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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

Fiscal Services Division

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# Jury and Witness Fee Revolving Fund

## Purpose and History

The Jury and Witness Fee Revolving Fund was established in 1987 for the payment of jury and witness fees, mileage, and costs related to summoning jurors by the Judicial Branch. This Fund is also used for management and payment of interpreters and translators in Judicial Branch legal proceedings and court-ordered programs, and for attorney fees paid by the State Public Defender for counsel appointed for termination of parental rights proceedings. Funds are transferred from a General Fund appropriation to the Judicial Branch and deposited in the Jury and Witness Revolving Account. Clerks of court request reimbursement as needed to pay jury and witness expenditures. Funds are mailed directly to the clerk of court and deposited in a local checking account.

## Funding

Prior to the 2008 Legislative Session, two-year-old court debt proceeds were deposited in the Jury and Witness Fee Revolving Fund. During the 2008 Legislative Session, SF 2428 (Delinquent Debt Collection Act) repealed that requirement and instead deposited the funds that would have otherwise been deposited in the Jury and Witness Fee Revolving Fund in the General Fund beginning in FY 2009. Carryover funds sustained the Jury and Witness Fee Revolving Fund in FY 2010, and a General Fund appropriation for the Fund began in SF 2377 (FY 2011 Judicial Branch Appropriations Act).

## Nonreversion and Reporting

Unencumbered and unobligated receipts in the Fund do not revert to the General Fund of the State. The Judicial Branch is required to provide an accounting of the Jury and Witness Fee Revolving Fund to the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency by February 1 of each year.

## Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [602.1302](#)

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## More Information

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