

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Inmate Tort Claims Fund

Purpose

Iowa Code section [904.311](#) creates an Inmate Tort Claim Fund under the control of the Director of the [Department of Corrections](#) (DOC). The Fund is used to reimburse offenders in the Institutions for the damage or loss of property caused by the DOC. A single loss may be no more than \$100. An example of an eligible claim for reimbursement is the replacement of an offender's radio damaged by staff during a cell extraction. Claims for damages in excess of \$100 are submitted to the State Appeal Board under Iowa Code chapter [669](#).

Receipts and Expenditures

Total resources in the Fund averaged approximately \$5,000 over the last four fiscal years (FY 2011 through FY 2014). Average annual expenditures were approximately \$2,700 over the same reporting period. The year-end Fund balance carries forward to the next fiscal year. The correctional institutions transfer General Fund money as needed to the Fund to meet expenses.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [669](#) and [904](#)
[201](#) Iowa Administrative Code

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More Information

Department of Corrections: <http://www.doc.state.ia.us>

Iowa State Appeal Board: <https://dom.iowa.gov/state-appeal-board>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

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