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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2026

Fiscal Services Division

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## Iowa State University — Biosciences Innovation Ecosystem

### Purpose and History

The [Iowa State University \(ISU\) — Biosciences Innovation Ecosystem](#) appropriation is used in cooperation with the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) to support a [biosciences innovation ecosystem](#) intended to strengthen Iowa's position in biobased chemicals, digital agriculture, vaccines, and medical devices. The appropriation has been used for a variety of activities, including support of the following:

- The Biobased Products platform connects industry and university faculty to expand and support commercially relevant research and development. The platform focuses on adding scaleup capability and infrastructure to support the commercialization of biobased products.
- The Digital and Precision Agriculture platform helps researchers identify areas of commercial potential, helps them apply for seed grant funds, and provides specialized equipment to translate agricultural innovation into business products.
- The Vaccines, Diagnostics, and Immunotherapeutics platform provides seed grants, commercial fellowships to help retain top talent and bridge the gap between grant-based funding and venture capital, and a commercial development lab to serve as a transition space for startup companies to ensure product development meets regulatory standards.

### Funding — State General Fund

The ISU Biosciences Innovation Ecosystem has received an annual General Fund appropriation since FY 2020. Any unexpended funds are available for expenditure in the following fiscal year.

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### More Information

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