



Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund

The Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund was created by the 1989 General Assembly to protect Iowa's natural resources. Statute requires the Program to receive a standing appropriation of up to \$20.0 million from the General Fund for each year between FY 1992 and FY 2021. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers the REAP funds.

Purpose of Fund

The REAP Program is a long-term integrated effort to use and protect Iowa's natural resources. This is accomplished by purchasing and managing land for public use, upgrading public parks, and providing environmental education, monitoring, and research.

Funding

The REAP Fund receives revenue from several state, federal, and private sources. This includes an appropriation from the Environment First Fund and receipts from the sale of REAP license plates.

Fund Formula

[Iowa Code Chapter 455A.19](#) defines how funds received for REAP are distributed. This is also known as the REAP formula. Of total receipts, \$350,000 is allocated to the DNR for educational grants and 1.0% is allocated to the DNR for program administration. The remaining receipts are allocated as follows:

- 28.0% to the DNR for the Open Spaces Account.
- 20.0% to County Conservation Boards.
- 20.0% to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for soil and water conservation projects.
- 15.0% for city park projects.
- 9.0% to the DNR for land management and maintenance.
- 5.0% to the Department of Cultural Affairs for the Historical Resource Development Program.
- 3.0% to the Department of Transportation for roadside vegetation projects

Public Participation

The public is involved with REAP in a number of ways. These include:

- There are REAP committees in most of the counties that coordinate REAP projects among all interested individuals and other private organizations.
- There are 17 REAP regional assemblies held around the state during even-numbered years. These meetings allow the public to comment on regional plans using REAP funding.
- There is a REAP Congress that meets in even-numbered years. Each regional assembly elects five delegates to serve on the statewide REAP Congress. The 85 members discuss and finalize recommendations that are made to the Governor, the General Assembly, and other state agencies.

More Information

Overview of REAP: <http://www.iowadnr.com/reap/>

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Fund History

The following table details the revenues and expenditures of the REAP Fund over the past five years.

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	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 10,591,677	\$ 11,028,043	\$ 13,278,700	\$ 9,895,937	\$ 7,706,188
REVENUE					
Appropriations & Other Receipts	\$ 18,946,175	\$ 19,463,450	\$ 16,579,122	\$ 13,930,674	\$ 13,918,267
Adjustment to Balance Forward	173	0	0	0	0
Federal Support	467,234	973,034	1,315,262	1,503,343	1,635,655
Government Transfers - Other Agencies	0	0	0	1,388,168	73,066
Interest	180,909	90,565	43,254	22,670	27,642
Refunds & Reimbursements	6,179,791	4,458,763	1,309,571	1,588,489	1,263,779
Reimbursement from Other Agencies	3,203,432	0	-80	-10	-35
Unearned Receipts	200	380,944	13,500	135	5,805
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 28,977,914	\$ 25,366,756	\$ 19,260,629	\$ 18,433,469	\$ 16,924,180
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 39,569,591	\$ 36,394,799	\$ 32,539,330	\$ 28,329,406	\$ 24,630,368
EXPENDITURES					
Facility Management Support	\$ 207,526	\$ 156,809	\$ 96,113	\$ 70,279	\$ 69,699
Ag. Conservation & Horticulture Supply	0	10,955	44,760	33,694	9,300
Capitals	13,362,146	8,886,859	5,679,199	7,715,653	3,105,851
Equipment	78,185	153,536	87,382	79,702	26,670
Equipment - Non-Inventory	28,968	19,477	75,585	87,759	76,217
Equipment Maintenance Supplies	26,182	13,704	31,018	32,282	15,857
Debt Payment - Interest Expense	0	692,458	1,802,684	1,938,610	0
Government Transfers - Other Agencies	0	0	0	0	48,381
Intra-State Transfers	1,882,832	6,423,908	7,235,915	4,432,788	4,412,972
Other Expense & Obligations	345,742	382,002	433,976	471,586	487,661
Other Supplies	48,158	28,291	33,371	22,228	7,248
Outside Services	184,159	213,387	295,849	243,477	195,278
Travel	1,330	0	98	0	0
Professional & Scientific Services	116,952	321,586	821,120	908,012	961,618
Rentals	2,450	5,725	6,353	15,750	0
Securities	0	0	0	0	1,810,450
State Aid	12,256,496	5,807,401	5,999,291	4,571,397	4,269,932
Utilities	420	0	681	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 28,541,548	\$ 23,116,099	\$ 22,643,393	\$ 20,623,218	\$ 15,497,133
Balance Carry Forward	\$ 11,028,043	\$ 13,278,700	\$ 9,895,937	\$ 7,706,188	\$ 9,133,235

Appropriations History

The following chart details REAP appropriations for the past 14 years.

