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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

Fiscal Services Division

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## Department of Public Health — Resource Management

### History and Purpose

The Iowa Department of Public Health (DPH) can trace its roots back to the first State Board of Health established in 1880 Iowa Acts, chapter 151 (State Board of Health and Vital Statistics Act). The DPH Resource Management appropriation provides funding for the general supervision of the State's public health, which in turn promotes public hygiene and sanitation; performs health promotion activities; prepares for and responds to bioemergency situations; and, unless otherwise provided, enforces laws relating to public health. The appropriation provides funding for the following:

- **Director's Office:** The activities of the Director's Office primarily focus on development of health-related policy, strategic planning, and overall outcomes.
- **Department-Wide Activities:** The appropriation covers costs that are assignable to the whole Department and not a specific program. Examples include Auditor of State reimbursements, Attorney General reimbursements, organization dues, etc.
- **Human Resources Office:** This office handles personnel issues.
- **Department of Administrative Services Utility Billings:** The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) provides certain products and services that State government departments need to run "behind-the-scenes" processes necessary for day-to-day operations. Services provided by the DAS are placed into three categories: utility services, marketplace services, and leadership services. Utility services are those deemed to be provided most economically by the DAS. Marketplace services are those that the DAS provides, but may be procured elsewhere. Leadership services are those that only the DAS can provide, and appropriations are generally made to the DAS by the General Assembly for these services. Under the entrepreneurial model employed in the creation of the DAS, most departments are required to purchase utility services through the DAS.
- **Office of the Chief Information Officer Utility Billings:** Similar to DAS Utility Billings, but this covers information technology services.

### Funding — State General Fund

The Resource Management appropriation (formerly the Planning and Administration Division appropriation and the Central Administration General Office appropriation) dates to before the Iowa State Government Reorganization in 1989.

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### More Information

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### **Funding — Other Sources of Revenue**

The DPH also operates programs that receive federal funding and funding from other sources. These funds indirectly contribute to Resource Management activities.

### **Related Statutes and Administrative Rules**

Iowa Code chapter [135](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [641](#)

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