
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2026

Fiscal Services Division

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A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS) — Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund

History and Purpose

The Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund (SWJCF) appropriation to Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) began in FY 2014 and funds training programs for unemployed and underemployed central Iowans who need skills to advance to higher-paying jobs with full benefits. As a condition of receiving funding, an entity must testify regarding the expenditure of the moneys upon the request of the Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee. This job training program, Project IOWA (Iowa Opportunities for Workforce Advancement), is intended to be coordinated by an organization like A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS), a nonprofit community organization.

Project IOWA is a workforce development initiative that seeks to move chronically underemployed and impoverished central Iowa residents through intensive skills training to a career-track, living-wage job with benefits. The cornerstone of this approach is combining relevant technical training (developed and taught by industry leaders) and employment skills training through classes taught concurrently.

Funding

The Program has received an annual \$100,000 SWJCF appropriation in the Economic Development Appropriation Act since FY 2014. The funding does not revert until the close of the following fiscal year. The Program last received funding in FY 2025.

In addition to the SWJCF appropriation, Project IOWA operates with various levels of support from private contributions and other miscellaneous sources of income.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [84A](#)

Iowa Code section [8.57J](#)

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More Information

Iowa Workforce Development: workforce.iowa.gov

Project IOWA: projectiowa.org

A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS): amosiowa.org

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