGAR 76.400 State procedures for reviewing an application.**

A State that receives an application for a subgrant shall take the following steps:

- a. *Review.* The State shall review the application. (Note: for Federal Statute and State compliance)
- b. *Approval—entitlement programs.* The State shall approve an application if:
  1. The application is submitted by an applicant that is entitled to receive a subgrant under the program; and (Note: This means eligible by a minimum of 40 percent free and reduced lunch in the building and adherence to other federal and state criteria outlined in the application).
  2. The applicant meets the requirements of the Federal statutes and regulations that apply to the program.
- c. *Approval—discretionary programs.* The State may approve an application if:
  1. The application is submitted by an eligible applicant under a program in which the State has the discretion to select subgrantees;
  2. The applicant meets the requirements of the Federal statutes and regulations that apply to the program; and
  3. The State determines that the project should be funded under the authorizing statute and implementing regulations for the program.
- d. *Disapproval—entitlement and discretionary programs.* If an application does not meet the requirements of the Federal statutes and regulations that apply to a program, the State shall not approve the application.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3 and 3474)

### **From the RFA:**

### **Appeal Process**

Any applicant for Iowa 21CCLC funds may appeal the denial of a properly submitted competitive program request for applications or the unilateral termination of a competitive program request for applications to the Director of the Department of Education.

**Appeals must be submitted in writing and received **within ten working days** of the date of notice of the decision** and must be:

**based on a contention that the process was conducted outside of statutory authority; violated state or federal law, policy or rule; did not provide adequate public notice; was altered without adequate public notice; or involved conflict of interest by staff or committee members.** Please refer to 281 IAC r. 7.5, the legal authority for this process.

We have created an appeal process form – to help you document your grounds for the appeal.