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Fiscal Services Division

Budget Unit Brief — FY 2027

Derelict Buildings Program — RIIF

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Purpose and History

This appropriation will be used to support the additional requests for funding received by the Derelict Buildings Program in recent years. The Derelict Building Program is an existing program within the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that provides funding to Iowa towns of 5,000 or fewer residents to address neglected commercial or public structures that have sat vacant for at least six months. The Program's main focus is landfill diversion through the recycling and reuse of building materials and the elimination of hazards, both inside and out, posed by these empty structures. Since 2011, the DNR has completed 187 projects in 173 Iowa communities through the Derelict Buildings Program.

Funding — Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund

The General Assembly appropriated \$1.0 million from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund to the DNR in FY 2027 for this purpose.

Funding — Other Sources of Revenue

The Program receives its ongoing funding from the DNR's Solid Waste Alternatives Program, which is funded by the Groundwater Protection Fund.

Additional Information

For additional information, visit: iowadnr.gov/environmental-protection/land-quality/derelict-building-program

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Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [455E.11\(2\)\(a\)\(1\)\(d\)](#)

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