
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

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Water Quality Initiative

Purpose and History

The Nutrient Reduction Strategy report was introduced in November 2012 as a collaborative effort by the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Iowa State University (ISU) to assess and reduce nutrients that flow into Iowa waters. The Water Quality Initiative Program was created in [SF 435](#) (FY 2014 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act) with the goal to provide funding for watershed practices in high-priority watersheds as designated by the Water Resources Coordinating Council (WRCC). The Program is administered by the DALs. The Act also created the Iowa State University (ISU) Nutrient Research Center in Ames.

Funding

The following table summarizes the appropriations to the Water Quality Initiative:

Funding	Water Quality Initiative Appropriations						
	Supp. FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
General Fund - DALs	\$ 10,000,000	\$2,400,000	\$4,400,000	\$ 4,400,000	\$ 4,400,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
General Fund - ISU Nutrient Research	0	1,500,000	1,325,000	1,325,000	1,325,000	0	0
GPF - ISU Data Collection*	0	0	0	1,230,000	0	0	0
GPF - ISU Nutrient Research**	0	0	0	0	0	2,270,000	2,000,000
RIIF - DALs	0	0	0	5,200,000	5,200,000	0	5,200,000
Environment First Fund	0	0	0	0	0	2,375,000	2,375,000
Total	<u>\$ 10,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,900,000</u>	<u>\$5,725,000</u>	<u>\$12,155,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,925,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,645,000</u>	<u>\$12,575,000</u>

GPF = Groundwater Protection Fund

RIIF = Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund

*In FY 2014, there was a one-time funding transfer from the Groundwater Protection Fund to the ISU Nutrient Research Center to develop a data collection system.

**Beginning in FY 2018, Groundwater Protection Fund moneys that were used to fund the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture were transferred to fund the ISU Nutrient Research Center.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [466B.45](#)

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More Information

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