

Programs Funded through the Iowa Coronavirus Relief Fund

Department of Administrative Services

- **Support for Local Government Relief Payments:** These funds have been transferred to cover costs associated with work in support of the Local Government Relief Payments program.

Department on Aging

- **AAA Nutrition Programs:** The Iowa Department on Aging administers the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs and Services in accordance with the [Older Americans Act](#). The objectives of the programs are to reduce hunger and food insecurity among older individuals, promote socialization of older individuals, promote the health and well-being of older individuals, and delay adverse health conditions for older individuals.

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALS)

- **Feeding Iowans Initiative:** The Feeding Iowans Task Force was created by Governor Reynolds to implement the Feeding Iowans Initiative. The purpose of the Initiative is to assist Iowans impacted by food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Feeding Iowans programs through the DALS are the Pass the Pork Program, the Beef Up Iowa Program, the Pack the Pantry Program, the Meat Processing Expansion and Development Program, and the Local Produce and Protein Program. Additional information on these programs can be found at the [DALS](#) website.
- **Iowa Disposal Assistance Program:** The [Iowa Disposal Assistance Program](#) was created to assist Iowa pork producers who are unable to harvest pigs because of COVID-19 supply chain disruptions. In the event pork producers are forced to euthanize animals, the producers can apply for State funding to properly dispose of carcasses in an environmentally sound manner. The Program will provide producers \$40 per animal to help cover a portion of the disposal costs for qualifying hogs.
- **Renewable Fuels Retail Recovery Program:** This Program provides financial assistance to filling stations, truck stops, and other fuel retailers to help them recover from lost demand caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Iowa fuel retailers that dispense, or have plans to dispense, ethanol blends of E15 or higher or biodiesel blends of B11 or higher, and biodiesel terminal facilities are eligible to apply for the relief funds.

College Student Aid Commission

- **Last-Dollar Scholarship Program Fund:** The Last-Dollar Scholarship Program was created in 2018 in [HF 2458](#) (Future Ready Iowa Act). The Program provides financial aid to students attending community colleges or accredited private nonprofit institutions and enrolled in programs of study that lead to a postsecondary credential, up to and including an associate degree, aligned with a high-demand job as designated by Iowa Workforce Development or a community college.

Economic Development Authority

- **Small Business Disaster Assistance Fund:** This program provides financial assistance to small businesses that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program offers eligible small businesses grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and permits deferral of sales and use taxes or withholding taxes and a waiver of penalty and interest. For additional information, see the **Fiscal Update Article** [COVID-19 — Iowa Small Business Relief Program Update — May 12, 2020](#).
- **AmeriCorps:** AmeriCorps is a program of the federal [Corporation for National and Community Service](#), which is an independent federal agency designed to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. The AmeriCorps program in Iowa is coordinated through [Volunteer Iowa](#).
- **Grow Iowa Values Fund:** The Governor transferred \$7.0 million from the Iowa Coronavirus Relief Fund (ICRF) to the Grow Iowa Values Fund (GIVF) to reimburse the GIVF for transfers totaling \$7.0 million to the Small Business Disaster Assistance Fund that were made in March and April 2020.

- **Biofuels Relief Fund:** The program provides short-term cash flow assistance to Iowa-based biodiesel and ethanol companies impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The maximum award per company cannot exceed \$750,000.
- **Small Business Utility Assistance Program:** This program provides short-term relief of up to \$7,500 to eligible small businesses and nonprofits that face significant hardship in the payment of utility bills for service provided during the months of disruption to their business.
- **Iowa Hospital COVID-19 Relief Program:** This program provides financial relief to Iowa's hospitals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Nonprofit Recovery Program:** This program will provide short-term relief to nonprofit organizations that have experienced a net loss in revenue as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant funds are to be used for short-term cash flow assistance to continue operations, provide increased services and supports, or to reopen the nonprofit following the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Movie Theater Relief Fund:** The program will provide short-term relief to eligible movie theaters impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic for the purpose of continuing or resuming business operations. Theaters in Iowa showing films open to all ages are eligible for \$10,000 per movie screen.

Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

- **Feeding Iowans Initiative — Food Banks:** The funds for this initiative will be used for the purchase and repackaging of bulk food products for food banks across Iowa.
- **FEMA Public Assistance Program:** These funds provide the State match of federal funds received through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program.
- **COVID-19 Staffing:** These funds are being used to cover increased salary costs associated with responding to COVID-19 relief efforts. A portion of the funds (\$448,500) was transferred to the Governor's Office for increased salary costs.

