
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

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Independent Living Center Grant

Program Overview

The Centers for Independent Living promote the full participation of persons with disabilities as equal members of society and provide assistance to all persons, regardless of their disability, to develop the skills necessary for acquiring, maintaining, and increasing their independence. Services provided by the Centers include peer support, skills training, advocacy, and referrals to other agencies that may be able to meet individuals' needs.

There are seven Centers in Iowa, located in Waterloo, Des Moines, Iowa City, Quad Cities, Council Bluffs, Oskaloosa, and Sioux City.

Funding

The General Fund appropriation for the Independent Living Center Grant does not match any federal funds. The appropriation is passed through Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) to the Centers for Independent Living through a contracting process. The program received its first appropriation in FY 2009 for approximately \$246,000. The General Fund appropriation is currently less than \$90,000 annually.

The Centers may also receive federal funding under the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ([29 U.S.C. section 701](#) et seq.).

- Part B funding flows through IVRS to the Centers.
- Part C funding flows directly to the Centers and is restricted to four core services:
 - Information and referral services.
 - Independent living skills training.
 - Peer counseling, including cross-disability peer counseling.
 - Individual and systems advocacy.

The Centers also receive private donations and are eligible for grants from other entities.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [259](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [281—56](#)

More Information

Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services: www.ivrs.iowa.gov

Iowa Statewide Independent Living Council: www.iowasilc.org

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