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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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## Farm Mediation Services

### Purpose

The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee is required to serve as the farm assistance program coordinator under Iowa Code section [13.13](#). The farm assistance program coordinator must contract with a nonprofit organization in the State to provide farm mediation services as provided in Iowa Code chapters [654A](#), [654B](#), and [654C](#). Since the farm crisis of the 1980s, the Attorney General has contracted with the Iowa Mediation Service (IMS) to provide farm mediation services to the State. Farmers and lenders use IMS mediators to satisfactorily resolve their disputes, with most cases revolving around farm debt.

### Funding

From FY 2018 to FY 2022, the Department of Justice received a \$300,000 appropriation annually from the Consumer Education and Litigation Fund for farm mediation services.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [654A](#), [654B](#), and [654C](#)  
Iowa Code section [13.13](#)

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