
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2023

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Enhanced Court Collections Fund

Purpose and History

The Enhanced Court Collections Fund was created in FY 1996 under the authority of the Iowa Supreme Court and was repealed in the 2020 Legislative Session. The Fund was established as an incentive to the Judicial Branch to collect fees and fines, allowing the Judicial Branch to keep up to \$4.0 million of the revenue collected. The Fund was separate from the State General Fund, and the balance was not considered part of the State General Fund. Moneys in the Fund were permitted to carry forward. The maximum annual deposit in the Fund was \$4.0 million, and any interest accrued remained in the Fund.

Funding

Moneys in the Fund were used for the Iowa Court Information System (ICIS); records management equipment, services, and projects; other technological improvements; electronic legal research equipment, systems, and projects; and the study, development, and implementation of other innovations and projects that would improve the administration of justice. The moneys in the Fund were also authorized to be used for capital improvements necessitated by the installation of or connection with the ICIS, the Iowa Communications Network, and other technological improvements approved by the Judicial Branch.

Repeal

During the 2020 Legislative Session, the General Assembly repealed the Enhanced Court Collections Fund in [Senate File 457](#), and its \$4.0 million allocation was transferred to the Court Technology and Modernization Fund established in Iowa Code section [602.8108](#). Allowable allocations to the Court Technology and Modernization Fund were increased from \$1.0 million to \$7.0 million per year. Moneys in the Court Technology and Modernization Fund are used to enhance the ability of the Judicial Branch to process cases quickly and efficiently; to electronically transmit information to State government, local governments, law enforcement agencies, and the public; and to improve public access to the court system.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code sections [602.1304](#) and [602.8108](#)

More Information

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