Department of Human Services (DHS)

- **Double Up Food Bucks:** The [Double Up Food Bucks](#) program connects low-income families with healthy food grown by Iowa farmers and increases those families' access to fresh fruits and vegetables.
- **Commodity Supplemental Foods Program (CSFP):** The [CSFP](#) provides supplemental food and nutrition education for persons ages 60 and over. Available foods include canned fruits and vegetables, hot and cold cereals, cheese, peanut butter, beans, pastas, and canned and powdered milk.
- **Medicaid Mental Health Services:** The Governor transferred \$80.0 million from the ICRF to the DHS on August 11, 2020. Of this, \$50.0 million is related to mental health and substance use disorders, including \$30.0 million for the Mental Health and Disability Services Regions to supplement current funding for adult and children's mental health services and to meet increased needs, and \$20.0 million for Medicaid mental health and substance abuse provider services due to increased costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The remaining \$30.0 million will be provided as a one-time payment to Medicaid habilitation services providers to help ensure patient access through the pandemic.
- **COVID-19 Mitigation:** These funds will be used for staff and equipment costs incurred by the DHS in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA)

- **Health Facilities Division Database:** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented a new Infection Control Survey due to COVID-19. These funds will be used for the development of a new database to incorporate Infection Control Surveys and allow for transparent communication related to COVID-19.
- **Telework Equipment:** These funds will be used to comply with social distancing guidelines developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Iowa Department of

Public Health. This will include the purchase of additional hardware for emergency telework needs for several critical DIA employees, including computers, printers, and supporting devices such as monitors, adapters, and cables.

Iowa Finance Authority

- **Iowa Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Program:** The funds for this Program will be used to assist Iowans who have been economically impacted by COVID-19 and may be facing housing cost hardships.
- **Livestock Producer Relief Fund:** This [program](#) provides eligible livestock producers with grants up to \$10,000 that may be used as working capital to continue operations.
- **Beginning Farmer Debt Relief Fund:** This [program](#) provides eligible beginning farmers with a debt service payment up to \$10,000.

Judicial Branch

- **Court Technology and Modernization:** These funds assist in covering the Judicial Branch costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, including: audio/video equipment for virtual hearings and public viewing of proceedings; technology for evidence presentation, plexiglass, and additional furniture to allow for social distancing; and equipment to support employees working remotely.

Department of Management

- **Economic Emergency Fund:** The Governor transferred \$17.0 million from the ICRF to the Economic Emergency Fund to reimburse the Fund for transfers totaling \$17.0 million to the Small Business Disaster Assistance Fund made in March and April 2020.

Department of Natural Resources

- **Henry A. Wallace Building Access Upgrades:** The funds will be used to secure access to employee work space areas on each floor of the building through the installation of badge card readers for several access points and a new badged Americans with Disabilities (ADA)-compliant accessible doorway.

Office of the Chief Information Officer

- **Technology Upgrades:** A total of \$95.0 million was transferred from the ICRF to the Office of the Chief Information Officer to fund five projects. They are:
 - \$21.0 million for the Executive Branch to replace the State's budget, accounting, and human resources systems with a new provider (Workday, Inc.).
 - \$13.0 million for design and development of prioritized data streams, which will provide a backbone for analytics in the event of another pandemic.
 - \$7.1 million to develop and enhance citizen digital access for State government services.
 - \$3.9 million for various technology upgrades.
 - \$50.0 million for funding of grants to expand broadband services in Iowa.

Department of Public Safety

- **Emergency Response Costs:** Funds transferred to the Department of Public Safety will be used to cover expenses associated with responding to public health emergencies including salaries and overtime.

Department of Revenue

- **Local Government Relief Payments:** These funds are to provide reimbursements to cities and counties for costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds are required to be used in

accordance with U.S. Treasury Department guidelines. Of the total, \$40.0 million is designated for counties and \$60.0 million for cities. Additional information is available [here](#).

Department of Workforce Development

- **Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund:** The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund finances the costs of the Unemployment Insurance Program, which pays benefits to covered workers who become involuntarily unemployed and meet specified eligibility requirements. The Governor transferred \$490.0 million from the ICRF to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund on June 29, 2020.
- **Future Ready Iowa – Employer Innovation Fund:** The Iowa Employer Innovation Program matches eligible employer moneys to expand opportunities for education and training leading to high-demand jobs, to encourage Iowa employers to provide leadership and support for regional workforce talent pools throughout the State, and to fund Future Ready Iowa education and outreach.