
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

Fiscal Services Division

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Governor's/Lieutenant Governor's Office

Purpose and History

The position of State Governor was created in 1857 by Article IV, section 1, of the Iowa Constitution. The Governor is elected by a statewide popular vote and serves a four-year term. The duties and responsibilities of the Office are specified in Iowa Code chapter 7.

The functions of the Governor's Office consist of the following:

- Managing the Executive Branch and implementing policies and programs in accordance with State law.
- Preparing and submitting the Governor's annual legislative program and budget.
- Reviewing bills presented to the Governor for signature following final legislative action.
- Making required appointments to boards and commissions and the Judiciary.
- Working with State departments to provide direction on the desired course of State government.
- Responding to and resolving constituent requests for assistance and information.
- Fulfilling statutory obligations in the area of executive clemency.
- Writing and producing Governor's proclamations for Iowa citizens and associations.
- Supervising the administrative rules promulgation process, coordinating rules review with the Legislative Branch, and assisting in the publication of the Iowa Administrative Code.
- Promoting the interests of State government before Congress, federal agencies, national associations, and other organizations. The Office influences the development of national policies affecting State government, business and industry, and citizens. The Office also monitors federal budget policies and promotes initiatives for State government.

Funding — State General Fund

The Governor's Office receives an annual appropriation from the General Fund to fund the majority of the operational cost of the Office.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [7](#)

Iowa Const. [art IV sec. 1](#)

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More Information

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