
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2025

Fiscal Services Division

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Inmate Tort Claims Fund

Purpose

Iowa Code section [904.311](#) creates an Inmate Tort Claim Fund under the control of the Director of the Department of Corrections (DOC). The Fund is used to reimburse offenders in the institutions for the damage or loss of property caused by the DOC. An example of an eligible claim for reimbursement is the replacement of an offender's radio damaged by staff during a cell extraction. Reimbursement for a single loss may be no more than \$100. Claims for damages in excess of \$100 are submitted to the State Appeal Board under Iowa Code chapter [669](#).

Receipts and Expenditures

Annual expenditures from FY 2017 through FY 2021 have averaged \$4,000 per year. Any year-end Fund balance carries forward to the next fiscal year. The correctional institutions transfer General Fund moneys as needed to the Fund to meet expenses.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [669](#) and [904](#)
Iowa Administrative Code [201](#)

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More Information

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