Budget Unit Brief



Iowa National Guard Statewide Modernization of Readiness Centers

Purpose and History

Appropriations for construction improvements and modernization efforts of readiness centers (armories) for the lowa Army National Guard are provided in the infrastructure budget. The lowa National Guard has 40 readiness centers around the state. Of the 40 readiness centers, 27 were constructed at least 25 years ago.

In the 110th Congress, the federal facilities sustainment, restoration, and modernization (SRM) programming funds for the Department of Defense's inventory of facilities received a one-time increase of \$94.9 million that was made available in the federal FY 2008 Department of Defense Appropriation Act, H.R. 3222. The funds were intended to accelerate the modernization of critical operational and support facilities to ensure that readiness centers meet the state's needs for emergencies, as well as for federal U.S. army missions.

Readiness Center Projects

Funds are used for various improvements, including renovations to classrooms, training areas, and administrative offices; upgrades to heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems; and upgrades for electrical systems and roofs, as well as improvements to kitchens, latrines; and other areas of the readiness centers. As of FY 2014, the following readiness centers have been improved with the statewide modernization appropriation and corresponding federal funding:

FY 2009: Oelwein, Charles City

FY 2010: Perry, Audubon

FY 2011: Knoxville, Iowa Falls, and Shenandoah

FY 2012: Washington, Camp Dodge Joint Forces Miller Armory

FY 2013: Dubuque, Council Bluffs FY 2014: Mason City, Sioux City

FY 2015: Clinton and land purchases adjacent to Camp Dodge

State Funding

In 2008, the General Assembly enacted SF 2432 (FY 2009 Infrastructure Appropriations Act) that appropriated the initial three years of funding. The Act provided a total of \$5.4 million annually from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) for FY 2009 through FY 2011. Since then, appropriations have been made in the annual infrastructure budget. Between FY 2009 and FY 2014, the amount appropriated totaled approximately \$15.2 million, averaging \$1.9 million annually for those years. Generally, the state appropriations act as match to draw down federal funding.

Related Statutes

Iowa Code chapter 29A

U.S. Statutes at Large: H.R. 3222, Department of Defense Appropriation Act, Pub. L. No. 110-116, 121 Stat. 1295 (2007)

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More Information

Iowa National Guard: http://www.iowanationalguard.com/

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