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Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund

Purpose and History

The 85th General Assembly enacted 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter [141](#) (FY 2014 Education Appropriations Act), which established the Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund (SWJCF) in Iowa Code section [8.75](#). The Fund centralizes funding for job creation, job training, and job learning opportunities.

Section 30 of 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter [142](#) (FY 2014 Infrastructure Appropriations Act), amended Iowa Code to annually deposit \$66.0 million in State wagering tax receipts to the SWJCF beginning in FY 2014. Prior to this law change, the \$66.0 million was deposited into the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF). The new funding replaced appropriations for job training-related programs that were previously funded from the General Fund (\$16.2 million) and the RIIF (\$15.0 million).

Section 30 of 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 141, appropriated the \$66.0 million from the SWJCF to multiple State agencies for various programs related to workforce training for FY 2014.

During the 2018 Legislative Session, \$10.0 million was deappropriated from the FY 2018 SWJCF appropriation to the High Quality Jobs Program and the \$10.0 million was transferred from the SWJCF to the General Fund in 2018 Iowa Acts, chapter [1028](#) (FY 2018 Budget Adjustment Act). In FY 2019, \$7.8 million was restored to the High Quality Jobs Program in 2018 Iowa Acts, chapter [1169](#) (FY 2019 Economic Development Appropriations Act). 2018 Iowa Acts, chapter 1169, also changed the annual allocation of State wagering tax receipts to the SWJCF from \$66.0 million to \$63.8 million beginning with FY 2019.

Appropriations from the SWJCF occur in the annual Economic Development Appropriations Act and the Education Appropriations Act.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code sections [8.57](#) and [8.75](#)

More Information

Iowa Economic Development Authority: iowaeda.com

Iowa Workforce Development: workforce.iowa.gov

Iowa Board of Regents: iowaregents.edu

Iowa Department of Education: educate.iowa.gov

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SWJCF Appropriations

	Actual FY 2021 (1)	Actual FY 2022 (2)	Actual FY 2023 (3)	Estimated FY 2024 (4)	Final Action FY 2025 (5)
<u>Economic Development Authority</u>					
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High Quality Jobs Program - SWJCF	\$ 11,700,000	\$ 11,700,000	\$ 11,700,000	\$ 11,700,000	\$ 11,700,000
Manufacturing 4.0 Program - SWJCF	0	0	0	0	2,016,675
Empower Rural Iowa Program - SWJCF	0	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
STEM Internships - SWJCF	1,000,000	1,000,000	633,325	0	0
STEM Best - SWJCF	0	700,000	700,000	0	0
Empower Rural Iowa Rural Innovation Grants - SWJCF	300,000	0	0	0	0
Empower Rural Iowa Housing Needs Assess - SWJCF	100,000	0	0	0	0
Butchery Innovation and Revitalization - SWJCF	0	0	366,675	366,675	0
Future Ready Iowa Mentor Prog - SWJCF	400,000	400,000	400,000	0	0
Total Economic Development Authority	\$ 13,500,000	\$ 14,500,000	\$ 14,500,000	\$ 12,766,675	\$ 14,416,675
<u>College Student Aid Commission</u>					
College Student Aid Comm.					
Future Ready Iowa Grant Program - SWJCF	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total College Student Aid Commission	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<u>Workforce Development, Department of</u>					
Iowa Workforce Development					
AMOS Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy - SWJCF	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Future Ready Iowa Coordinator - SWJCF	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	0
Adult Ed and Literacy for the Workforce - SWJCF	0	0	0	5,500,000	5,500,000
STEM Internships - SWJCF	0	0	0	633,325	633,325
Work-Based Learning Intermed Net - SWJCF	0	0	0	1,500,000	0
Total Workforce Development, Department of	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 7,883,325	\$ 6,233,325
<u>Regents, Board of</u>					
Regents, Board of					
Regents Innovation Fund - SWJCF	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
ISU - Economic Development - SWJCF	2,424,302	2,424,302	2,424,302	2,424,302	2,424,302
UI - Economic Development - SWJCF	209,279	209,279	209,279	209,279	209,279
UI - Entrepreneur and Econ Growth - SWJCF	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
UNI - Economic Development - SWJCF	1,066,419	1,066,419	1,066,419	1,466,419	1,466,419
Total Regents, Board of	\$ 8,700,000	\$ 8,700,000	\$ 8,700,000	\$ 9,100,000	\$ 9,100,000
<u>College Student Aid Commission</u>					
College Student Aid Comm.					
Skilled Workforce Tuition Grant - SWJCF	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total College Student Aid Commission	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
<u>Education, Department of</u>					
Education, Dept. of					
Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant - SWJCF	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Workforce Training & Econ Dev Funds - SWJCF	15,100,000	15,100,000	15,100,000	15,100,000	15,100,000
ACE Infrastructure - SWJCF	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000
PACE and Regional Sectors - SWJCF	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Gap Tuition Assistance Fund - SWJCF	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Workforce Prep. Outcome Reporting - SWJCF	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
STEM Best - SWJCF	0	0	0	700,000	700,000
Adult Literacy for the Workforce - SWJCF	5,500,000	5,500,000	5,500,000	0	0
Work-Based Intermed Network - SWJCF	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	0
Total Education, Department of	\$ 35,300,000	\$ 35,300,000	\$ 35,300,000	\$ 34,000,000	\$ 34,000,000
Total Appropriations	\$ 63,750,000	\$ 63,750,000	\$ 63,750,000	\$ 63,750,000	\$ 63,750,000