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### CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND TRANSFER — DECEMBER 15, 2020

**Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Transfer.** On December 15, 2020, Governor Reynolds notified the Department of Management (DOM) that she authorized a \$5.0 million transfer from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD). The Governor also authorized a transfer of \$1.8 million to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) from the CRF, for a total transfer of \$6.8 million.

**Allocation of Funds.** According to the HSEMD, the \$5.0 million CRF transfer will be used to execute a staffing contract with Favorite Healthcare Staffing (FHS), a health care staffing company. FHS will assist existing hospital staff shortages in the areas of ICU and medical surge care. A total of 100 nurses will be assigned to 42 hospitals statewide. Additionally, FHS is providing extra staffing of four nurses to assist at a statewide patient transfer call center. The total \$5.0 million contract will cover staffing and related costs through December 30, 2020.

The \$1.8 million transfer to IDALS from the CRF covers costs related to three grant programs, and is allocated as follows:

- The Renewable Fuel Retail Recovery Program — \$713,000.
- The Meat Processing and Development Program — \$981,000.
- The Local Produce and Protein Program — \$102,000.

More information on IDALS grants can be found [here](#).

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