
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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Historic Sites

Purpose and History

The Historic Sites appropriation is used for the operation and maintenance of historic sites across Iowa that are owned by the State Historical Society. These sites present authentic stories of Iowa's history and prehistory. Many sites are operated in partnership with local historical societies and county conservation boards. The historical sites maintained by this appropriation are:

- The American Gothic House (Eldon, Iowa)
- Blood Run National Historic Landmark (Lyon County, Iowa)
- Matthew Edel Blacksmith Shop (Haverhill, Iowa)
- Abbie Gardner Sharp Cabin (Arnolds Park, Iowa)
- Montauk Historic Site (Clermont, Iowa)
- Plum Grove Historic Home (Iowa City, Iowa)
- Toolesboro Mounds National Historic Landmark (Wapello, Iowa)

Funding

The historic sites receive a State General Fund appropriation. Generally, this represents 100.0% of the funding available for regular maintenance and operation of these sites. In FY 2024, the historic sites appropriation was transferred from the Department of Cultural Affairs to the Department of Administrative Services as a result of 2023 Iowa Acts, [SF 514](#) (State Government Alignment Act).

The historic sites also received a \$40,000 appropriation from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) for maintenance and repair in FY 2011. Federal grants are occasionally received for specific projects as well, the last being in FY 2009 for the Lewis and Clark Trail.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [8A](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [223—1.5](#)

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More Information

Historic Sites: history.iowa.gov/history/sites

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