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ACE Infrastructure — Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund

Purpose

The ACE Infrastructure appropriation provides funding for capital projects at the community colleges that benefit the Accelerated Career Education (ACE) Program. The ACE Program is funded in large part through job credits from withholding taxes under agreements between the colleges, the Department of Revenue, and employers. The ACE Infrastructure appropriation supplements that amount and funds only projects that meet the statutory definition of vertical infrastructure.

Funding

Since FY 2014, ACE Infrastructure has received annual appropriations of $6.0 million from the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund. Prior to that, the funding was appropriated from a variety of infrastructure funds, including the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF).

Senate File 2415, enacted in 2018, required that the appropriation be allocated equally among the 15 community colleges and specified that qualifying projects must include at least one of the following:
• ACE Program capital projects.
• Major renovations and repairs.
• ACE projects at Eastern Iowa Community College (EICC).

The legislation also specified that for ACE projects at EICC, the prohibition against lease payment in Iowa Code section 8.57(5)(c) will not apply. The provision also applies to funds remaining from prior year allocations to EICC. The provisions related to EICC are not applicable or effective after FY 2019.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter 260G
Iowa Code section 8.57(5)(c)
Iowa Administrative Code 281—21

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More Information

Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund: www.educateiowa.gov/adult-career-and-community-college/iowa-skilled-workforce-and-job-creation-fund
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