
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2026

Fiscal Services Division

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Environment First Fund — RIF

History

The General Assembly established the Environment First Fund in 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter [1225](#) (FY 2001 Infrastructure Appropriations Act), to provide funding for protection, conservation, enhancement, and improvement of natural resources, and established a standing appropriation of \$35.0 million for the Fund from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) beginning in FY 2001. Moneys placed in this Fund are appropriated by the Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee.

Funding

The funding levels have fluctuated over the years. The standing appropriation was increased to \$42.0 million for FY 2014. Since that time, funding has remained at \$42.0 million. The majority of these moneys are appropriated to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Department of Natural Resources.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [8.57A](#)

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More Information

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