

2915.0500 AWARDING GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.

Subpart 1. **Request for proposals.** The department shall issue a request for proposals from service providers. The advisory council shall use uniform procedures and criteria in considering all proposals which comply with the request for proposal outline. The department shall solicit proposals from interested public and private nonprofit organizations, women's organizations, and diverse cultural groups in the state.

Subp. 2. **Award criteria and procedures.** The department shall establish award criteria and procedures with the participation of the advisory council prior to any request for proposals. The criteria and procedures shall be available to the public upon request.

Subp. 3. **Review of applications.** The advisory council shall review grant applications and recommend to the commissioner names of applicants recommended to receive funds and the amount of funds recommended for each applicant.

Subp. 4. **Use and disbursement of funds.** The department shall disburse funds appropriated for the battered women's projects. A portion of the funds appropriated by the legislature shall be retained by the department for the purpose of implementing public education programs if the commissioner determines that the department can use the funds for their designated purpose more effectively than by purchase of service agreements. The advisory council shall advise the department on the use of retained funds.

Subp. 5. **Advisory council.** All planning, development, data collection, funding, and evaluation of programs and services for battered women which are funded under parts 2915.0100 to 2915.0700 shall be conducted with the advice of the advisory council.

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