# Budget Unit Brief



# **Special Olympics Fund - Standing Limited Appropriation**

## Background

The Special Olympics is the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver in 1962, the mission of the Special Olympics organization is to provide children and adults with intellectual disabilities access to year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports, giving them opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, the community and other parts of the world. The Iowa Special Olympics Fund was created in the Office of the Treasurer of State and placed under the purview of the Department of Management in FY 1991.

#### Funding

The Special Olympics Fund is funded through a standing limited General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 pursuant to Iowa Code section <u>8.8</u>.

#### **Related Statutes**

Iowa Code section 8.8

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## More Information

Special Olympics: <u>http://www.specialolympics.org/history.aspx</u>

Department of Management: http://www.dom.state.ia.us/

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

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