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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2025

Fiscal Services Division

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## Water Quality Initiative

### Purpose and History

The Nutrient Reduction Strategy report was introduced in November 2012 as a collaborative effort by the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALSS), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Iowa State University (ISU) to assess and reduce nutrients that flow into Iowa waters. The Water Quality Initiative Program was created in [SF 435](#) (FY 2014 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act) with the goal to provide funding for watershed practices in high-priority watersheds as designated by the Water Resources Coordinating Council (WRCC). The Program is administered by the DALSS. The Act also created the Iowa State University (ISU) Nutrient Research Center in Ames.

### Funding

Funding has come from various sources since the Water Quality Initiative began. The Program has received funding from the General Fund, Rebuild Iowa's Infrastructure Fund (RIIF), Environment First Fund (EFF), and Groundwater Protection Fund (GPF).

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [466B.45](#)

### Budget Unit Number

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### More Information

Clean Water Iowa: [www.cleanwateriowa.org](http://www.cleanwateriowa.org)

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship — Soil Conservation and Water Quality Division:  
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