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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

Fiscal Services Division

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## Consumer Education and Litigation Fund

### Purpose

The Attorney General is charged with the enforcement of Iowa Code section [714.16](#), the Consumer Fraud Act. The Consumer Education and Litigation Fund is created in Iowa Code section [714.16C](#) and is administrated by the Attorney General. The Fund is used for consumer education and investigation and prosecution of consumer fraud, and its use is restricted by law.

### Funding

Receipts to the Fund include amounts received from State or federal consumer fraud judgments or settlements; civil penalties, costs, or attorney fees; amounts specifically directed to the Fund by judgments or settlements; and amounts that are designated by the judgments or settlements for use by the Attorney General for consumer litigation or education purposes. The year-end balance carries forward to the next fiscal year. Interest earnings remain in the Fund.

### Appropriations

Iowa Code section [714.16C](#)(2) makes two standing limited appropriations from the Fund to the Office of the Attorney General:

- \$1.1 million for public education related to consumer fraud as well as enforcement of Iowa and federal consumer fraud laws.
- \$75,000 for investigation, prosecution, and consumer education related to consumer and criminal fraud committed against older Iowans.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [13](#)

Iowa Code sections [714.16](#) and [714.16C](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [61](#)

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### More Information

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