
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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ILEA Facility Remodel — RIF

Purpose

This funding is intended to remodel the existing Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) on Camp Dodge. The existing building is 40,000 square feet and is located on Camp Dodge. The ILEA currently faces a number of building problems. Outdated building components include, but are not limited to, a leaking roof, HVAC, elevator issues, outdated mechanical systems including plumbing and electrical, boiler issues, tuckpointing, windows, lead and asbestos abatement, and ADA compliance issues. The facility has also experienced a number of unexpected problems that threatened ongoing training, including dorm flooding and black mold problems.

History

The ILEA was created by the Iowa General Assembly in 1967. The intent of the General Assembly was to maximize training opportunities for law enforcement personnel, to coordinate training, and to set standards in order to upgrade law enforcement to a professional status. The Academy's mission is "Professionalism Through Training."

The ILEA provides training for law enforcement officers, jailers, and telecommunicators in the State. The Academy also administers a program of psychological testing for applicants for law enforcement positions, approves regional training programs, establishes minimum hiring standards, and provides audio-visual resources for law enforcement training and educational institutions. The Academy is also responsible for decertifying or suspending an officer's certification. The Director and staff are employed pursuant to the Iowa merit system.

Basic Training provided at the ILEA is a 14-week course offered up to six times per year. In addition, the ILEA also offers one-day specialty schools and in-service seminars for law enforcement personnel. The ILEA facility includes dormitory rooms with capacity for 112 people, classrooms, a cafeteria, a physical fitness center, photography and video production studios, and administrative offices. The Academy shares firing ranges and tactical facilities with the Iowa National Guard. In addition to the ILEA, the Department of Public Safety, the Cedar Rapids Police Department, and the Des Moines Police Department offer training courses certified by the ILEA. Training is also offered at Hawkeye Community College and Western Iowa Tech Community College for people with a two-year or four-year degree.

Funding

The ILEA was appropriated \$1.4 million in FY 2019 and \$10.8 million in FY 2020. In total, \$12.3 million was appropriated to remodel the ILEA.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [80B](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [501](#)

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More Information

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