

## **FISCAL UPDATE Article**

Fiscal Services Division
February 1, 2017



## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Meeting.** The Executive Council met in Room G-09 of the State Capitol on January 30, 2017. The Council approved the following agenda items:

**lowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) Request for Funds.** There are a total of 17 open disasters in lowa. The two newest are:

- Presidential Disaster Declaration DR-4281, which included severe storms, straight-line winds, and floods that impacted eight counties (August 23, 2016 August 27, 2016). The total federal, State, and local amount of damage is estimated to be \$9.3 million. The total estimated State liability is \$1.4 million. The FY 2017 amount requested from the Treasurer's Office to the HSEMD was \$351,000.
- Presidential Disaster Declaration DR-4289, which included severe storms and floods that impacted 19 counties (September 21, 2016 – October 3, 2016). The total federal, State, and local amount of damage is estimated to be \$54.8 million. The total estimated State liability is \$6.9 million. The FY 2017 amount requested from the Treasurer's Office to the HSEMD was \$1.2 million.

**HSEMD Transfer of Funds.** The HSEMD Recovery Division Administrator, Patrick Hall, requested the return of \$6.9 million in allocated amounts from four Presidential Disaster Declarations to the Treasurer of State's Office.

**Litigation Expense Fund.** The Attorney General's Office, on behalf of the Department of Revenue, requested and received approval to expend \$50,000 from the Litigation Expense Fund during the third quarter of the 2017 fiscal year.

**Emergency Allocations.** A total of \$17,000 was approved for the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to cover repair costs from a water leak in the Capitol Building, and for the Department of Public Safety to cover hail damage sustained by six Patrol vehicles.

Payment of Cost Items. A total of \$77,600 was approved.

**Outside Counsel.** The Council agreed to defer, for one week, a request from the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office, for the retention of outside counsel to provide legal services for the State Treasurer's Office, Unclaimed Property Division, in regard to probate matters and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). Attorney fees and costs will be paid from the Unclaimed Property Fund.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Executive Council is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in Room G-09.

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