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## FY 2026 DEPARTMENT REQUESTS — TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND CAPITALS APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE (UPDATED)

**Fiscal Year 2026 Department of Transportation Requests.** The Department of Transportation (DOT) is requesting a total of \$453.9 million in appropriations from the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) and the Primary Road Fund (PRF) for FY 2026. This is a decrease of \$16.4 million compared to estimated FY 2025.

<b>Transportation Appropriation Requests</b>						
	Actual FY 2024	Estimated FY 2025	Dept Request FY 2026	Dept Req vs Est FY 2025	Percent Change	
Department of Transportation						
Road Use Tax Fund	\$ 55,878,778	\$ 54,784,905	\$ 54,784,905	\$ 0	0.0%	
Primary Road Fund	362,660,941	387,206,188	387,206,188	0	0.0%	
Subtotal	\$ 418,539,719	\$ 441,991,093	\$ 441,991,093	\$ 0	0.0%	
DOT – Capitals						
Road Use Tax Fund	\$ 4,202,800	\$ 2,374,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -1,974,000	-83.2%	
Primary Road Fund	32,117,200	25,916,359	11,500,000	-14,416,359	-55.6%	
Subtotal	\$ 36,320,000	\$ 28,290,359	\$ 11,900,000	\$ -16,390,359	-57.9%	
Total	\$ 454,859,719	\$ 470,281,452	\$ 453,891,093	\$ -16,390,359	-3.5%	

The decrease in requested appropriations for FY 2026 is due to one-time funding appropriated in FY 2025 for three line items. The DOT is not requesting FY 2026 appropriations for the Albia garage and the Jefferson garage renovations. The DOT received \$14.3 million total from the PRF in estimated FY 2025 for these projects. The third change is that the DOT is not requesting FY 2026 appropriations for the electronic records management system. The General Assembly appropriated a total of \$9.2 million for this system between FY 2023 and FY 2025. The DOT received \$2.0 million from the RUTF and \$126,000 from the PRF for this purpose in FY 2025.

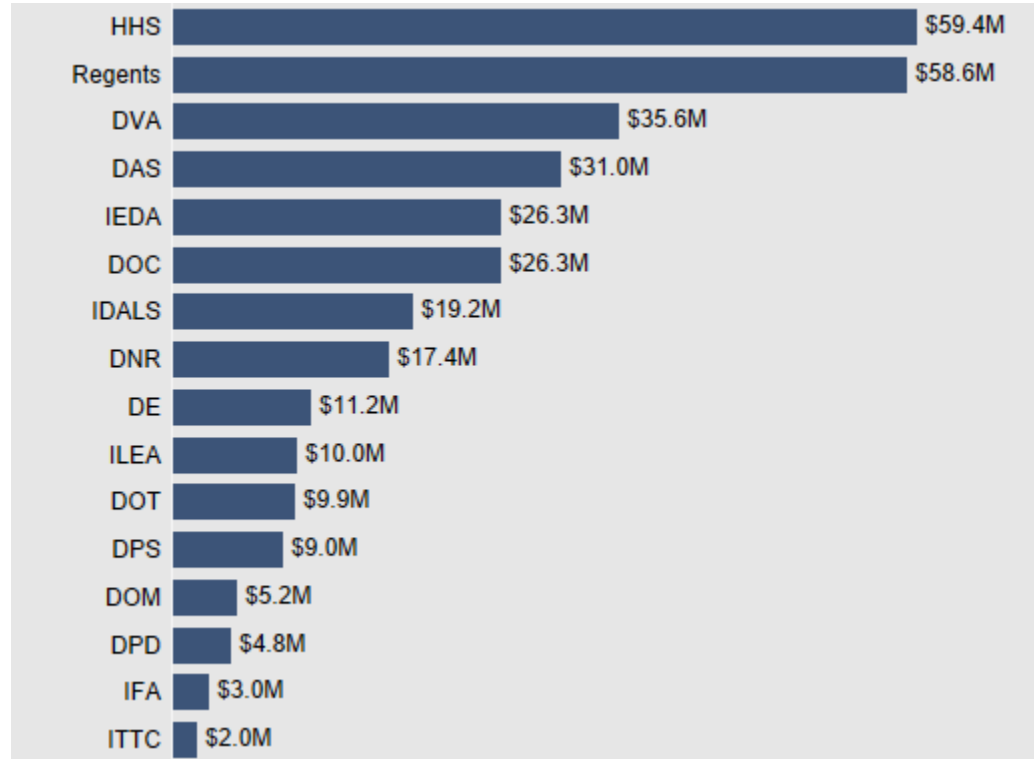
**Fiscal Year 2026 Infrastructure Department Requests.** Departments are requesting a total of \$332.5 million for FY 2026. Of the total, \$305.9 million is requested from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) and \$26.6 million is requested from the Technology Reinvestment Fund (TRF). These totals do not include a standing appropriation of \$42.0 million to the Environment First Fund.

