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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2025

Fiscal Services Division

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## Department of Human Rights — Community Advocacy and Services Division

### Overview

The Division of Community Advocacy and Services is a division within the Department of Human Rights (DHR). The Division regularly works with other State agencies, local governments, nonprofits, and businesses to enhance their ability to serve, work with, and employ Iowans who may have barriers to success. The Division has seven offices tasked with the following four key areas of advocacy for underserved populations in Iowa:

- Helping State and local governments be more effective in serving vulnerable populations.
- Facilitating the development of nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations that serve vulnerable populations.
- Providing research and data as a clearinghouse of information about vulnerable populations and the services available.
- Celebrating the achievements of and contributions to Iowa by people of diverse backgrounds.

Each of the offices has a corresponding commission, comprised of individuals appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The commissions work with DHR to inform and enhance its work by studying the opportunities and needs of the corresponding population in the State, serving as a liaison between DHR and the public, and recommending legislative and executive action to the Governor and General Assembly.

The seven offices are:

- [Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs](#)
- [Office of Deaf Services](#)
- [Office of Latino Affairs](#)
- [Office of Native Americans](#)
- [Office of Persons with Disabilities](#)
- [Office on the Status of African Americans](#)
- [Office on the Status of Women](#)

### Funding

The Division of Community Advocacy and Services receives an annual General Fund appropriation.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [216A](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [421](#)

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### More Information

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