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Public Safety Equipment Fund

Purpose and History

The Public Safety Equipment Fund was created in [HF 708](#) (Public Safety Equipment Fund Act) during the 2021 Legislative Session and codified in Iowa Code section [80.48](#). The Fund may be used for the purchase, maintenance, replacement, installation, and licensing costs of equipment used by the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Moneys remaining in the Fund do not revert at the close of the fiscal year and remain available for expenditure. Any interest earned is credited to the Fund.

The DPS is required to submit an annual Public Safety Equipment Fund [report](#) to the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee and to the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) on or before December 31 of each year. The report is required to include the following information:

- A list of all expenditures from the Fund in the previous fiscal year.
- The amount carried forward from the previous fiscal year with a plan of how those moneys will be spent.
- The amount the DPS intends to carry forward to the next fiscal year with a plan of how those moneys will be spent.
- A list of all deposits into the Fund from the previous fiscal year.

In FY 2022 the Fund was primarily used to purchase:

- Communications equipment.
- Vehicle equipment.
- Computer equipment and peripherals.
- Personal protective equipment and clothing.
- Firearms, ammunition, and less lethals.
- Air wing equipment.
- Bomb gear and equipment.
- Other equipment, such as stop sticks, K9 equipment, and radio tower equipment.

For a detailed breakdown, please refer to the Public Safety Equipment Fund report.

More Information

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Figure 1 summarizes total revenue and expenditures in FY 2022, FY 2023, and estimated FY 2024.

Figure 1 — Revenue and Expenditures

	Actual FY 2022	Actual FY 2023	Estimated FY 2024
Resources			
Beginning Balance	\$ 0	\$ 691,406	\$ 1,821,424
Revenue			
State General Fund Appropriation	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Appropriation	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Interest	9,278	105,279	0
FEMA/29C.20 Reimbursements	0	387,528	0
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 5,009,278</u>	<u>\$ 6,184,213</u>	<u>\$ 6,821,424</u>
Total Resources	<u>\$ 5,009,278</u>	<u>\$ 6,184,213</u>	<u>\$ 6,821,424</u>
Expenses			
Contractual Services and Transfers	\$ 407,724	\$ 213,895	\$ 2,000
Equipment & Repairs	2,737,809	2,955,308	3,500,000
Supplies & Materials	1,042,282	941,601	922,500
Travel & Subsistence	146,840	251,985	250,000
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 4,334,655</u>	<u>\$ 4,362,789</u>	<u>\$ 4,674,500</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 674,623</u>	<u>\$ 1,821,424</u>	<u>\$ 2,146,924</u>

*Note the beginning balance for FY 2023 was increased by \$16,783 due to an adjustment.

Funding

The Public Safety Equipment Fund has received annual appropriations totaling \$5.0 million since its creation in FY 2022. [Senate File 562](#) (FY 2024 Justice System Appropriations Act) appropriated \$2.5 million from the General Fund, and [SF 577](#) (FY 2024 Infrastructure Appropriations Act) appropriated \$2.5 million from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF).

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [80.48](#)