
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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Statewide Interoperable Communications System — RUTF

Purpose and History

Interoperability of communications addresses the need for prompt communication between law enforcement and first responders during natural disasters or responses to criminal activity. A statewide land mobile radio communications platform enables communication to occur between jurisdictions. The Statewide Interoperable Communications System costs a total of \$39.5 million for infrastructure, towers, and maintenance for any city, county, or State public safety user. This system supports day-to-day operations as well as emergency multiagency, multijurisdictional operations.

Funding

The first payment of \$4.0 million in FY 2016 was appropriated from the E911 Surcharge Fund to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to pay for the lease costs associated with the statewide land mobile radio communications system, which interfaces with the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System radio platform. The second payment of approximately \$4.4 million was allocated to the DPS in FY 2017. This system is under the joint purview of the DPS and the Department of Transportation (DOT).

In FY 2018, \$4.1 million was appropriated from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) for the lease payment. In FY 2019, \$3.1 million was appropriated from the Primary Road Fund (PRF) and \$1.4 million was appropriated from the RIIF. Since FY 2020, the annual lease payment has been primarily funded by the RIIF, with any differences in funding from the Road Use Tax Fund and Primary Road Fund. The final payment is estimated to be in FY 2026.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [34A](#)

2016 Iowa Acts, ch. [1103](#)

2015 Iowa Acts, ch. [129](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [605—10](#)

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More Information

Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board: dps.iowa.gov/divisions/commissioners-office/interoperability-communications/iowa-statewide-interoperable-communications-board

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