
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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Des Moines, Iowa 50319

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LIHEAP and Weatherization Assistance Program — Standing

Purpose and History

Iowa Code section [476.51](#) imposes a civil penalty on utilities providing water, electric, or gas services for violations under Iowa Code chapter [476](#). Iowa Code section [478.29](#) imposes a civil penalty on persons who violate provisions under Iowa Code chapter [478](#) regarding electronic transmission lines. Iowa Code section [479.31](#) imposes a civil penalty on persons who violate provisions under Iowa Code chapter [479](#) regarding pipelines and underground gas storage. Iowa Code section [479B.21](#) imposes a civil penalty on persons who violate provisions under Iowa Code chapter [479B](#) regarding hazardous liquid pipelines and storage facilities.

The Iowa Utilities Board forwards these penalties to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the General Fund and appropriated to the Department of Human Rights Division of Community Action Agencies for purposes of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program. While the appropriation had been established in the Iowa Code previously, the Department of Human Rights first received this funding in FY 2022.

Funding — State General Fund

The Department of Human Rights receives an annual standing limited General Fund appropriation consisting of the total civil penalties collected by the Utilities Board.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [476](#), [478](#), [479](#) and [479B](#)

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More Information

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