



# Federal Funds Update

As related to the COVID-19 pandemic

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### COVID-19 Relief — Federal Awards to State Agencies

Through January 11, 2021, State agencies have reported federal awards totaling \$4.782 billion to address a wide variety of expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. **Table 1** shows the federal awards by State agency. The table does not reflect all of the funding provided by the federal government for COVID-19 relief, but focuses on funding that flows through State government agencies. Items such as stimulus funding to individuals and families are not included.

**Table 1**

<b>Federal Awards by State Agency</b>	
<b>As of January 11, 2021</b>	
In Millions	
<b>State Department</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
Workforce Development	\$ 2,752.9
Department of Management	1,250.0
Department of Human Services	355.2
Department of Education	213.9
Department of Public Health	134.4
Department of Transportation	33.3
Department of Human Rights	15.0
Department on Aging	10.7
Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy	5.8
Secretary of State	4.8
Department of Veterans Affairs	2.8
Homeland Security and Emergency Management	1.3
Department of Cultural Affairs	0.9
Attorney General	0.3
Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,781.6</b>

Totals may not add due to rounding.

## Iowa Coronavirus Relief Fund

The following is an update on the status of the Iowa Coronavirus Relief Fund (ICRF), which received \$1.250 billion in federal funds through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act on April 20, 2020. On December 21, 2020, Congress extended the deadline for ICRF expenditures from December 30, 2020, to 2021. As of January 11, 2021, a total of \$1.219 billion has been transferred to various programs for addressing costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The current balance in the Fund is \$66.7 million. **Table 2** provides the revenues and transfers from the ICRF as of January 11, 2021. The Department of Management (DOM) provides daily expenditure updates on the ICRF, which can be accessed at [docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15-qfOE08ecb4p\\_c8piyzbuN1zESilV064v1I3Fzz8sw/edit#gid=974345605](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15-qfOE08ecb4p_c8piyzbuN1zESilV064v1I3Fzz8sw/edit#gid=974345605).

Table 2

<b>Iowa Coronavirus Relief Fund</b>		
<b>Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenses</b>		
As of January 11, 2021		
(In millions)		
	Actual FY 2020	YTD Actual FY 2021
<b>Revenues</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$ 0.0	\$ 601.8
Federal Support (CARES Act)	1,250.0	0.0
Transfers <sup>1</sup>	0.0	12.7
Transfers - Return of Workday, Inc. Allocation	0.0	21.0
Interest	1.0	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,251.0</b>	<b>\$ 636.6</b>
<b>Transfers</b>		
<b>Administrative Services</b>		
Support for Local Government Relief Payments	\$ 0.0	\$ 3.1
<b>Aging</b>		
AAA Nutrition Programs	0.0	0.3
<b>Agriculture &amp; Land Stewardship</b>		
Feeding low ans Initiative	0.5	0.4
Iowa Disposal Assistance Program	2.6	2.2
Renew able Fuels Retail Recovery Program	0.0	6.5
Meat Processing Expansion & Local Produce Prog.	0.0	4.0
<b>College Student Aid Commission</b>		
Last-Dollar Scholarship Program Fund	5.1	0.0
<b>Corrections</b>		
COVID-19 Expenses	0.0	13.6
<b>Cultural Affairs</b>		
Iowa Arts and Culture Recovery Program	0.0	7.0
<b>Economic Development Authority</b>		
Small Business Disaster Assistance Fund	94.0	5.0
AmeriCorps	0.1	0.0
Biofuels Relief Fund	0.0	15.5
Small Business Utility Assistance Program	0.0	15.0
Iowa Hospital COVID-19 Relief Program	0.0	25.0
Nonprofit Recovery Program	0.0	10.0
Movie Theater Relief Fund	0.0	5.5
State & County Fair Relief	0.0	7.0
ISU Nanovaccine	0.0	2.2
<b>Homeland Security &amp; Emergency Management</b>		
Feeding low ans Initiative - Food Banks	1.0	0.0
FEMA Public Assistance Program - State Match	20.0	30.0
FEMA Public Assistance Program - Local Match	0.0	10.0
COVID-19 Surge Medical Support	0.0	5.0
COVID-19 Staffing	1.0	0.0

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	Actual FY 2020	YTD Actual FY 2021
<b>Human Services</b>		
Double Up Food Bucks Program	1.0	1.0
Commodity Supplemental Foods Program	1.0	1.0
Mental Health Programs & Habilitation Services	0.0	30.0
Medicaid Mental Health Providers	0.0	10.0
Medicaid Substance Use Disorder Providers	0.0	10.0
MHDS Regions	0.0	30.0
Agency COVID-19 Mitigation	10.0	1.7
<b>Inspections and Appeals</b>		
Health Facilities - Database and Telework Upgrades	0.0	0.9
<b>Iowa Finance Authority</b>		
Iowa Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Program	22.0	15.4
Iowa Livestock Producer Relief Fund	0.0	62.9
Iowa Beginning Farmer Debt Relief Fund	0.0	16.0
<b>Natural Resources</b>		
Wallace Building Access Upgrades	0.0	0.0
<b>Office of the Chief Information Officer</b>		
Technology Upgrades - Workday	1.0	20.0
Broadband Grants	0.0	50.0
Design & Development of Data Streams	0.0	13.0
Digital Access to State Government Services	0.0	7.1
Technology Upgrades and Staffing	0.0	3.9
<b>Public Safety</b>		
Public Health Emergency Response Expenses	0.0	10.0
<b>Revenue</b>		
Local Government Relief Payments	0.0	103.0
<b>Workforce Development</b>		
Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund	490.0	0.0
Future Ready Iowa - Employer Innovation Fund	0.0	4.4
Apprenticeship Incentive Grant Program	0.0	6.6
Earn and Learn Grant Program	0.0	5.9
Total	<u>\$ 649.2</u>	<u>\$ 569.9</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<u>\$ 601.8</u>	<u>\$ 66.7</u>

