
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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Historical Resources — Department of Administrative Services

Purpose and History

The State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI) was formed under the auspices of the University of Iowa in 1857. That same year, the General Assembly appropriated \$250 to the SHSI for collecting, embodying, arranging, and preserving a library and collection of other materials illustrative of the history of Iowa (1856 Iowa Acts, chapter [203](#) — Historical Society Act). The SHSI was reorganized by the General Assembly in 1872 Iowa Acts, chapter [109](#) (State Historical Society Act), and became a division within the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) in 1986 Iowa Acts, chapter [1245](#) (State Government Reorganization Act). In FY 2024, the SHSI was transferred to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) in 2023 Iowa Acts, [Senate File 514](#) (State Government Alignment Act). The majority of the duties of the Historical Division of the DCA were transferred to the DAS as departmental duties. The Historic Preservation Officer, as well as related duties concerning historic properties and historic preservation activities, were not transferred to the DAS.

The duties of the DAS as it relates to the historical resources of the State include preservation and education. The DAS identifies, records, collects, manages, and provides access to Iowa's historical resources. The DAS educates Iowans of all ages, conducts and stimulates research, disseminates information, and encourages and supports historical preservation and the education efforts of others throughout the State.

The DAS oversees the following: the State Historical Museum, State Historical Society Board of Trustees, State archives and records, State historical libraries, Iowa History publications, Historic Resource Grants, Battle Flag Preservation Project, State historic sites, Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, archiving former governors' papers, and Records Center rent.

Funding — State General Fund

The DAS receives two State General Fund appropriations. The Historical Resources appropriation is for support and oversight of the duties listed above. The Historic Sites appropriation is for the administration and support of eight State historic sites.

Funding — Other Sources of Revenue

The DAS also receives federal funding from the Department of the Interior via the Historic Preservation Fund. This grant requires a 40.0% match.

More Information

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Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [8A](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [223](#)

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