
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund

Purpose and History

The Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Program was created by the 1989 General Assembly to address the goal of protecting Iowa's resources. Statute requires the Program to receive a standing appropriation of up to \$20.0 million from the General Fund for each year between FY 1992 and FY 2021. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers the REAP funds.

The REAP Program is a long-term integrated effort to use and protect Iowa's natural resources through:

- Acquisition and management of public lands.
- Upgrading public park and preserve facilities.
- Environmental education, monitoring, and research.

Funding History

The REAP Fund receives revenue from several State, federal, and private sources. This includes an appropriation from the Environment First Fund and receipts from the sale of REAP license plates.

Iowa Code section [455A.19](#) defines how funds received for REAP are distributed. This is also known as the REAP formula. Of total receipts, \$350,000 is allocated to the DNR for educational grants and 1.0% is allocated to the DNR for program administration. The remaining receipts are allocated as follows:

- 28.0% to the DNR for the Open Spaces Account.
- 20.0% to County Conservation Boards.
- 20.0% to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for soil and water conservation projects.
- 15.0% for city park projects.
- 9.0% to the DNR for management of public land.
- 5.0% to the Department of Cultural Affairs for the Historical Resource Development Program.
- 3.0% to the Department of Transportation for roadside vegetation projects.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [455A.16](#)

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More Information

Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund: www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/REAP
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