
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

Fiscal Services Division

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Performance of Duty

Purpose and History

The primary purpose of the Performance of Duty appropriation is to provide funding for emergency repairs to State property if sufficient funds are not available in a State agency budget. All expenditures from the Performance of Duty appropriation must be approved by the [Executive Council](#). The appropriation can also be used to fund disaster-related expenses specified in Iowa Code section [29C.20](#). A summary of the expenses include:

- Costs of suppressing an insurrection or riot by order of the Governor.
- Repairing State property damaged by fire, storm, theft, or other unavoidable cause.
- Repairing State fiberoptic cable that is damaged by wild animals.
- Purchasing a police service dog for the Department of Corrections when a dog is injured or destroyed.
- Paying the expenses of a Homeland Security and Emergency Response Team, Public Health Response Team, and an Interstate Emergency Management Assistance Compact.
- Aiding any governmental subdivision in an area declared by the Governor to be a disaster area due to natural disasters or for expenses associated with averting or lessening the impact of a potential disaster.

The Executive Council may also make financial grants available for the Disaster Aid Individual Assistance Grant Fund administered by the Department of Human Services (Iowa Code section [29C.20A](#)). Up to \$5,000 may be granted to an individual or families adversely affected by a disaster to cover disaster-related expenses following the Governor's proclamation of a state of disaster emergency. Individuals receiving financial assistance must have an annual household income that is less than 200% of the federal poverty level. If federal aid is made available due to a presidential disaster declaration that provides similar aid to that provided by the Iowa Disaster Aid Individual Assistance Grant Program, the Iowa program will be discontinued.

Funding

The Performance of Duty appropriation is a standing unlimited appropriation from the State's Economic Emergency Fund. A standing unlimited appropriation means there is no limit to the amount of expenses that can be approved by the Executive Council. If sufficient funds are not available in the Economic Emergency Fund to pay the approved expenses, an appropriation is provided from the General Fund in an amount necessary to fund that deficiency.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code sections [7D.29](#), [29C.20](#), and [29C.20A](#)
Iowa Administrative Code [361](#)

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