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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

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# A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS) – Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund

## History and Purpose

The Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund (SWJCF) appropriation to the Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) began in FY 2014 and funds training programs for unemployed and underemployed central Iowans who need skills to advance to higher-paying jobs with full benefits. As a condition of receiving funding, an entity must testify regarding the expenditure of the moneys upon the request of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Economic Development. This job training program, Project IOWA (Iowa Opportunities for Workforce Advancement), is intended to be coordinated by an organization like A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS), a nonprofit community organization.

Project IOWA is a workforce development initiative that seeks to move chronically underemployed and impoverished central Iowa residents through intensive skills training to a career-track, living-wage job with benefits. The cornerstone to this approach is combining relevant technical training (developed and taught by industry leaders) and employment skills training through classes taught concurrently.

## Funding

The Program receives an annual appropriation from the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund in the Economic Development Appropriations Act. The funding does not revert until the close of the following fiscal year.

In addition to the SWJCF appropriation, Project IOWA operates with various levels of support from private contributions and other miscellaneous sources of income.

## Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [84A](#)

Iowa Code section [8.57](#)

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## More Information

Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund: [www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/8.75.pdf](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/8.75.pdf)

Iowa Workforce Development: [www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/](http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/)

Project Iowa: [www.projectiowa.org](http://www.projectiowa.org)

A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS): [amosiowa.org](http://amosiowa.org)

HF 604: [www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/iactc/85.1/CH0141.pdf](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/iactc/85.1/CH0141.pdf)

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