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## IOWAccess Revolving Fund

### Background and Purpose

The IOWAccess program was established during the Legislative Session in 1998 Iowa Acts, chapter [1224](#) (FY 1999 Appropriations — State Government Technology and Operations Act), to bring government information and services electronically to the public, business, and industry using the Internet. The Act required that \$400,000 from fees collected by the Department of Transportation (DOT) 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 (DAS), for the purposes of developing, implementing, maintaining, and expanding electronic access to government records. That same year, 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 Iowa Acts, chapter [207](#) (FY 2000 — State Government Technology and Operations Act) under the control of the Division of Information Technology Services of the Department of General Services, now the DAS. The Fund was transferred to be under the control of the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), now the Division of Information Technology (DOM DoIT), by 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter [141](#) (FY 2016 — Administration and Regulation Appropriations Act), 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 Division under Iowa Code section [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 for 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.

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### More Information

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### Use of Funds

Requests for funding may be made to the DOM DoIT by any State, county, or local governmental entity, and the Division may choose to fund the request in part, in whole, or not at all. Requested projects must provide a benefit to the State and to the citizens and facilitate electronic access to government information or transactions. 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 DOM DoIT 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.

A Citizen Facing Website Program was established 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 Division's contracted vendor, Webspec. Eligible agencies are authorized \$14,095 to support their website costs.

### Budget History

In FY 2023, the IOWAccess program funded a total of 125 projects. **Figure 1** includes IOWAccess Revolving Fund receipts and expenses from FY 2020 through FY 2024.

**Figure 1: IOWAccess Fund Budget History by Fiscal Year**

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Receipts	\$ 4,761,771	\$ 6,031,788	\$ 5,923,561	\$ 5,435,810	\$ 5,635,988
Interest	171,802	26,634	40,761	336,032	653,563
Balance Brought Forward	8,187,813	9,309,442	10,561,525	10,226,917	11,301,271
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>\$ 13,121,387</b>	<b>\$ 15,367,864</b>	<b>\$ 16,525,848</b>	<b>\$ 15,998,759</b>	<b>\$ 17,590,822</b>
Expenses	\$ 3,811,945	\$ 4,806,339	\$ 6,298,930	\$ 4,697,488	\$ 5,293,374
Balance Carryforward	9,309,442	10,561,525	10,226,917	11,301,271	12,297,448
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>\$ 13,121,387</b>	<b>\$ 15,367,864</b>	<b>\$ 16,525,847</b>	<b>\$ 15,998,759</b>	<b>\$ 17,590,822</b>

### Related Statutes

Iowa Code sections [8B.31](#), [8B.32](#), and [8B.33](#)

Iowa Code chapter [321A](#)