

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Independent Living Center Grant

Program Overview

Centers for Independent Living promote the full participation of persons with disabilities as equal members of society and provide assistance to all persons, regardless of their disability, to develop the skills necessary for acquiring, maintaining, and increasing their independence. Services provided by the Centers may include but not be limited to peer support, skills training, advocacy, and referrals to other agencies that may be able to meet individuals' needs.

There are seven Centers in Iowa serving individuals as nonprofit organizations located in Waterloo, Des Moines, Iowa City, Quad Cities, Council Bluffs, Oskaloosa, and Sioux City.

Funding

The General Fund appropriation for the Independent Living Center Grant is an Iowa program only and does not match any federal funds. The funds are passed through Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) to the various Centers for Independent Living through a contracting process. The program received its first appropriation for FY 2009 for approximately \$246,000. The General Fund appropriation is currently approximately \$90,000 annually.

The Centers receive federal funding under [Title VII](#), Chapter 1, of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973:

- Part B flows through the IVRS to the Centers
- Part C flows directly to the Centers; Part C is restricted to four core services:
 - Information and referral services
 - Independent living skills training
 - Peer counseling, including cross-disability peer counseling
 - Individual and systems advocacy

The Centers also receive private donations and are eligible for grants from other entities.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [259](#)

[281](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapter [56](#)

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More Information

Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services: <http://www.ivrs.iowa.gov/index.html>

Iowa Statewide Independent Living Council: <http://www.iowasilc.org/>

Iowa General Assembly: <http://www.legis.iowa.gov/index.aspx>

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