

**441—155.3(235A) Awarding of grants.** In any year in which funding is appropriated or otherwise made available for the child abuse prevention program, the contractor shall solicit grant project proposals. Funds for the grant projects shall be applied for and received by community-based volunteer coalitions or councils. Grant projects may be awarded to fund the establishment or expansion of community-based prevention projects or educational programs for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

**155.3(1)** The advisory committee shall establish specific program goals for each fiscal year in which program funds are appropriated. These program goals shall address the current and emerging needs of children and families throughout the state.

**155.3(2)** The contractor shall widely disseminate a request for grant project proposals consistent with all state and federal procurement requirements. The request for grant project proposals shall fully describe the child abuse prevention program goals and the procedures for applying for and receiving program funds, as agreed upon in the administration contract.

**155.3(3)** All grant project proposals shall be reviewed by the contractor, who shall consult with the advisory committee on grant project selection. The committee shall advise the department as to the contractor's compliance with the established program goals.

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