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RE: FY 2018 Annual Urban Renewal Report — Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

Pursuant to <u>lowa Code section 331.403(3)(d)</u>, the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) respectfully submits the attached report titled **FY 2018 Annual Urban Renewal Report** — **Tax Increment Financing (TIF)** to the Governor and the General Assembly. The report was prepared in consultation with Department of Management (DOM) and summarizes the tax increment financing reports submitted by local governments on urban renewal areas in effect at any time during FY 2018.

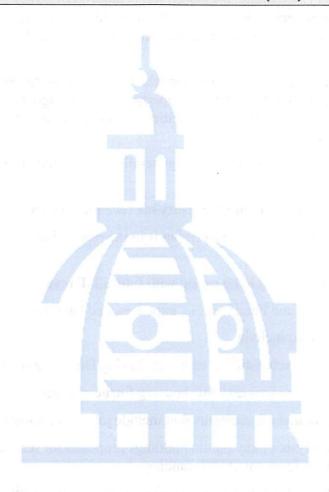
<u>lowa Code section 331.403(3)(c)</u> also required that the DOM, in collaboration with the LSA, make publicly available on an Internet site by December 1, 2012, a searchable database of all such information required under <u>lowa Code section 331.403</u>. This was completed and the website address is: <u>www.legis.iowa.gov/tif/public</u>

Sincerely,

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# FY 2018 ANNUAL URBAN RENEWAL REPORT TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF)



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#### Introduction

<u>House File 2460</u> (Tax Increment Finance Reporting Act of 2012) established new urban renewal and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) reporting requirements for counties, cities, and Rural Improvement Zones with Urban Renewal Areas in place during FY 2012 and subsequent fiscal years.

Tax increment financing is a financing mechanism for urban renewal. It involves dividing the property taxes paid from property within a designated area between the traditional taxing authorities (counties, cities, schools, etc.) and the taxing authority that created the TIF area.

The reporting requirements in <u>HF 2460</u> generally relate to the property tax implications of TIF:

- Information on the amount of property tax revenue diverted to TIF.
- Property tax rebates paid with TIF funds in the report fiscal year and planned for future fiscal years.
- Local government debt to be repaid with future TIF revenue.
- TIF Special Revenue Fund income, expenses, and balances.

The requirements also include:

- Reporting on characteristics of each TIF Taxing District and Urban Renewal Area.
- Low and moderate income (LMI) housing financial statistics.
- Data on development agreements that include job requirements and TIF expenditures.
- A financial analysis of any public buildings proposed for renovation or construction paid in whole or in part with TIF funding.

In addition, local governments must provide copies of maps, ordinances, and adopted plans in place for each Urban Renewal Area.

Reporting must be submitted electronically pursuant to instructions prescribed by the Department of Management (DOM) in consultation with the Legislative Services Agency (LSA). House File 2460 further requires the LSA, in consultation with the DOM, to deliver an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly summarizing and analyzing the information submitted in the local government reports. This document serves as the required annual report. Appendix A of this document provides basic information on TIF and a brief history of TIF reporting requirements.

The website for local government data entry, as well as for public access to the data, is found at: <a href="www.legis.iowa.gov/tif/la">www.legis.iowa.gov/tif/la</a>. See **Appendix B** for a screenshot of the urban renewal reporting and public access website.

## TIF Report Project — FY 2018 Summary

For the FY 2018 report, 440 local governments filed urban renewal reports with the State by January 22, 2019. This represents 91.1% of the expected 483 local governments. Highlighted findings from the FY 2018 report include:

- While the FY 2018 reporting project had an excellent response rate, a few local
  governments have not submitted a report. Any local government that is subject to the
  reporting requirement will not be able to certify its FY 2020 budget until an urban
  renewal report has been filed with the DOM. All local governments that had not filed
  the required information in time for last year's report filed in time for FY 2019
  budget certification.
- Local governments had a total of \$167.2 million in TIF Special Revenue Fund balances at the end of FY 2018. That amount represents 45.8% of FY 2018 TIF revenue. The balance may only be expended on eligible urban renewal activities, or else it must be returned to the county for distribution to the regular local government property tax system.
- Reported TIF property tax revenue totals \$323.9 million in property tax and \$4.6 million in property tax replacement claims. Respectively, these amounts are 97.9% and 115.0% of the expected totals, based on budgets filed with the DOM at the beginning of FY 2018. Combined, the difference between what was expected as revenue (\$335.0 million) and what was reported (\$328.5 million) equals \$6.5 million.
- Expenditures from TIF Special Revenue Funds on property tax rebates and debt payments totaled \$377.5 million, an increase of 1.8% compared to FY 2017.
- Unused TIF Special Revenue Fund revenue totaling \$0.9 million was returned to the local property tax system.
- Local governments reported a total of \$3.327 billion in outstanding debt that they expect to repay with future TIF revenue. The amount is an increase of \$122.0 million from the FY 2017 reported debt and represents 10.1 years of TIF property tax revenue at the budgeted FY 2018 TIF property tax revenue level (\$331.0 million).
- Just under 50.0% of the reported outstanding TIF debt has a repayment schedule that extends beyond FY 2029.
- 67.2% of all outstanding TIF debt is bond debt (general obligation and TIF revenue bonds) and another 24.1% is future tax rebates.
- Annual appropriation debt represents 39.1% of reported debt.
- A total of \$69.6 million in property tax rebates was paid with TIF funds in FY 2018.
- A total of \$307.9 million in TIF funds was used on nonrebate expenditures (debt repayments).
- Of the \$307.9 million, 53.6% was associated with bridge, road, and utility projects; 6.7% with administrative expenses; and 7.6% with public buildings.
- Three counties and 59 cities reported a total of \$18.6 million in LMI financial obligations that must be satisfied in future fiscal years.
- A total of 74 local governments reported a total of 283 development agreements in place in FY 2018. Those agreements require the creation or retention of 34,781 jobs. Most projects financed with TIF revenue do not have specific job creation agreements.
- Less than 20.0% of TIF Taxing Districts were created with slum and/or blighted conditions as a reason for the need to create the District. The majority (60.5%) of TIF

Taxing Districts in Iowa were created on the exclusive finding of economic development need.