<sup>1</sup> The transfers include unspent funds previously transferred to various programs that were returned to the ICRF.

### ICRF Spending Guidelines

Provisions of the CARES Act and guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury provide direction to states and other grant recipients concerning the qualified uses of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) grants. The funds cover costs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency that were not previously accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020, and were incurred during the period that began March 1, 2020, and ended on December 30, 2020. **Any CRF funds that are unobligated as of December 30, 2021, revert back to the federal government.**

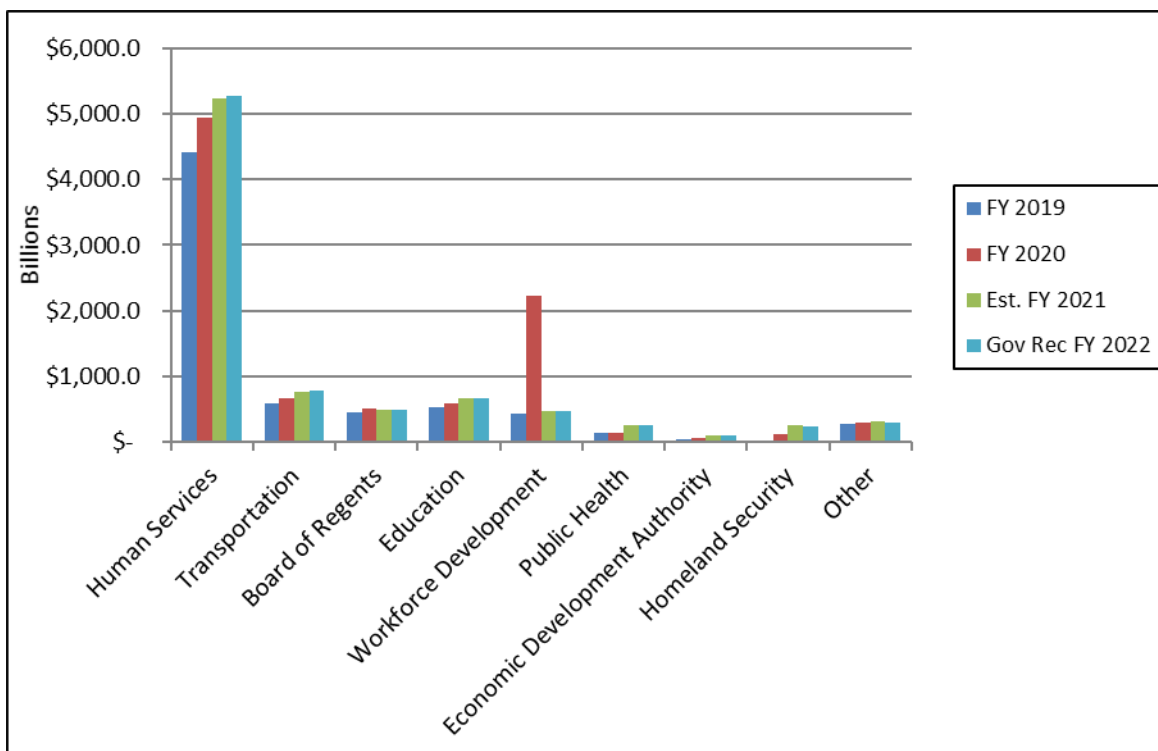
Necessary expenditures may include expenditures incurred to allow the states to respond directly to the emergency, such as by addressing medical or public health needs. Necessary expenditures also include those incurred to respond to second-order effects of the emergency, such as by providing economic support to those suffering from employment or business interruptions due to COVID-19-related business closures. The funding cannot be used to backfill the loss of state revenues that have resulted from the economic impacts of COVID-19, but may be used as a cash management tool. For example, changing tax filing deadlines may cause cash flow issues for states. The U.S. Treasury has indicated that states can use CRF funds essentially as a tax anticipation note to mitigate cash flow issues. For additional information, see the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Coronavirus Relief Fund [Guidance for State](#).

[Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments](#) (last updated September 2, 2020) and [Coronavirus Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions](#) (last updated October 19, 2020). For more information, see the LSA FY 2022 Annual Budget Preview—[www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LADR/1207628.pdf](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LADR/1207628.pdf).

