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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

Fiscal Services Division

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# Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program

## Purpose and History

Appropriations are made from the infrastructure budget for the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program, managed by the Department of Transportation (DOT). Appropriated funds support infrastructure improvements at Iowa transit agencies.

In 2006, the General Assembly created the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Fund to assist public transit agencies with facility needs. At the time, State public transit assistance funds authorized under Iowa Code section 324A.6 and federal funds provided for vehicle replacement and operating costs, but the transit agencies did not have a resource for infrastructure funding. House File 2782 (FY 2007 Infrastructure Appropriations Act) added the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Fund in Iowa Code section 324A.6A and provided the initial appropriation from the infrastructure budget.

## Public Transit Infrastructure Grants and Projects

Applications for grants from the Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program are submitted by the transit agencies to the DOT Office of Public Transit and approved by the Transportation Commission. State matching funds may provide up to 80.0% of the cost of the project, and the local agency must fund the remaining 20.0% in cash or value of real property. Regional and urban public transit systems, as defined in Iowa Code section 324A.1, are eligible to apply for funding. There are 35 public transit systems in Iowa that may apply for funding through the Program.

Projects and eligible expenses funded through the Program include construction, expansion, and renovation of various types of facilities, or relocation of facilities if necessary to correct safety or design violations. Projects have included improvements and construction for bus storage buildings, administrative buildings, and maintenance facilities, as well as reconstruction of steam-cleaning areas and improvements to wash bays. Projects in the Program must meet the definition of vertical infrastructure in Iowa Code section 8.57(5).

## State Funding

Since FY 2012, funding levels have remained consistent at \$1.5 million annually.

This appropriation is typically funded from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF). However, appropriations have also been made from the Endowment for Iowa's Health Restricted Capitals Fund (RC2), the Revenue Bonds Capitals Fund (RBC), and the Revenue Bonds Capitals II Fund (RBC2).

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## More Information

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**Related Statutes and Administrative Rules**

Iowa Code sections [8.57\(5\)](#) and [324A.6A](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [761—924](#)