- Over six years, a total of 31 cities have reported public building projects that are expected to utilize TIF revenue. For the FY 2018 report, five local governments filed public building financial analyses. New and renovated public buildings projects financed in whole or in part with TIF revenue reported in the FY 2018 filing include:
  - Fire station
  - Library
  - City hall
  - Public works
  - Fitness and recreation
  - Aquatic center
  - Elementary school

## **Local Government Responses**

For FY 2018, 483 cities, counties, and Rural Improvement Zones had a total of 1,082 Urban Renewal Areas.<sup>1</sup> A total of 43 local governments with \$5.2 million in budgeted TIF revenue for FY 2018 had not concluded the reporting process as of January 22, 2019. Nineteen of the 43 local governments that had not finished the reporting process did not receive any TIF revenue in FY 2018. Local governments with Urban Renewal Areas are not allowed to certify their budgets for the upcoming fiscal year without first completing the most recent urban renewal report. For last year's reporting cycle, a total of 16 local governments had not submitted completed reports in time for the annual report process.<sup>2</sup>

## **Financial Summary**

Local governments were asked to report FY 2018 revenue, expenditure, and fund balance information for all Urban Renewal Areas. For each local government, the amounts for all areas should sum to the revenue, expenditures, and balances of that local government's TIF Special Revenue Fund. **Table 1** presents total balance, revenue, and expenditure information across all TIF Special Revenue Funds as reported by local governments.

• Beginning Balance — Across all reporting entities, the beginning balance in TIF Special Revenue Funds totaled \$180.4 million, an increase of \$24.1 million compared to the FY 2017 total beginning balance. The beginning balance for FY 2018 was \$18.9 million above the ending balance for FY 2017. Most of the ending difference between the FY 2017 ending balance and the FY 2018 beginning balance is traced to four local governments (Floyd County, Franklin County, Tiffin, and Rock Valley). The FY 2017 TIF ending balance for these governments totaled \$0.1 million, but their FY 2018 beginning balance totaled \$19.6 million. In the case of the two counties, the discrepancy may be the result of refunding outstanding bonds. The two cities do not appear to have finished their FY 2018 TIF reports, so their balance entries are not accurate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although the reporting requirements center on the financial implications of TIF, Urban Renewal Areas that do not utilize TIF may also be subject to the reporting requirements. Urban Renewal Areas that have not yet utilized TIF revenue are not included in the DOM Property Valuation System.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Although 16 local governments had not filed FY 2017 TIF reports in time for last year's annual report, all local governments filed reports in time for certification of their FY 2019 budgets.

- TIF Property Tax Revenue Reported TIF property tax revenue for FY 2018 across all reporting entities totaled \$323.9 million. The DOM property tax and local government budget system indicates that FY 2018 TIF property tax revenue should total approximately \$331.0 million, indicating that at least \$7.1 million (2.2%) in FY 2018 TIF property tax revenue was not reported.
- Interest Interest on balances held within an Urban Renewal Special Revenue Fund is to be deposited to that Fund and used to repay TIF debt. The FY 2018 total interest reported across all entities was \$5.0 million, \$1.3 million lower than the \$6.3 million reported the previous year. However, the destination of Fund balance interest is a potential issue. There were 283 entities with beginning balances of \$10,000 or greater for FY 2018, but only 111 (39.2%) of those reported TIF interest for the year. Of the 34 entities with more than a \$1.0 million FY 2018 beginning balance, eight reported no interest deposited to their TIF Special Revenue Funds in FY 2018. Those eight local governments and their reported FY 2018 TIF Revenue Fund beginning balances include:
  - North Liberty (\$1.9 million)
  - Dyersville (\$1.8 million)
  - Tiffin (\$1.7 million)
  - Blue Grass (\$1.5 million)
  - Windsor Heights (\$1.4 million)
  - Orange City (\$1.1 million)
  - Cambridge (\$1.0 million)
  - Hull (\$1.0 million)
- Property Tax Replacement Claims Legislation enacted in 2013 (SF 295 Property Tax Modifications Act) reduced the percentage of commercial and industrial property value that is subject to property tax from 100.0% to 90.0%. That legislation created a State General Fund appropriation to reimburse local governments for the associated property tax revenue reduction. The LSA analysis of DOM property tax rate and valuation files for TIF increment districts indicates that the State General Fund TIF reimbursement for FY 2018 should total \$4.0 million. Local governments reported \$4.6 million in State reimbursements to TIF areas for FY 2018.
- Asset Sales and Repayments Proceeds from the sale of assets purchased with TIF funds and from other reimbursements and repayments are to be deposited to the TIF Special Revenue Fund and used to repay TIF debt.
- Rebates Property tax rebates paid from TIF revenue totaled \$69.6 million in FY 2018, up from \$67.0 million for FY 2017.
- Nonrebate Expenditures Nonrebate expenditures represent the repayment of TIF indebtedness. A total of \$307.9 million in nonrebate TIF debt was repaid in FY 2018.
- Returned to Property Tax System Nineteen local governments reported a total of \$0.9 million in excess TIF Special Revenue Funds being returned to the property tax system in FY 2018. Money returned to the property tax system in this manner is distributed to the regular property tax levy authorities.
- Ending Balance The combined balance of all TIF Special Revenue Funds decreased \$13.1 million during FY 2018 compared to the balances reported at the beginning of the fiscal year. At \$167.2 million, the beginning balance is an amount equal to 45.8% of reported FY 2018 TIF Special Revenue Fund revenue.

TIF Spec	cial I	Reve	ent	Tablue Fur	nds	Fina	nc	ial Su	mr	nary				
	FY 2	2012	F	2013	F	Y 2014	F	Y 2015	F.	Y 2016	F١	Y 2017	F	2018
Beginning Balance	_	04.5	\$	101.9	\$	99.5	\$	107.7	\$	129.3	\$		\$	180.4
TIF Property Tax Revenue	2	74.2		293.9		288.6		304.2		295.2		310.4		323.9
Interest		6.4		2.9		1.0		3.3		4.2		6.3		5.0
Property Tax Replacement Claims		0.0		0.0		0.0		2.6		14.8		14.3		4.6
Asset Sales & Repayments	13	19.6		31.5		33.6		19.1		19.1		45.3		31.7
Total Revenue	\$ 3	00.2	\$	328.3	\$	323.2	\$	329.2	\$	333.3	\$	376.3	\$	365.2
Rebates		61.6		69.8		62.2		60.1		63.3		67.0		69.6
Nonrebate Expenditures	2	29.1		264.0		249.4		256.5		252.5		303.8		307.9
Returned to Prop. Tax System		0.1		0.1		0.3		0.9	R <sup>1</sup>	0.2		0.3		0.9
Total Expenditures	\$ 2	90.8	\$	333.9	\$	311.9	\$	317.5	\$	316.0	\$	371.1	\$	378.4
Ending Balance	\$ 1	13.9	\$	96.3	\$	110.8	\$	119.4	\$	146.6	\$	161.5	\$	167.2

#### Debt

The survey of local governments required information on all outstanding debts at the beginning of FY 2018 that were to be paid with TIF property tax revenue in FY 2018 and future fiscal years. A total of 389 local governments reported a total of 3,258 debts outstanding (excludes any debts reported as zero) totaling \$3.327 billion. Some entities reported debt repayments extending more than 30 years into the future. Just under 50.0% of the debt repayment relates to debt schedules that extend beyond FY 2029. **Table 2** provides a breakdown of the total TIF debt reported by all local governments.

