
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

Fiscal Services Division

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County Treasurer Support — Road Use Tax Fund

Purpose and History

Iowa driver's licenses, vehicle registrations, and titles are issued at county treasurer offices throughout the State. To support the issuance of these documents, the General Assembly makes annual appropriations to the Department of Transportation (DOT) from the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF). One appropriation supports expenditures made by the DOT to provide for communications, information technology (IT) equipment, and outside IT services that support document issuance. The majority of the appropriation supports data usage on the Iowa Communications Network (ICN).

In addition to this appropriation, the Department receives an annual RUTF standing appropriation of \$650,000 for the purchase of automation and telecommunications equipment, and to support issuing vehicle registrations, titles, and driver's licenses at county treasurer offices. Language for this standing appropriation is located in Iowa Code section 312.2(13). With this standing appropriation, the DOT purchases hardware for desktops, networks, and printers, and conducts server maintenance. The standing appropriation began in FY 1992 after the 74th General Assembly.

Funding

Funding for this appropriation began in FY 2005. Appropriations from the RUTF have ranged from \$1.8 million in FY 2008 to \$2.1 million in FY 2007. Since FY 2011, this appropriation has been funded at \$1.4 million.

Related Statutes

Iowa Code section [312.2](#)(13)

More Information

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