

3300.2030 NEW OR EXPANDED PROGRAMS.

Subpart 1. **Funding for new or expanded programs.** The department shall provide notice of the availability of funding for new or expanded programs through a request for proposals published in the State Register. The department shall make copies of the request for proposals available to a city, town, county, nonprofit corporation, state regional center, or combination thereof. Applicant organizations shall submit an application for a new extended employment program or for expansion of an existing extended employment program. The commissioner shall use the following criteria in reviewing applications for a new or expanded program:

- A. the need for the new or expanded program;
- B. the relationship of the new or expanded individual program to any current programs in terms of identified needs;
- C. the performance of current programs;
- D. the geographic distribution of the current programs and the new or expanded program in relationship to geographic needs;
- E. efforts to foster innovation and promote state-of-the-art best practices in supported employment consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 268A.15, subdivision 6; and
- F. the availability or funding for new or expanded programs.

Subp. 2. **Department review of proposals.** The department shall base its decisions on proposals upon objective criteria and a review process that includes representatives of affected county social service agencies, the local vocational rehabilitation office, providers outside the affected service area, representation from racial and ethnic minorities, and advocacy organizations as defined in part 3300.2005, subpart 3.

Subp. 3. **Exception to contract procedures and adjustment of state grant funds for new or expanded programs.** New or expanded programs under this part may be exempt from the contracting procedures in part 3300.2035, subpart 4, item A, and the adjustment of state grant funds in part 3300.2035, subpart 8, for up to three years.

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