TIF Debt Re	abl po	100 P	2018		
Fiscal Year of	M	illions of			
Payment	-	Dollars	% of Total		
FY 2018	\$	128.6	3.9%		
FY 2019 - FY 2023		442.1	13.3%		
FY 2024 - FY 2028		941.0	28.3%		
FY 2029 - FY 2033		755.9	22.7%		
FY 2034 - FY 2038		759.9	22.8%		
FY 2039 & After		299.1	9.0%		
Total	\$	3,326.6	100.0%		

The TIF debt was reported in six categories (see **Table 3**):

- General Obligation Bonds Bonds that are the obligation of the local government. These bonds are backed by unlimited property tax authority.
- Internal Loans Money owed to one of the funds of the local government itself.
   Generally, the debt is created when the local government pays a TIF expenditure from existing funds, and the debt is retired when TIF funds are transferred to reimburse the original funding source.
- Other Debt Debt that is owed to other entities that is not bond debt, such as bank loans.
- Rebates Debt that is owed as part of a property tax rebate or development
  agreement between the local government and property owners. For the purposes of
  the annual urban renewal report, the local governments were required to report all
  agreements with the assumption that all future rebate payments will be made. For
  instances where the value of the rebate for future years is not known, best estimates
  are to be used.
- TIF Revenue Bonds Bonds that are the obligation of the local government, but are only repayable from the specific TIF revenue pledged to the bonds. If the revenue from TIF is insufficient, the debt may not be fully repaid.
- Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Housing Iowa Code section 403.22 requires local government urban renewal projects to include assistance for low-income and moderate-income housing, if the project itself is in an economic development Urban Renewal Area and if the project provides or aids in the provision of public improvements related to housing and residential development. The amount of required LMI assistance varies by city population. Iowa Code does not specify when the expenditure on low-income and moderate-income housing assistance must occur. Therefore, local governments that are required to expend money on LMI housing, but have yet to do so, reflect the obligation as an outstanding debt.

Table 3 Reported Debt by Debt Type, FY 2018  Dollars in Millions									
Debt Type	Principal	Interest	Debt	% of Total					
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 1,652.1	\$ 411.7	\$ 2,063.8	62.0%					
Internal Loans	172.8	3.3	176.1	5.3%					
Other Debt	91.2	3.3	94.5	2.8%					
Rebates	794.7	6.6	801.3	24.1%					
TIF Revenue Bonds	115.1	57.3	172.4	5.2%					
Low and Mod. Income Housing	18.4	0.1	18.5	0.6%					
Total	\$ 2,844.3	\$ 482.3	\$ 3,326.6	100.0%					

Annual vs. Ordinary Indebtedness. Annual appropriation debt differs from ordinary indebtedness. While ordinary indebtedness requires the periodic repayment of all principal and interest from the funding source pledged as the repayment source, annual appropriation debt documents specifically state that the local government reserves the right to not appropriate funds to make one or more debt payments. The documents that create the debt do not give the debt holder recourse to demand payment should the nonappropriation option be exercised. On a year-to-year basis, payments are at the discretion of the governing board or council.

As indicated in **Table 4**, 39.1% of TIF debt statewide is reported as annual appropriation debt. Local governments are required to report annual appropriation debt with the assumption that all annual payments will be made by future boards and councils.

	Table 4			
Debt by Appr	ropriation C	ategory,	FY 2018	
	Dollars in Millio			
Appropriation Category	Principal	Interest	Debt	% of Total
Appropriation Category Conventional Debt	Principal \$ 1,712.6	Interest \$ 312.2	Debt \$ 2,024.8	% of Total

Table 5, along with the final fiscal year for their longest debt schedule. The 10 local governments listed in **Table 5** represent 51.0% of all TIF debt reported. To provide perspective on the size of each city's TIF debt, the right two columns of **Table 5** provide the taxable value of the city for property tax purposes and the TIF debt as a percentage of the taxed value of the city. The 10 cities represent 36.5% of the taxed value of all Iowa cities and 56.1% of all reported FY 2018 city TIF debt.

				Ta	ble 5					
			TIF D	Debt Rep	ortec	I, FY 201	18			
				Dollars	in Millio	ons				
Local Government	Cor	nventional Debt	Appr	nnual opriation Debt	Tot	al Debt	Latest Repayment Date Reported	٦	tal FY 18  Faxable  /alue of  City	TIF Debt as a % of City Taxed Value
Coralville	\$	134.7	\$	279.0	\$	413.7	FY 2047	\$	1,769.3	23.4%
Des Moines		139.8		206.4		346.2	FY 2050		8,360.2	4.1%
West Des Moines		187.4		13.1		200.5	FY 2037		5,424.8	3.7%
Cedar Rapids		172.8		0.0		172.8	FY 2043		6,974.4	2.5%
Dubuque		96.5		35.1		131.6	FY 2045		2,837.1	4.6%
Sioux City		114.5		0.6		115.1	FY 2035		3,091.0	3.7%
Altoona		32.3		67.7		100.0	FY 2036		1,105.1	9.0%
Davenport		32.1		41.6		73.7	FY 2037		4,554.2	1.6%
Waterloo		71.2		0.0		71.2	FY 2041		2,547.2	2.8%
Ankeny		60.7		9.8		70.5	FY 2030		3,535.5	2.0%

For all cites with reported TIF debt, the debt amount (remaining principal and projected interest) averaged \$32 per \$1,000 of city FY 2018 taxable value. Thirteen Iowa cities with reported TIF debt of more than \$100 per \$1,000 of city taxable value are shown on the following map.



#### Cities with More Than \$100 TIF Debt per \$1,000 Taxable Valuation

#### **Bond Debt**

General Obligation Bond Debt — Local governments reported 1,049 separate general obligation bond debts, with debt payments totaling \$2.064 billion and the longest payment schedule extending through FY 2050. The payment schedules of 52.0% of the reported debt extend to FY 2030 and beyond. The largest single bond debt listed was a city of Cedar Rapids debt for \$78.1 million in remaining principal and interest. This debt has a payment schedule that lasts through FY 2042, and it is not listed as an annual appropriation debt.

Urban Renewal and Tax Increment Financing Revenue Bond Debt — Local governments reported 92 separate TIF revenue bond debts, with debt payments totaling \$172.5 million and the longest payment schedule extending through FY 2047. The payment schedules of 73.6% of the reported debt extend to FY 2030 and beyond. The largest single bond debt listed was a city of Coralville debt for \$41.5 million. This debt has a payment schedule that lasts through FY 2047, and it is listed as an annual appropriation debt.

