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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2026

Fiscal Services Division

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## Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Fund

### Purpose and History

The Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Fund is administered by the Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Authority. The Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Authority was created in response to the erosion of soils, degradation of water resources, and destabilization of stream channels in the fragile glacial till soils of southern Iowa that occurred in large part due to conversion of grassland to cropland. Funds are used by the Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Authority to plan, develop, and implement conservation activities or measures in the member counties. Ten counties in southern Iowa are identified in Iowa Code section [161D.11](#) as members of the Southern Iowa Development and Conservation Authority.

### Funding

The Fund started in FY 2022 with a \$250,000 appropriation from the General Fund in the annual Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriation Act. This appropriation has ranged from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [161D](#)

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### More Information

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