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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2027

Fiscal Services Division

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## Statewide Interoperable Communications System — PRF

### Purpose and History

Interoperability of communications addresses the need for prompt communication between law enforcement and first responders during natural disasters or responses to criminal activity. A statewide land mobile radio communications platform enables communication to occur between jurisdictions. This system supports day-to-day operations as well as emergency multiagency, multijurisdictional operations. A lease-purchase contract was signed with Motorola in 2015 at an estimated cost of \$39,500,000 over 10 years. The final payment for the lease purchase is expected to be in FY 2026, and the Motorola maintenance agreement will continue through FY 2030.

### Funding

The first payment of \$4.0 million in FY 2016 was appropriated from the E911 Surcharge Fund to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to pay for the lease costs associated with the statewide land mobile radio communications system, which interfaces with the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System radio platform. The second payment of approximately \$4.4 million was allocated to the DPS in FY 2017. This system is under the joint purview of the DPS and the Department of Transportation (DOT).

In FY 2018, \$4.1 million was appropriated from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) for the lease payment. In FY 2019, \$3.1 million was appropriated from the Primary Road Fund (PRF) and \$1.4 million was appropriated from the RIIF. Since FY 2020, the annual lease payment has been primarily funded by the RIIF, with any differences in funding from the Road Use Tax Fund and PRF. Beginning in FY 2025, any differences will be funded entirely by the PRF. The final lease payment is estimated to be in FY 2026.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [34A](#)

2016 Iowa Acts, ch. [1103](#)

2015 Iowa Acts, ch. [129](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [605—10](#)

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### More Information

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