

**159.21 International relations fund.**

1. An international relations fund is created in the state treasury under the control of the department. The fund is composed of moneys appropriated by the general assembly and moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the department from the United States or private sources for placement in the fund.

2. Moneys in the fund are subject to an annual audit by the auditor of state. The fund is subject to warrants written by the director of the department of administrative services, drawn upon the written requisition of the department.

3. Moneys in the fund are appropriated exclusively to support costs incurred by the department related to promoting the sale of Iowa agricultural commodities and agricultural products to government officials and business leaders of other nations. The department may use moneys in the fund to support travel, including international travel, for the secretary of agriculture or the secretary's designee, and hosting or attending trade missions, functions, or events.

4. [Section 8.33](#) shall not apply to moneys in the fund. Notwithstanding [section 12C.7](#), moneys earned as income or interest from the fund shall remain in the fund until expended as provided in [this section](#).

[2000 Acts, ch 1224, §26](#); [2003 Acts, ch 145, §286](#)