#### Internal Loan Debt

Local governments reported 713 internal loan debts totaling \$176.1 million, with 63 loans extending past FY 2030. The city of Cedar Falls has the single largest internal loan debt. This \$12.3 million debt was incurred in FY 2009 and has a listed final payment year of FY 2031. Of the total internal loan debt, 30.5% has a payment schedule extending beyond FY 2030.

#### Other Debt

Local governments reported 194 debts categorized as "other," with future debt payments totaling \$94.5 million. The largest single loan in this category is a \$23.9 million debt listed by the city of LeMars. This debt has a payment schedule ending in FY 2021. Of the total outstanding debt classified as other debt, 6.8% has a payment schedule extending beyond FY 2030.

#### **Rebate Debt**

Local governments reported 1,119 separate rebate agreements with rebate debt outstanding. The rebate debt totals \$801.2 million, with the longest rebate agreement extending through FY 2042. Reported rebate debt increased almost \$100.0 million from FY 2017 to FY 2018. Of the total outstanding rebate agreement debt, 41.8% has a payment schedule extending past FY 2030. The largest rebate agreement (\$41.2 million) is between the city of Des Moines and Mandelbaum Properties for a downtown project known as "The Fifth," a construction project located in downtown Des Moines. The agreement was entered into in 2017 and extends through FY 2042.

## **Low and Moderate Income Housing Debt**

A total of 62 local governments reported 91 separate debts associated with LMI obligations. The LMI debt obligations total \$18.6 million. A total of \$6.5 million (34.9%) of this LMI debt carries an incurred year of 2008 or earlier.

# **FY 2018 Rebate Expenditures**

A total of 225 local governments reported \$69.6 million in rebate payments issued from TIF revenue to taxpayers during FY 2018. Sixteen cities issued 63.5% of the FY 2018 rebated tax dollars. The list of local governments rebating \$1.0 million or more is found in **Table 6**.

Tab	le 6				
FY 2018 Local Gover	nment	Rebate	e Totals		
Dollars in	n Millions				
		Tax	# of		
	R	ebate	Reported		
Local Government		Γotal	Rebates		
Des Moines	\$	15.8	46		
Dubuque		3.7	42		
Coralville		3.1	9		
West Des Moines		2.8	6		
Davenport		2.7	9		
Johnston		2.4	15		
Le Claire		1.9	32		
Clinton		1.8	4		
Muscatine		1.4	10		
Waterloo		1.4	34		
Council Bluffs		1.3	10		
Ankeny		1.3	15		
Norwalk		1.2	8		
Cedar Rapids		1.2	17		
North Liberty		1.1	3		
Bettendorf		1.1	19		
209 Other Local Governments		25.4	710		
Total	\$	69.6	989		

**Table 7** provides a list of companies and entities receiving \$1.0 million or more in TIF-financed property tax rebates in FY 2018, as reported by the local governments. The largest single FY 2018 rebate entity was \$2.3 million to DuPont Pioneer. The 10 listed rebate entities represent 22.6% of all rebates reported for FY 2018.

		Table	7	All madelians and		
	FY 20	18 Rebate	s by Ent	itv		
		Dollars in M	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH			
			illions			
		Rebate				
		Amount	% of			
Rebated To:	Reported		Total	Location		
DuPont Pioneer	\$	2.3	3.3%	Johnston/Nevada/Spencer/Dallas Center		
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company		2.3	3.3%	Des Moines		
City of Des Moines		2.3	3.3%	Des Moines		
Wellmark		1.7	2.4%	Des Moines		
Citizens First Bank c/o Valley Bluff		1.3	1.9%	Clinton		
Wells Fargo Financial		1.2	1.7%	Des Moines		
Davis Brown		1.2	1.7%	Des Moines		
Microsoft		1.2	1.7%	West Des Moines		
Fox 10th Avenue Properties		1.2	1.7%	Coralville		
The National Bank		1.0	1.4%	Le Claire		
952 Other Rebate Agreements		53.9	77.4%	Various		
Total	\$	69.6	100.0%			

#### **Nonrebate Projects**

Local governments reported a total of 2,328 nonrebate projects financed through TIF Special Revenue Funds in FY 2018. Local governments were required to categorize projects according to the expenditure type and also specify whether the project was physically complete by the end of FY 2018. Of those projects, 1,751 were listed as physically complete and 577 projects were in progress. **Table 8** provides a breakdown of projects by status and by FY 2018 expenditure amount. Note that the expenditure amounts represent the payments made in FY 2018 and do not reflect the entire cost of the projects.

The category of Roads, Bridges, and Utilities represents 42.5% of the number of projects and 53.6% of project expenditures for the year. As a percent of nonrebate expenditures, the second most common category is Public-Owned Buildings (7.6%), followed by Administrative Expenses (6.7%).

Projects Reported b	y Project C irs in Millior		Y 2018		
				FY 2018	
				Expenditure	% of
Number of TIF Projects by Type	Ongoing	Complete	Total	Total	\$Total
Acquisition of Property	23	100	123	\$ 14.3	4.6%
Administrative Expenses	124	184	308	20.9	6.7%
Agribusiness	3	13	16	1.2	0.4%
Commercial, Apartments/Condos/Residential	3	10	13	0.7	0.2%
Commercial, Hotels/Conference Centers	9	22	31	6.3	2.0%
Commercial, Medical	10	38	48	5.5	1.89
Commercial, Office Properties	21	81	102	15.6	5.0%
Commercial, Retail	5	18	23	1.4	0.5%
Commercial, Warehouses & Distribution	1	10	11	0.7	0.29
Industrial/Manufacturing	13	69	82	8.8	2.8%
Lake & Related Improvements	4	6	10	1.3	0.49
Low & Moderate Income Housing	27	32	59	3.5	1.19
Main Street Iowa Program	9	6	15	0.7	0.29
Mixed Use Property	17	24	41	7.5	2.49
Public-Owned Buildings	16	117	133	23.6	7.69
Recreational Facilities	22	88	110	12.6	4.19
Residential	25	55	80	4.8	1.6%
Roads, Bridges, & Utilities	216	764	980	166.1	53.69
Water/Waste Treatment Plants	16	78	94	14.5	4.79
Total	564	1,715	2,279	\$ 310.0	100.09

# **Public Building Analysis**

Iowa Code section 403.5(2)(b) requires municipalities to analyze other funding options available when proposing to finance government buildings with TIF funds. The specific language reads:

If the proposed urban renewal plan or proposed urban renewal project within the urban renewal area includes the use of taxes resulting from [TIF]...for a public building...the municipality shall include with the proposed plan notification an analysis of alternative development options and funding for the urban renewal area or urban renewal project and the reasons such options would be less feasible than the proposed urban renewal plan or proposed urban renewal project. A copy of the analysis required in this subparagraph shall be included with the [annual urban renewal report].

The requirement applies to TIF proposals to finance public buildings beginning July 1, 2012. For this annual report, four cities and one county filed new public building financial analysis documents. The following describes the documents filed this year.

