
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program

Background

2015 Iowa Acts, chapter [96](#) (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 Participants are certified by the Secretary of State for four years unless the certification is canceled, withdrawn, or invalidated. Participants may reenroll in the Program after each term.

Funding

2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 96 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

Iowa Code chapter [9E](#)

Iowa Code section [9.8](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [721 IAC 6](#)

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