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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2025

Fiscal Services Division

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## Forfeited Property Fund

### Purpose

The Office of the Attorney General administers the Forfeited Property Fund in compliance with Iowa Code section [809A.17](#) (Forfeiture Reform Act). Property subject to forfeiture is defined in Iowa Code section [809A.4](#). Any forfeitures below \$5,000 require a conviction for the forfeiture to be retained by the State. Up to 10.0% of the gross sale of any forfeited real property or forfeited cash is retained by the Office and deposited in the Forfeited Property Fund. Cash forfeitures in excess of \$400,000 are distributed as follows: 45.0% is retained by the seizing agency, 45.0% is distributed among other law enforcement agencies within the region of the seizing agency, and 10.0% is retained by the Office of the Attorney General. Other seized property is governed by Iowa Code chapter [809A](#) and the administrative rules of the Office of the Attorney General.

### Funding

From FY 2017 to FY 2021, receipts to the Fund averaged approximately \$231,000 annually. Receipts vary from year to year, depending on criminal activity, investigations, and prosecutions. The year-end balance carries forward to the next fiscal year.

Expenditures from the Fund varied during the same period, with a high of approximately \$548,000 in FY 2017, and a low of approximately \$28,000 in FY 2018. The majority of expenditures consisted of reimbursements to the Office of the Attorney General for enforcement of criminal law.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [13](#), [809](#), and [809A](#)  
Iowa Code sections [809A.4](#) and [809A.17](#)  
Iowa Administrative Code [61](#)

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