
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

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Work-Based Learning Intermediary Network — Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund

Purpose and History

The [Work-Based Learning Intermediary Network](#) appropriation is awarded by the Iowa Department of Workforce Development (IWD) to 15 regional intermediary networks. The networks serve school districts within each region by facilitating cooperation and collaboration between businesses and entities within the State education system and offering work-based learning activities to students and teachers. The regional networks help students connect with the higher education system, businesses, and communities through relevant, work-based learning activities across 16 career clusters.

The Work-Based Learning Intermediary Network was created in FY 2014 under the Department of Education. It was transferred to the IWD during the 2023 Legislative Session in [Senate File 514](#) (State Government Alignment Act).

Funding

The Work-Based Learning Intermediary Network appropriation was funded for the first time in FY 2014 and has received an annual appropriation of \$1.5 million from the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund. At that level of funding, the appropriation is allocated to the 15 regional networks on a competitive basis based on annual learning plans submitted to the IWD.

If the appropriation level exceeds \$1.5 million, the statute requires that each regional network receives \$100,000, and the remaining funding is to be allocated to the networks using the formula established in Iowa Code section [260C.18C](#) for the annual General Aid appropriation to the community colleges.

Each regional network is required to match at least 25.0% of the State allocation through private donations, in-kind contributions, or other public moneys.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [84A](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [281—21](#)

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