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FY 2026 DEPARTMENT REQUESTS — AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund Department Requests. Departments are requesting a total of \$50.2 million from the General Fund for FY 2026. This is an increase of \$4.3 million compared to estimated FY 2025.

General Fund Appropriation Totals					
	Actual FY 2024	Estimated FY 2025	Dept Request FY 2026	Dept Req v. Est. FY 2025	Percent Change
Agriculture and Land Stewardship	\$ 23,892,390	\$ 25,319,201	\$ 27,819,201	\$ 2,500,000	9.9%
Department of Natural Resources	14,932,293	15,535,000	15,535,000	0	0.0%
Board of Regents	4,719,544	5,069,544	6,819,544	1,750,000	34.5%
Total Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 43,544,227	\$ 45,923,745	\$ 50,173,745	\$ 4,250,000	9.3%

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS). The Department is requesting increases from the General Fund totaling \$2.5 million, including:

- An increase of \$650,000 for the Choose Iowa Fund to increase outreach and marketing; website development and information technology needs; and new staff for retail outreach, recruitment, and event coordination for the Choose Iowa Program.
- A new appropriation of \$750,000 for the Animal Industries Division to help maintain the Division's ability to fulfill its duties and keep up with increased costs.
- A new appropriation of \$150,000 for increased inspections of commercial establishments by the Animal Welfare Program.
- A new appropriation of \$750,000 for the Food Safety Division to support consistent staffing levels for meat, poultry, and dairy inspections and associated regulatory laboratory functions.
- A new appropriation of \$200,000 for market reporting, which includes data collection and reporting on various agricultural products.

Board of Regents. The Board of Regents is requesting increases from the General Fund totaling \$1.8 million, including:

- An increase of \$1.5 million to the Iowa State University (ISU) Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to address increased costs associated with personnel, facility and equipment maintenance, and supplies.
- An increase of \$250,000 to ISU for livestock disease research to help increase the capacity of research done at the facility as well as address increased costs of current research.

FY 2026 Other Funds Department Requests. The Departments are requesting a total of \$98.1 million from Other Funds for FY 2026. This is a decrease of \$596,000 compared to estimated FY 2025.

Other Funds Appropriation Totals					
	Actual	Estimated	Dept Request	Dept Req v.	Percent
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Est. FY 2025	Change
Agriculture and Land Stewardship	\$ 18,355,516	\$ 18,205,516	\$ 18,105,516	\$ -100,000	-0.5%
Department of Natural Resources	77,712,943	79,461,868	78,965,640	-496,228	-0.6%
Board of Regents	815,000	1,065,000	1,065,000	0	0.0%
Total Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 96,883,459	\$ 98,732,384	\$ 98,136,156	\$ -596,228	-0.6%

IDALS. The IDALS is not requesting:

- \$100,000 from the Blufflands Protection Revolving Loan Fund for the IDALS Choose Iowa Food Program in FY 2026. The Blufflands Revolving Loan Fund no longer has a fund balance.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The DNR is not requesting the following line items from Other Funds in FY 2026:

- \$200,000 from the Underground Storage Tank Fund for the DNR's Administration Match for the Underground Storage Tank Program. This was a standing appropriation that was repealed in 2024 Iowa Acts, [Senate File 2414](#) (Underground Storage Tank Fund, Use of Moneys Act).
- Approximately \$300,000 from the Blufflands Protection Revolving Loan Fund to the DNR for State Park Accessibility. The Blufflands Revolving Loan Fund no longer has a fund balance.

Additional Notes. Additional information can be found on the LSA website as follows:

- [Appropriation Tracking](#)
- [Department Webpages](#)
- [Budget Unit Briefs](#)

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