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IOWAccess Revolving Fund

Background and Purpose

The IOWAccess program was established during the 1998 Legislative session in Iowa Acts chapter [1224](#) to bring government information and services electronically to the public, business, and industry using the Internet. Iowa Acts chapter 1224 required that \$400,000 from fees collected by the Department of Transportation for certified copies of individual driver records be transferred to the Division of Information Technology Services of the Department of General Services (now the Department of Administrative Services) for the purposes of developing, implementing, maintaining, and expanding electronic access to government records. That same year, Governor Branstad's Executive Order [66](#) established an IOWAccess Advisory Council to provide advice and counsel to the Director of the Division of Information Technology Services in the development, implementation, operation, and growth of IOWAccess.

The IOWAccess Revolving Fund was established in 1999 in Iowa Acts chapter [207](#) under the control of the Information Technology Services Division of the Department of General Services (now the Department of Administrative Services). The Fund was since transferred under the control of the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) beginning in FY 2015. The purpose of the Fund is to facilitate electronic access to governmental information, transactions, and services at State, county, or local levels through funding of agency electronic projects, such as licensing services and agency websites.

Source of Funds

The IOWAccess Revolving Fund is primarily funded through a portion of the fees collected for furnishing a certified abstract of a vehicle operating record. The cost of purchasing a certified copy of a vehicle operating record is \$5.50, with an additional \$4.80 value-added service fee levied by the OCIO under Iowa Code chapter [8B.31\(1\)](#) for records furnished electronically. The entire \$4.80 fee for each electronic purchase is transferred to the IOWAccess Revolving Fund. Of the total amount collected by the \$5.50 fee, the first \$750,000 is transferred to the IOWAccess Revolving Fund, with the remainder deposited into the State General Fund. Historically, this \$750,000 is authorized annually in the Administration and Regulation Appropriations Act. When the IOWAccess Revolving Fund was established in FY 1999, the amount authorized to be transferred annually from the sale of drivers' records to the IOWAccess Revolving Fund was \$1.0 million. This amount was since lowered to \$750,000 beginning in FY 2012.

The IOWAccess Revolving Fund also receives fees associated with the costs to provide additional value-added services, such as the \$1.50 transaction fee charged by agencies for the processing of online payments. However, while these fees are deposited into the Fund, they are paid directly to the vendor and do not generate additional revenue for the IOWAccess program.

Use of Funds

More Information

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Requests for funding may be made to the OCIO by any State, county, or local governmental entity, and the OCIO may choose to fund the request in part, whole, or not at all. Requested projects must provide a benefit to the State and services to the citizens, provide electronic access to government information or transactions, and the State must retain ownership of any final product or be granted a permanent license for the use of the product. When awarding grants, the OCIO takes the following elements of the project into consideration: citizen engagement, innovation support, financial analysis, service delivery oversight, governance assistance, and strategic support. Grant applications are reviewed and awarded quarterly. Agencies have two years to complete their projects once funding is received. More information on the application guidelines and process can be located on the OCIO [website](#).

The OCIO established a Citizen Facing Website Program in 2017 where agencies can submit a request for grant funding through IOWAccess for costs incurred for support of their primary agency website through the OCIO's contracted vendor, Webspec Design. In 2020, eligible agencies were authorized \$14,095 to support their website costs.

Budget History

In FY 2020, the IOWAccess program funded a total of 69 projects. **Table 1** includes IOWAccess Revolving Fund receipts and expenses since FY 2016.

Table 1: IOWAccess Fund Budget History by Fiscal Year

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Receipts	\$ 3,971,958	\$ 3,766,192	\$ 4,070,537	\$ 4,153,611	\$ 4,761,771
Interest	34,122	44,619	75,890	160,023	171,802
Balance Brought Forward	4,985,414	4,407,797	4,477,295	6,315,203	8,187,813
Total Resources	\$ 8,991,494	\$ 8,218,607	\$ 8,623,722	\$ 10,628,836	\$ 13,121,387
Expenses	\$ 4,583,697	\$ 3,741,311	\$ 2,308,520	\$ 2,441,023	\$ 3,811,945
Balance Carryforward	4,407,797	4,477,295	6,315,203	8,187,813	9,309,442
Total Dispositions	\$ 8,991,494	\$ 8,218,606	\$ 8,623,723	\$ 10,628,836	\$ 13,121,387

Related Statutes

Iowa Code section [8B.31](#)

Iowa Code section [8B.32](#)

Iowa Code section [8B.33](#)

Iowa Code chapter [321A](#)