**FY 2022 Federal Funds**

It is estimated that Iowa will receive a total of \$8.560 billion in federal funds in FY 2022, which represents an increase of \$39.6 million (0.5%) compared to estimated FY 2021. The Department of Human Services (DHS) will receive an estimated 61.7% of the federal funds allocated to Iowa in FY 2021. The majority of the federal funds received by the DHS are distributed to the Medicaid Program. **Table 3** shows the major recipients of the estimated FY 2022 federal funds compared to FY 2019, FY 2020, and estimated FY 2021.

**Table 3**  
**Estimated Federal Funds Received by Departments**



**Federal Programs and Federal FY 2021 Budget Update**

On December 21, 2020, Congress approved two appropriations spending packages, which included the following:

- [H.R. 8337](#), Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions (FY 2021 Omnibus Act), appropriates \$1.400 trillion for the following:
  - \$695.900 billion for the Department of Defense, including \$68.700 billion for the Overseas Contingency Operations Fund.
  - \$400.600 billion for military funding, including personnel, research and development, and the modernization of military equipment.
  - \$346.000 billion for the Economic Development Administration.
  - \$86.700 billion for the Department of Transportation and Army Corps of Engineers.
  - \$60.300 billion to Housing and Urban Development.
  - \$51.800 billion for the Department of Homeland Security.

- \$73.500 billion for the Department of Education.
- \$39.600 billion for the Department of Energy.
- \$33.800 billion for the Department of Justice.
- \$21.600 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency for disaster response and recovery efforts, and various grants programs.
- [H.R. 133](#), Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021, appropriated \$900.000 billion in emergency COVID-19 relief and includes the following funding items:
  - \$73.000 billion to the Department of Health and Human Services to support public health, including the research, development, manufacturing, procurement, and distribution of vaccines and therapeutics; diagnostic testing and contact tracing; mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services; child care support; and other activities related to COVID-19.
  - \$25.400 billion to the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund to support testing and contact tracing to effectively monitor and suppress COVID-19, as well as to reimburse for health care-related expenses or lost revenue attributable to the pandemic.
  - \$22.900 billion to the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, including \$19.700 billion for the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority for the manufacturing and procurement of vaccines and therapeutics, as well as ancillary supplies.
  - \$10.200 billion to the Administration for Children and Families to support early childhood programs and to provide immediate assistance to child care providers.

### Federal Funds Received

**Table 4** provides the history of federal funds received by Iowa departments for FY 2019, FY 2020, and estimated FY 2021, and includes the federal funds budgeted under the Governor's Recommendations for FY 2022.

**Table 4**  
**FY 2019 – FY 2022 Estimated Federal Funds Received by Departments**  
(In Millions)

Department	Actual FY 2019	Actual FY 2020	Estimated FY 2021	Gov Rec FY 2022	Gov Rec FY 22 vs. Estimated FY 2021
Human Services	\$4,416.0	\$4,935.9	\$5,228.3	\$5,278.7	\$50.4
Transportation	589.4	671.7	762.5	787.5	25.0
Board of Regents	454.6	503.8	489.7	489.7	0.0
Education	532.3	591.2	663.1	661.3	-1.8
Workforce Development	423.2	2235	467.4	464.7	-2.7
Public Health	128.7	133	261	259.1	-1.9
Economic Development Authority	45.1	52.2	98.1	91.9	-6.2
Homeland Security	28.9	110.4	245.2	243.6	-1.6
Other	276.5	302.7	303.1	284.3	-18.8
Department Total	<u>\$6,894.7</u>	<u>\$9,535.9</u>	<u>\$8,518.4</u>	<u>\$8,560.8</u>	<u>\$42.4</u>

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

### Federal Funds Tracking: Grants Enterprise Management System

The Iowa [Grants Enterprise Management System](#) (GEM\$) is operated by the DOM and is designed as a resource for State agencies and local governments for researching and applying for federal grant opportunities and tracking the award of funding if granted. The System:

- Manages the reporting of grants applied for and received by State agencies.
- Posts State grants available for application.
- Manages State agency awards to government entities, nonprofit organizations, private businesses, and individuals. This includes the grant application, selection, award/contracting, monitoring, communications, modification, reporting, closeout, and financial management processes.

GEM\$ also enables State departments to collaborate on grants when possible. Agencies currently using GEM\$ to report their awards include the following:

- Department of Administrative Services
- Economic Development Authority
- Department of Education
- Department of Management
- Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service
- Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy
- Department of Public Health
- Department of Cultural Affairs
- Department of Public Defense
- Department of Public Safety
- Department of Justice
- Department of Corrections
- Iowa College Student Aid Commission
- Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
- Department of Natural Resources
- Attorney General
- Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Civil Rights Commission
- Department for the Blind
- Department on Aging
- Department of Transportation
- Iowa Public Television
- Judicial Branch

#### Related Websites

Federal Funds Information for States: [www.ffis.org](http://www.ffis.org)

Government Accountability Office: [www.gao.gov](http://www.gao.gov)

GEM\$: [www.iowagrants.gov](http://www.iowagrants.gov)

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