

Budget Unit Brief

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Department of Public Health - Resource Management

History and Purpose

The [Iowa Department of Public Health](#) (IDPH) can trace its roots back to the first State Board of Health established in 1880 Iowa Acts, chapter [151](#) (State Board of Health and Vital Statistics Act). The IDPH Resource Management appropriation provides funding for the general supervision of the state's public health; which in turn promotes public hygiene and sanitation; does health promotion activities; prepares for and responds to bioemergency situations; and, unless otherwise provided, enforces laws on public health. The appropriation provides funding for the following:

- [Director's Office](#): The Director's Office activities primarily focus on the overall development of health-related policy, strategic planning, and overall outcomes.
- Department-Wide Activities: Covers costs that are assignable to the whole department and not a specific program. Examples include Auditor of State reimbursements, Attorney General reimbursements, organization dues, etc.
- Human Resources Office: Handles personnel issues.
- Department of Administrative Services Utility Billings: The [Department of Administrative Services](#) (DAS) provides certain products and services that state government departments need to run "behind-the-scenes" processes necessary for day-to-day operations. Services provided by the DAS are placed into three categories: Utility services, marketplace services, and leadership services. Utility services are those deemed to be the most economically provided by the DAS. Marketplace services are those that the DAS provides, but departments may procure the services elsewhere. Leadership services are those that only the DAS can provide, and appropriations are generally made to the DAS by the General Assembly for these services. Under the entrepreneurial model employed in the creation of the DAS, most departments are required to purchase utility services through the DAS.

Funding – State General Fund

The Resource Management appropriation (formerly the Planning and Administration Division appropriation and the Central Administration General Office appropriation) dates to before the Iowa State Government Reorganization in 1989.

Funding – Other Sources of Revenue

The IDPH also operates programs that receive federal funding and other funds that indirectly contribute to Resource Management activities.

Related Code and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [135](#)
[641](#) Iowa Administrative Code

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More Information

Iowa Department of Public Health: <http://idph.iowa.gov/>

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

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