**Total FY 2026 Infrastructure and Technology Requests**

	Actual FY 2024	Estimated FY 2025	Dept Request FY 2026
Administrative Services (DAS)	\$22,200,000	\$31,364,500	\$30,997,500
Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS)	\$24,200,000	\$23,200,000	\$19,200,000
Auditor of State	\$292,500	\$0	\$0
Blind	\$232,000	\$225,600	\$559,000
Corrections (DOC)	\$7,069,936	\$3,604,279	\$26,260,821
Economic Development Authority (IEDA)	\$17,450,000	\$21,700,000	\$26,325,000
Education (DE)	\$9,370,808	\$3,523,000	\$11,182,800
Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board	\$66,000	\$0	\$0
Health and Human Services (HHS)	\$9,632,680	\$34,931,842	\$59,406,347
Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt	\$400,000	\$10,400,000	\$400,000
Iowa Finance Authority (IFA)	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Judicial Branch	\$790,290	\$1,067,200	\$229,000
Justice	\$278,503	\$278,503	\$557,006
Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA)	\$100,000	\$0	\$10,000,000
Legislative Branch	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Management (DOM)	\$3,877,131	\$3,564,789	\$5,247,453
Natural Resources (DNR)	\$22,850,000	\$18,915,000	\$17,350,000
Parole	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
Public Defense (DPD)	\$8,192,000	\$4,750,000	\$4,750,000
Public Safety (DPS)	\$9,254,358	\$8,924,379	\$8,986,177
Regents	\$45,900,000	\$33,350,000	\$58,600,000
Revenue	\$4,070,460	\$4,070,460	\$0
Secretary of State	\$0	\$324,000	\$0
State Fair Authority	\$6,000,000	\$0	\$0
Telecommunications and Tech Commission (ITTC)	\$578,412	\$0	\$2,000,000
Transportation (DOT)	\$16,900,000	\$9,900,000	\$9,900,000
Treasurer of State	\$1,060,000	\$1,480,000	\$1,480,000
Veterans Affairs (DVA)	\$0	\$168,388	\$35,567,897
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$214,285,078</b>	<b>\$219,241,940</b>	<b>\$332,499,001</b>

## Infrastructure and Technology Requests by Department — FY 2026

### Total Requests by Department Over \$1.5 Million



### Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) Requests — FY 2026

This section reviews all RIIF requests.

#### Department of Administrative Services (DAS). The DAS is requesting:

- \$22.0 million for major maintenance. This request was previously enacted in 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter [1155](#) (FY 2025 Infrastructure and Capitals Projects Act), and remains unchanged.
- \$2.0 million for routine maintenance. This request is a standing appropriation.
- \$2.0 million for demolition of the fleet building located at East 7th Street and Walnut Street.
- \$5.0 million for the State Historical Society to implement sustainable collection storage, including efficiency of ongoing collection management, protection of materials while on shelves, and lighting.

#### Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS). The IDALS is requesting:

- \$8.2 million for the Water Quality Initiative.
- \$10.0 million for the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Fund.
- \$1.0 million for fertilizer management.

**Department for the Blind.** The Department for the Blind is requesting \$559,000 for replacement of the building's chiller.

#### Department of Corrections (DOC). The DOC is requesting \$22.8 million for the following projects:

- Air conditioning installation at the Anamosa State Penitentiary (ASP).
- Construction of a new Central Office to house all field staff and to retool the current Central Office to be utilized as a 30-bed residential facility at the Fourth District in Council Bluffs.
- Multiple projects at the Fort Des Moines residential facility, the Fresh Start Women's Facility, and the Fifth District building.
- Air conditioning installation in East and West housing units at the Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility (MPCF).

- Perimeter security fence replacement at the MPCF.
- Replacement of the hot and cold water loop system (heating system) at the Newton Correctional Facility.

**Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA).** The IEDA is requesting:

- \$10.0 million for Community and Attraction Tourism Grants.
- \$700,000 for grants to Regional Sports Authorities.
- \$10.0 million for Destination Iowa Grants.
- \$250,000 for the Rural YMCA Grant Program.

**General Assembly.** The General Assembly is requesting \$500,000 for the State Capitol Maintenance Fund. This is a standing appropriation.

**Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).** The HHS is requesting \$59.4 million in total to address a number of major maintenance needs across HHS facilities, many of which are multi-year projects. This amount includes:

- \$28.0 million for the Iowa Medical Examiner officer expansion. This request was previously enacted in 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter [1155](#) (FY 2025 Infrastructure and Capitals Projects Act), and remains unchanged.
- \$14.3 million for the Woodward Resource Center tunnel decentralization project. This request was previously enacted in 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter [1155](#) (FY 2025 Infrastructure and Capitals Projects Act), and remains unchanged.
- \$6.1 million for health, safety, and loss maintenance projects. Listed projects include:
  - Backup boiler replacement at the Cherokee Mental Health Institute (CMHI).
  - Window replacement at the Woodward Resource Center (WRC).
  - A culinary arts facility remodel at the Eldora State Training School.
  - Upgrades that would allow patient gym access at the Civil Commitment Unit for Sexual Offenders (CCUSO).
  - Yard expansion at the CCUSO.
  - Roof repair at the Infirmary Building at the Independence Mental Health Institute (IMHI).
  - Interior electrical wiring at the CMHI.
  - Fire sprinklers at the Linden Court Building at the WRC.
  - Patient room doors conversion at the CCUSO.
  - Elevator installation on the Reynolds Building south wing at the IMHI.
  - Water tower paint at the WRC.
- \$1.6 million for maintenance projects. Listed projects include:
  - Active shooter command center at the Eldora State Training School.
  - Boiler replacement at the IMHI.
  - Diesel tank replacement at the WRC.
  - HVAC upgrades at the CMHI.
  - Plumbing infrastructure at Linden Court buildings at the WRC.
- \$9.5 million for major projects. Listed projects include:
  - Cromwell facility remodel for occupancy at the IMHI.
  - Corbett-Miller Hall window and door replacement at the Eldora State Training School.
  - Renovation of three wards at the CCUSO.
  - School parking lot paving at the Eldora State Training School.

**Iowa Finance Authority (IFA).** The IFA is requesting \$3.0 million for the State Housing Trust Fund. This is a standing appropriation.

**Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA).** The ILEA is requesting \$10.0 million to construct a dedicated driving training area for multi-agency use at Camp Dodge.

**Judicial Branch.** The Judicial Branch is requesting \$229,000 for furniture following the Linn County courthouse renovation.