• Center Point — The city reports two projects that are expected to utilize TIF revenue. The city's financial alternatives analysis explored local option sales tax (will be used to finance a portion of the city hall project but not the fire station), the city general

levy (at its maximum), city reserves (unsound fiscal practice), city capital improvement and debt service levies (a successful referendum is not feasible at this time), and utility surpluses (not available). The city has undertaken fundraising initiatives for the fire station. The projects are as follows:

- The city will construct a new fire station at a TIF revenue cost not to exceed \$200,000. The total cost of the project is not provided.
- The city will renovate and improve the existing city hall and parking lot, including reroofing the building and addressing storm water management issues. The TIF cost of the project is \$200,000 and the full cost is \$760,000.
- DeWitt The city reports four projects that are expected to utilize TIF revenue. The city's financial alternatives analysis explored local option sales tax (100.0% dedicated to city street improvements and property tax relief), the city general levy (at its maximum), city reserves (unsound fiscal practice), city capital improvement and debt service levies (a successful referendum is not feasible at this time), and utility surpluses (not available). The city has undertaken fundraising initiatives for the library expansion and fitness/recreation center and will apply for grants for the library expansion, fitness/recreation center, and fire station projects. The projects are as follows:
  - The city will purchase an existing building from the DeWitt Chamber and Development Company and use it as a workshop for the city public works department. Revenue from TIF for the purchase will not exceed \$600,000.
  - The city will plan, design, and construct a new fitness and recreation center in cooperation with, and on property owned by, the Central DeWitt School District. Revenue from TIF for the project will not exceed \$5.0 million.
  - The city will remodel and expand an existing fire department building. The total cost of the project is not provided. Revenue from TIF for the project will not exceed \$1.6 million.
  - The city will remodel and expand the existing city library. Revenue from TIF for the project will not exceed \$6.0 million.
- Sioux Center If approved by the city council, the city intends to use TIF revenue for a planned expansion of the existing Sioux Center Outdoor Aquatic Center. The city's financial alternatives analysis cites the benefit received by residents of nearby cities, the county, and public and private schools and colleges as the basis for using TIF financing for the project. The city's plan is to use TIF to finance 60.0% of the cost, and a combination of property tax, cash reserves, and local option taxes to fund the remainder. The analysis discusses increasing facility user fees but concludes that a fee increase would be an undue burden on patrons. The city will explore grant funding. The cost of the project and the TIF contribution to the cost are not listed.
- Urbandale The city is redeveloping property located at 9565 Hickman Road as a parks and public works facility. The project was first included in the city's TIF report for FY 2014. The project has several components, including a fueling station, a salt storage facility, and the design and replacement of an existing maintenance facility. The original document submitted in 2014 discusses the city's operating budget and the city council's policy as it relates to a Debt Retirement Fund and a Capital Improvement Program, but no alternative financing discussion is provided in the original document. The document submitted in FY 2018 simply references the

- original 2014 document. The FY 2018 document lists a maximum cost of the replacement maintenance facility of \$12.0 million.
- Wright County The county has authorized up to \$1.5 million in TIF revenue to be used for legal fees and administrative fees, and in combination with a \$1.0 million construction grant, to assist the Eagle Grove Community School District with construction of a new elementary school and enhancement of educational facilities. The county's financial alternatives analysis explored local option sales tax (already dedicated to property tax reduction), the city's general levy (already fully committed), county reserves (unsound fiscal practice), and debt service levy (should not be raised at this time). The school district is expected to pay 80.0% of the cost of the new school.

Documents filed with the State in compliance with the public building analysis requirements are available on the TIF website.

## Low and Moderate Income Housing

Iowa's TIF-enabling legislation requires that local governments providing TIF-financed public improvements related to housing or residential development also expend funds assisting LMI housing.<sup>3</sup> The LMI housing requirement is a scheduled percentage of TIF expenditures equal to the percentage of the countywide population that falls into the LMI category. The specified percentage schedule varies depending on the population of the municipality. Municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less may not require any set-aside, while municipalities with a population exceeding 15,000 require a set-aside of at least 10.0% and often higher. The TIF report project asked local governments to report:

- The FY 2018 expenditures for public infrastructure related to housing (expenditures that trigger the LMI set-aside).
- The FY 2018 expenditures that satisfy FY 2017 or previous year LMI set-aside expenditure requirements.
- Outstanding LMI financial obligations that must be satisfied in future fiscal years.
   Although the law requires LMI housing expenditures in some TIF circumstances, it does not require that the expenditures occur within the same year the requirement is triggered. Therefore, a build-up of required LMI set-aside balance may develop.

A total of 31 local governments reported \$3.5 million in TIF Special Revenue Fund expenditures related to LMI housing during FY 2018.

Three counties and 59 cities reported a total of \$18.6 million in TIF revenue LMI financial obligations that must be satisfied in future fiscal years. Seven local governments, Stuart, Fort Dodge, Spirit Lake, Le Claire, DeWitt, Milford, and Dubuque, represent 60.2% of the total outstanding LMI obligation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The LMI requirement only applies to economic development Urban Renewal Areas. Slum and/or blight Urban Renewal Areas do not have an LMI requirement.

## **Jobs Development Agreements**

All local governments that have entered into development agreements with TIF funding and job creation requirements were asked to report specific information related to those agreements. A total of 74 local governments reported 283 development agreements in place in FY 2018. Those agreements required the creation of 34,781 total jobs. Of those jobs, 74.1% were associated with agreements in eight cities (Des Moines, Dubuque, Davenport, West Des Moines, Urbandale, Sioux City, Coralville, and Cedar Rapids).

Jobs agreements requiring the creation of at least 1,000 jobs include:

- Nationwide Insurance (3,835 jobs, Des Moines)
- Wells Fargo (3,687 jobs, Des Moines)
- Wellmark (1,987 jobs, Des Moines)
- Athene/Aviva (1,224 jobs, West Des Moines)
- Paragon Development Companies (1,500 jobs, Urbandale)
- Seaboard Triumph Foods (1,110 jobs, Sioux City)

The reporting requirements also include statistics related to the annual total salary required and public and private capital investment involved in the project. However, while all but eight projects contained an entry for the number of jobs associated with the project, 166 of the 283 development agreements did not report annual wage requirements. Private capital investment for the 270 projects reporting a number totals \$4.958 billion.

In total, 112 development projects provided information on jobs, wages, and private capital investment. For those 112 projects, required jobs equal 13,663, annual wages equal \$627.8 million, and private capital investment equals \$1.614 billion. This equates to an average of \$118,125 in capital investment and \$45,948 in average wages per required job.

In addition, the report allowed for the reporting of other governmental financial incentive programs that also assisted in financing the project. Of the 283 development agreements listed, 111 projects include at least one other state or local financial assistance program. Two projects, Nationwide Insurance in Des Moines and IBM in Dubuque, recorded additional government funding from six other State, local, and federal programs.

