
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

Fiscal Services Division

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County Confinement Account

Purpose

The Department of Corrections (DOC) receives an appropriation for the County Confinement Account to reimburse counties for the temporary confinement of alleged violators pending a revocation proceeding. This includes offenders on parole and work release, and offenders convicted of Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) offenses who are sentenced to the custody of the Director of the DOC. These offenders are under supervision of the Community-Based Corrections (CBC) District Departments.

Most alleged violators are incarcerated while awaiting a revocation proceeding and held in county jails. Some alleged violators may be held in the State prison system pending the hearing. This option provides cost containment for the County Confinement Account by reducing the number of days a State prisoner is held in the county jail.

The State does not reimburse counties for housing alleged violators of probation conditions. Also, the State does not reimburse counties for holding a newly convicted offender in the county jail whose transport to the State prison system is pending.

Funding

The County Confinement Account is funded by a General Fund appropriation in the Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee budget bill. The amount appropriated for FY 2018 is \$1.6 million, an increase of \$0.5 million (31.1%) from FY 2017. This increase was in response to yearly increases in the costs of county confinement requiring reallocations from other DOC budget units in FY 2015 and FY 2016. Starting in FY 2017, there have been ongoing efforts to reverse the trend of increasing costs for county confinements.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code sections [901.7](#), [904.513](#), [904.908](#), and [906.17](#)
Iowa Administrative Code [201](#)

More Information

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