**Department of Natural Resources (DNR).** The DNR is requesting:

- \$1.5 million for the Water Trails and Low-Head Dam programs.
- \$9.6 million for the Lake Restoration and Water Quality programs.
- \$6.0 million for State Park infrastructure improvements.
- \$250,000 for the Community Forestry Grant program.

**Department of Public Defense (DPD).** The DPD is requesting:

- \$2.1 million for armory and facilities maintenance.
- \$2.1 million to renovate readiness centers.
- \$550,000 for infrastructure improvements to Camp Dodge.

**Department of Public Safety (DPS).** The DPS is requesting:

- \$6.5 million to fund the lease payment on equipment related to the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System. The final lease payment for this System will be in FY 2026, and the maintenance agreement goes through FY 2030.
- \$2.5 million to the Public Safety Equipment Revolving Fund.

**Board of Regents.** The Board is requesting:

- \$30.0 million for deferred maintenance/building renewal projects in General Education Fund (GEF) facilities.
- \$3.0 million to renovate the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory. This request was previously enacted in 2024 Iowa Acts, chapter [1155](#) (FY 2025 Infrastructure and Capitals Projects Act), and remains unchanged.
- \$25.6 million for tuition replacement.

**Iowa Communications Network (ICN).** The ICN is requesting \$2.0 million for installation of a third fiber connection into Iowa National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters (JFHQ) for redundancy and diversity.

**Department of Transportation (DOT).** The DOT is requesting:

- \$3.5 million for recreational trail grants.
- \$1.5 million for public transit infrastructure grants.
- \$2.0 million for the Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program.
- \$1.9 million for commercial aviation infrastructure grants.
- \$1.0 million for general aviation grants.

**Treasurer of State (TOS).** The TOS is requesting \$1.1 million for county fair improvements.

**Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA).** The DVA is requesting \$35.6 million to expand and renovate the dietary kitchen at the Iowa Veterans Home, including new flooring, meal service structure and workflow, an HVAC system, equipment replacement, and roof replacement.

### Technology Reinvestment Fund (TRF) Requests — FY 2026

This section reviews all TRF requests.

**Attorney General.** The Attorney General's Office is requesting \$557,000 for continued technology projects.

**Department of Corrections (DOC).** The DOC is requesting \$3.4 million for various purposes. Listed projects include building automation system upgrades and replacement, automated staffing tracking systems, a taut wire system upgrade, computer backup system purchase and installation, camera system upgrades, body camera replacements, tasers purchase and deployment, building automation system migration, uninterruptible power supply battery backup replacement, sodium hydroxide system

replacement, door control computer replacement, personal data assistant (PDA) updates, phone system upgrades, and network upgrades.

**Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA).** The IEDA is requesting \$5.4 million for an Enterprise Management System.

**Department of Education (DE).** The DE is requesting:

- \$2.7 million to fund the cost of leases for the Iowa Communications Network.
- \$600,000 to fund the licensing costs for the Statewide Education Data Warehouse.
- \$7.9 million in FY 2026 and \$4.7 million in FY 2027 for Iowa PBS to replace the broadcast transmitter tower and equipment at KDIN in Polk County.

**Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD).** The HSEMD is requesting \$400,000 for the Statewide Mass Notification and Emergency Messaging System.

**Department of Management (DOM).** The DOM is requesting:

- \$45,000 for an online searchable budget and financial information database.
- \$70,000 for Iowa's Electronic Grant Management system.
- \$120,000 for the Local Government Budget and Property Tax System.
- \$382,000 for the Socrata license for [data.iowa.gov](https://data.iowa.gov).
- \$1.4 million for the Criminal Justice Information System. This appropriation is under HHS in FY 2025.
- \$283,000 for the Justice Data Warehouse. This appropriation is under HHS in FY 2025.
- \$2.9 million for the Chief Information Officer security office.

**Treasurer of State.** The Treasurer of State is requesting:

- \$192,000 for Clearwater software.
- \$228,000 for Tyler Tech software.

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

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

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