Across all reported projects, the most popular additional programs were the Iowa Economic Development Authority High Quality Jobs Program, the Rebuild Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Program, community college job training through Iowa Code chapter <a href="260E">260E</a>, local property tax abatement, and the Targeted Jobs Withholding Tax Credit Pilot Project. Local governments were not required or asked to report the dollar value of assistance provided through other governmental financial assistance programs.

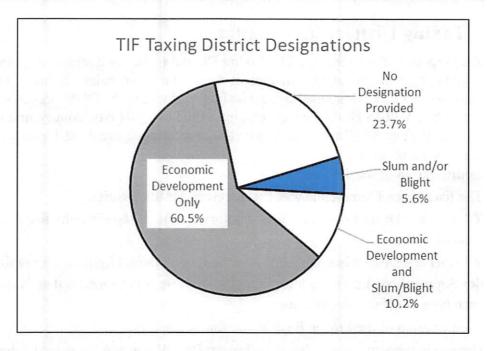
## **TIF Taxing District Information**

For the purposes of this report, a TIF Taxing District is the combination of properties that make up the base district and the increment district for a particular TIF area. To receive TIF revenue, a TIF Taxing District must be included within the DOM property tax dataset. The FY 2018 DOM dataset contains a total of 3,594 city, county, and Rural Improvement Zone TIF Taxing Districts. The reporting requirements for each TIF Taxing District include:

- Confirmation of the TIF base year.
- The fiscal year TIF revenue was first received for the District.
- Whether the District is subject to a statutory end date, and if so, the fiscal year the District will end.
- Whether the District is established on a finding of slum, blight, or economic
  development conditions, or a combination of those conditions. A date is required for
  each type of affirmative finding.
- Confirmation of the Frozen Base Value for the District.
- Unused increment value. Using the Frozen Base Value and the value of the TIF increment, the TIF reporting system calculates the value of any unused increment taxable value and unused increment tax dollars. Using the assessed value of the District and the Frozen Base Value, along with the value of rollbacks and military exemptions, the system calculates the maximum increment for the District. The system then subtracts the actual increment used from the maximum to determine if there is any unused increment value.
- The TIF property tax dollars received by the District in FY 2018.

The following statistics related to the TIF area designation are based on the TIF taxing Districts that reported through the FY 2018 TIF annual report process.

- TIF Taxing District designation:
  - Slum, Blight, or Both = 201 (5.6%)
  - Economic Development and Slum/Blight = 369 (10.2%)
  - Economic Development Only = 2,183 (60.5%)
  - No designation entered = 854 (23.7%)



- Total FY 2018 TIF property tax revenue received, as reported by local governments through the TIF annual report, totals \$323.9 million. The budgeted FY 2018 TIF property tax revenue for all city, county, and Rural Improvement Zone TIF Taxing Districts is \$331.0 million, making the reported number 97.9% of the expected total. The reporting percentage was 95.6% for the FY 2012 report, 99.0% for FY 2013, 98.9% for FY 2014, 97.1% for FY 2015, 94.5% for FY 2016, and 95.1% for FY 2017.
- Total FY 2018 TIF commercial and industrial property tax reimbursement claim revenue received, as reported by local governments through the TIF annual report, totals \$4.6 million. Budgeted FY 2018 TIF property tax reimbursement revenue for all city, county, and Rural Improvement Zone TIF Taxing Districts is \$7.0 million, making the reported number 65.7% of the expected total.
- Across all 3,607 city, county, and Rural Improvement Zone TIF Taxing Districts:
  - 1,780 utilize some or all of the available increment as follows:
    - 1,019 (28.3%) utilize 100.0% of the available increment.
    - 729 (20.2%) use some, but not all of the available increment.
    - 32 (0.9%) utilize increment value in excess of the calculated maximum.
  - 531 (14.7%) do not use any of the available increment.
  - 1,296 (35.9%) have no increment available so cannot receive TIF revenue.
  - The total unused increment equals \$12.280 billion of taxed value.

#### Public Access to the TIF Dataset

The electronic format chosen for the TIF reporting project is advantageous to allowing public access to the data reported by local governments.

To view and download the information, a user may access the TIF website located at <a href="legis.iowa.gov/tif/la">legis.iowa.gov/tif/la</a> and click on the red box titled "Public TIF Reports Page." See <a href="Appendix B">Appendix B</a> for a screen shot of the urban renewal reporting and public access website.

From there, the website takes the user to a list of all local governments with active Urban Renewal Areas. Access to the FY 2012 through FY 2018 reports is provided through tabs near the top of the page. Counties are listed first, followed by cities, and then Rural Improvement Zones. All levy authorities are listed in alphabetical order within those categories. An alphabetical filter near the top provides access to local governments by the first letter of their name.

The following information is available through the website:

- For each local government with an approved report, a link on the right allows access to a PDF version of the report.
- On the same line and between the name of the local government and the report name, there is a red triangle. Clicking here provides access to PDF copies of the urban renewal plans, maps, and ordinances provided by that local government.
- A link at the top left of the page (TIF Public Data Access) allows access to publicly available data from local government TIF reports. The webpage is maintained by the Department of Management.
- A link at the top left of the page (Public Building Analysis) provides a list of TIF
  projects that utilize TIF revenue for the design, repair, or construction of public
  buildings.

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#### APPENDIX A

# **TIF History and Background**

# Basic Urban Renewal and TIF History

- Commonly referred to by its acronym of "TIF" but officially part of Iowa's "urban renewal" law, property tax TIF is simply a financing option for urban renewal activities that utilize property tax revenue to address slum and blight conditions and/or promote economic development.
- Authorization for urban renewal activities is found in Iowa Code chapter 403. This
  Iowa Code chapter was enacted in 1957 (SF 184).
- Tax increment financing was added as a financing mechanism for urban renewal in 1969 (HF 562).
- Cities and counties may establish TIF areas.
- Rural Improvement Zones (Iowa Code chapter <u>357H</u>) A Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) is an area designated by a county around a private development lake. Tax increment financing funds may be collected and utilized for development projects within the RIZ.
- Three versions of Iowa tax increment financing that are not covered by the reporting requirement include:
  - Industrial New Jobs Training (Iowa Code chapter <u>260E</u>) Allows a community college, in conjunction with a qualified employer, to utilize income tax withholding to finance job training for the employer.
  - Local Option Sales Tax TIF (Iowa Code section <u>423B.10</u>) Allows cities to
    capture and utilize local option sales tax revenue for development activities within
    an Urban Renewal Area.
  - Targeted Jobs Withholding Tax TIF (Iowa Code section <u>403.19A</u>) Allows specific cities to utilize income tax withholding from qualified jobs within an Urban Renewal Area to finance development activities.

