
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2025

Fiscal Services Division

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Independent Living Center Grant

Purpose and History

The Centers for Independent Living promote the full participation of persons with disabilities as equal members of society and provide assistance to all persons, regardless of their disability, to develop the skills necessary for acquiring, maintaining, and increasing their independence. Services provided by the Centers include peer support, skills training, advocacy, and referrals to other agencies that may be able to meet individuals' needs.

There are six Centers in Iowa, located in Des Moines, Iowa City, the Quad Cities, Council Bluffs, Oskaloosa, and Sioux City.

The Independent Living Center Grant Program was transferred to the Iowa Department of Workforce Development (IWD) from the Department of Education during the 2023 Legislative Session in [Senate File 514](#) (State Government Alignment Act).

State Funding

The General Fund appropriation for the Independent Living Center Grant is passed through Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) to the Centers for Independent Living through a contracting process.

The Program received its first appropriation in FY 2009 for \$246,000. The appropriation was decreased to \$45,000 in FY 2010 and \$43,000 in FY 2011. From FY 2012 to FY 2014, the appropriation was \$40,000. From FY 2015 to FY 2017, the appropriation increased to \$90,000. From FY 2018 to FY 2023, the appropriation was \$86,000. Since FY 2024, the Program has received an annual appropriation of \$87,000 in the Economic Development Appropriations Act.

Federal Funding

The Centers for Independent Living may also receive federal funding under the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ([29 U.S.C. section 701](#) et seq.).

- Part B funding flows through IVRS to the Centers.
- Part C funding flows directly to the Centers and is restricted to four core services:
 - Information and referral services.
 - Independent living skills training.
 - Peer counseling, including cross-disability peer counseling.
 - Individual and systems advocacy.

More Information

Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services: ivrs.iowa.gov

Iowa Statewide Independent Living Council: iowasilc.org

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living:
acl.gov/programs/aging-and-disability-networks/centers-independent-living

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The Centers also receive private donations and are eligible for grants from other entities.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter 84G

Iowa Administrative Code [877—33](#)

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