
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

Fiscal Services Division

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Planning, Programming, and Modal Division — Primary Road Fund

Purpose and History

The Planning, Programming, and Modal Division of the Department of Transportation (DOT) is responsible for developing both long- and short-range transportation plans; forecasting road funding revenues; developing the Five-Year Transportation Improvement Program; developing city, county, and State transportation maps; and administering several grant programs and financial assistance programs. The Division also forecasts traffic, maintains the DOT traffic and roadway conditions databases, administers the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program, and coordinates activities with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Planning Affiliations. The Division acts as liaison to the DOT's federal counterpart agencies and provides technical assistance related to the multimodal transportation systems as well.

The Division is composed of five offices:

- Office of Aviation
- Office of Rail Transportation
- Office of Public Transit
- Office of Program Management
- Office of Systems Planning

Grant Programs and Financial Assistance Programs Administered

The different offices in the Division administer several grant programs and financial assistance programs. Many of these are federal funding programs that the Division oversees or on which the Division provides guidance to recipients. Many of the grant programs are based on a competitive process. Several of the assistance programs are distributed by formula or based on population. Following is a list of program examples. This list of grant and assistance programs is not comprehensive.

Office of Rail Transportation:

- Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program
- Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing
- Grade Crossing Surface Repair Program
- Federal-Aid Rail-Highway Crossing Safety Program
- Iowa's Grade Crossing Safety Program

More Information

Iowa Department of Transportation: iowadot.gov/about/divisions-offices#4391444-planning-programming-and-modal-division

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Office of Public Transit:

- State Transit Assistance
- Formula Grants for Rural Areas
- Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities
- Intercity Bus Assistance

Office of Systems Planning:

- Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program
- Federal and State Recreational Trails Programs
- Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Program
- Transportation Alternatives Program

Office of Aviation:

- State Aviation Improvement Program
- Airport Vertical Infrastructure Grant Program
- Federal Airport Improvement Program

State Funding

The appropriation for the Division is included in the Transportation Appropriations Act under the purview of the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee.

Funding for the Division is provided as follows: 95.0% from the Primary Road Fund (PRF) and 5.0% from the Road Use Tax Fund. In estimated FY 2019, \$8.5 million is appropriated from the PRF. The total appropriation for the Division is \$9.0 million.

The General Assembly also annually appropriates full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to the Division. In estimated FY 2019, 94.0 FTE positions are appropriated.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [307](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [761—1](#)

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