## **Basic Urban Renewal and TIF Process**

- Municipalities designate a specific geographic area (or areas) as an Urban Renewal Area.
- Urban Renewal Areas are designated as either "slum and/or blighted" or as "economic development." They may also receive more than one designation.
- The municipality generally does not need the permission of the other taxing authorities to establish a TIF Taxing District.
- A tax "base" is established for the area to account for the assessed value prior to the designation. The tax revenue from the base value remains with the traditional taxing authorities. However, under certain circumstances (usually the impact of taxable value rollbacks), the base value declines and in some instances goes to zero, leaving the traditional taxing authorities with no revenue from the entire TIF Taxing District.

- In future years, any increased assessed value above the base is referred to as "increment" value. The TIF authority may access the taxes generated from the increment value. If the TIF authority accesses the increment revenue, that revenue does not go to the traditional taxing authorities.
- Debt levies, the school Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL), and (for FY 2014 and after) the Instructional Support Levy (ISL) are not included in the division of revenue.
- The TIF authority is not required to access the entire increment value.
- The increment is not limited to new construction value. The increment also includes any increased value due to revaluation of existing property, including the common impact of property value inflation.
- Once designated, the geographic area of the TIF District may be amended by the municipality.
- Urban Renewal Areas created prior to 1995 and any TIF Taxing District created on a finding of slum or blight are not required to expire. Since 1995, Economic Development Areas are limited to 20 years in duration, but only if the TIF Taxing District was also designated slum or blighted when originally established.
- Through the action of the school aid formula, TIF creates a direct impact on the State General Fund. The taxable value in TIF increment areas is not included in the school aid calculation. Therefore, the property tax portion of school finance is lower and the State General Fund portion is higher than would otherwise be the case. For FY 2018, the direct General Fund impact was an increase in the State School Aid appropriation of \$59.5 million.
- Local government TIF projects also receive State money through the State General Fund appropriation for commercial and industrial property tax replacement. For FY 2018, the portion of the General Fund appropriation that went to TIF financing totaled \$7.0 million. Unlike the school aid impact described above, the TIF increment designation does not increase the overall General Fund appropriation, as the commercial and industrial property tax value would be reimbursed by the State with or without the TIF increment designation.

## **Previous TIF Reporting Requirements**

- In 1999, the General Assembly (<u>HF 776</u>) enacted language requiring municipalities to report TIF activity annually to the State. The report was required to include detailed information on each TIF area and the associated projects.
- In 2003 (SF 453), the 1999 reporting requirements were removed and replaced by a semiannual report detailing outstanding TIF obligations. Debt reports were filed in 2003 and 2005.
- In <u>HF 2777</u>, the 2006 General Assembly enacted language requiring more detailed accounting of TIF revenue and expenditures. The report was made part of the budget documents and budget process.
- In <u>HF 2460</u>, the 2012 General Assembly replaced the budget process reporting with the required reporting that is the subject of this annual report.
- Previous LSA documents on the topic of TIF include:
  - FY 2012 Through FY 2017 Annual LSA TIF Reports

- 2005 TIF Debt Report
- 2003 City TIF Report
- 2003 County TIF Report
- 1997 TIF Report
- 1993 TIF Report

#### FY 2018 TIF Statistics<sup>4</sup>

- For FY 2018, there were 842 active Urban Renewal Areas in Iowa (the areas have a base value, increment value, or both). Another 186 Areas are in the database but do not have taxable value.
- Of the 842 active Urban Renewal Areas, 151 Areas did not have an increment value, so they did not generate TIF revenue in FY 2018.
- Of the 691 Areas that did generate TIF revenue, 134 did not have a base taxable value, meaning that with the exception of TIF-exempt debt levies, the entire property tax revenue generated by the Area went to TIF.
- The largest active FY 2018 Urban Renewal Area in the State by taxable value was the Metro Center Merged Area in downtown Des Moines. That Area generated \$27.4 million in TIF revenue in FY 2018. A total of 74 Urban Renewal Areas generated \$1.0 million or more in FY 2018 TIF increment revenue.
- While in general, property tax revenue generated from the tax increment value is TIF revenue and therefore not shared with the traditional taxing bodies, debt levies and two school finance levies are exempt from TIF diversion. Across all TIF increments in FY 2018, 16.7% of all incremental property tax revenue<sup>5</sup> was not diverted to TIF but instead was remitted to the traditional taxing bodies as a result of the exempt levies.
- A total of 400 local governments<sup>6</sup> received TIF revenue in FY 2018, including:
  - 345 cities
  - 49 counties
  - One community college
  - Five Rural Improvement Zones

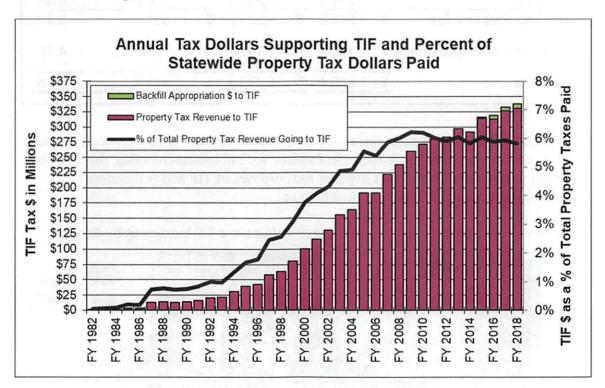
The following chart depicts the amount of property tax dollars statewide that financed TIF from FY 1982 through FY 2018 (bars, left axis). The TIF finance total reached \$100.0 million by FY 2000, \$191.0 million by FY 2005, \$272.0 million by FY 2010, and \$331.0 million in FY 2018. In addition to the property tax dollars, TIF now also receives commercial and industrial property tax replacement payments from the State General Fund. Statewide, the reimbursement payments for TIF Taxing Districts totaled \$7.0 million in FY 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The FY 2018 TIF statistics presented in this portion of the report are from the DOM Property Valuation System and not from the TIF Annual Urban Renewal Report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For FY 2018, TIF increments generated a total of \$397.4 million in property tax revenue. Of that amount, \$331.0 million (83.3%) was used to finance TIF, and \$66.4 million (16.7%) was directed to local government levies that are exempt from TIF.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> There is a total of 481 local governments with TIF Taxing Districts in the DOM Property Valuation System. However, 81 of those had no TIF increment value so received no TIF revenue in FY 2018.

