# **BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2023**

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# Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program

# **Background**

In 2015, <u>HF 585</u> (Victims of Violence, Information Protections, Criminal Surcharge Act) established the Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program effective January 1, 2016. The Program provides a substitute address for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, or stalking to use on all public records. In addition, the Program provides a mail-forwarding service and confidential voter registration and absentee ballots. Iowa was the 34th state to implement this Program. Participants in the Program are provided an enrollment card from the Secretary of State's Office good for a term of four years. Participants may reenroll in the Program after each term.

## **Funding**

House File 585 also created the Address Confidentiality Program Revolving Fund. Moneys in the Fund are to be collected from the \$90 surcharge established in Iowa Code section 911.2B, which is assessed for adjudication of guilt or deferred judgment for a crime of domestic abuse assault, domestic abuse protective order contempt, sexual abuse, stalking, or human trafficking. Moneys in the Fund are appropriated by the General Assembly to the Secretary of State's Office for the administration of the Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program. The Secretary of State's Office is also required to file an annual report with the Department of Management (DOM) and the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) regarding expenditures from the Fund.

#### **Related Statutes and Administrative Rules**

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### **More Information**

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