The black line (right axis) depicts the percentage of all property taxes paid in the State, including the State reimbursement for commercial and industrial property taxes, that financed TIF from FY 1982 through FY 2018. The graph shows that a significant change in the slope of the line started in FY 1994, and that the increase was fairly consistent, reaching 6.2% in FY 2009. In the following five fiscal years, the percentage growth in tax dollars supporting TIF grew more slowly than the overall property tax base, a situation that resulted in a modest decrease in the percentage of total property tax dollars dedicated to TIF (5.8% in FY 2014). This decline was the result of acceleration in the taxable value growth of agricultural and residential property, two classes of property that are not a significant part of TIF finance. By FY 2018, the portion of the overall tax base devoted to TIF finance receded to 5.8%. Green bar segments depicted for FY 2015 through FY 2019 represent commercial and industrial property tax replacement claims directed to local government TIF accounts.

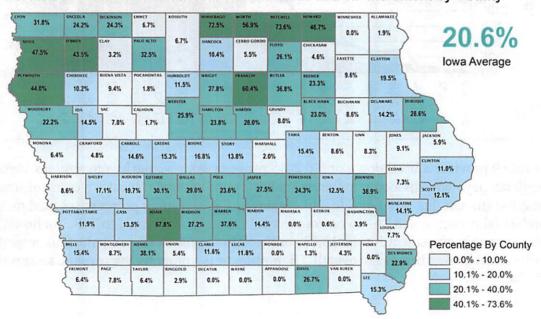


**Table 9** provides a breakdown of FY 2018 property tax revenue by property tax class, with tax payments divided into the amount that goes to regular local government finance and the amount that is devoted to TIF. Statewide, 21.4% of all property tax paid on industrial property, and 16.3% on commercial property, is devoted to TIF. Inclusion of the State reimbursement for the 10.0% rollback for commercial and industrial property (discussed below) brings the overall TIF portion of the property tax revenue stream to 5.8%.

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Residential	\$	2,994.0	\$	2,916.9	\$	77.1	2.6%	
Agricultural		808.1		806.9		1.2	0.1%	
Commercial		1,160.1		971.3		188.8	16.3%	
Multiresidential		151.1		141.5		9.6	6.4%	
Industrial		253.4		199.1		54.3	21.4%	
Other		291.5		291.5		0.0	0.0%	
Total Property Tax	\$	5,658.2	\$	5,327.2	\$	331.0	5.8%	
Prop. Tax Replacement	\$	152.2	\$	145.2	\$	7.0	4.6%	
Total	\$	5,810.4	\$	5,472.4	\$	338.0	5.8%	

The following map shows the percent of total commercial and industrial taxable value within each county that is TIF increment value. As TIF increment value, the nondebt portion of property taxes paid is used for the purposes of TIF and is therefore not available for regular local government finance.

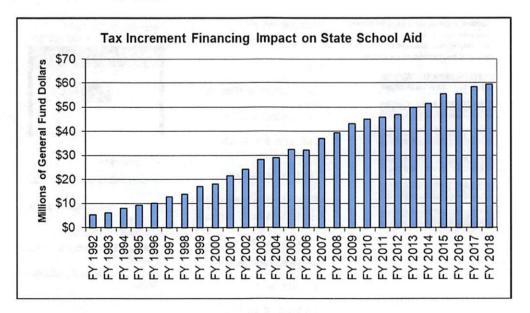
#### Percent of Commercial/Industrial Taxable Value in a TIF Increment by County



## TIF Impact on the State General Fund

Tax increment financing directly impacts the State General Fund through the following two appropriations:

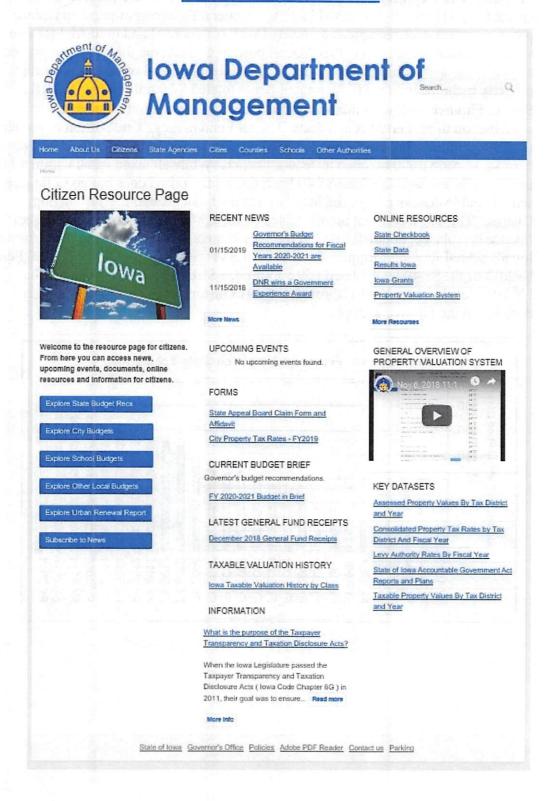
- Property Tax Replacement Claims Modifications to Iowa's property tax system enacted in 2013 (SF 295) resulted in a State General Fund commitment to replace property tax revenue reductions associated with commercial and industrial taxable value reductions mandated in that Act. A portion of the value for those two property classes is located within TIF increments. State General Fund reimbursement for property included within TIF Increment Areas totaled \$7.0 million in FY 2018.
- School Finance Iowa's method of financing K-12 education requires a combination of property tax and State General Fund money. One portion of property tax financing for schools requires all taxed property value in the State to contribute a base \$5.40 per \$1,000 of value to school finance. While all taxed value within a TIF increment is assessed this base \$5.40 levy, the money raised does not go to finance schools but instead is paid to the local government that created the TIF Taxing District. The TIF increment money raised by the \$5.40 that does not go to school finance is replaced, dollar-for-dollar, by State General Fund money through action of Iowa's school funding formula. For FY 2018, the statewide total State General Fund backfill of the \$5.40 levy totaled \$59.5 million, a \$1.0 million increase from the FY 2017 level. The FY 1992 through FY 2018 history of the backfill amount is depicted in the following graph.



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# **Urban Renewal Reporting and Public Access Website Screen Shot 1**

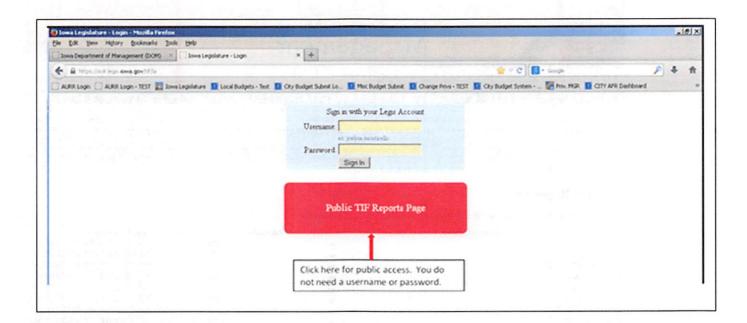
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# Urban Renewal Reporting and Public Access Website Screen Shot 2 Public Access to Reports

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# Urban Renewal Reporting and Public Access Website Screen Shot 3

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