

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Iowa National Guard Facility Major Maintenance

Purpose and History

Appropriations for major maintenance and repair of armories, also called *readiness centers*, and facilities of the Iowa Army National Guard are generally provided in the infrastructure budget. The definition for armories and readiness centers in federal statute is “a structure that houses one or more units of a reserve component and is used for training and administering those units.”

The Iowa Army National Guard has 40 readiness centers around the state. This is a decrease from the 54 readiness centers that existed in 1960. Of the 40 readiness centers, 27 were constructed at least 25 years ago. As of 2014, there are 488 buildings and facilities, totaling 4.0 million square feet or approximately 92 acres of building space, that are under the management of the Iowa Army National Guard.

Readiness Center Projects

Projects are completed at all of the readiness centers and facilities as funding becomes available, with the projects relating to health, life, safety, and emergency repairs taking the highest priority. Projects that prevent building deterioration or extend the useful life of the readiness center are next in priority. Projects are vetted through the Executive Installation Committee that meets monthly and reports to the Armory Board, established in Iowa Code section [29A.57](#). Examples of projects include roof replacements and repairs; heating and electrical system upgrades and replacements; parking lot repairs and resurfacing; tuckpointing and exterior repairs; latrine renovation; adding or upgrading classroom, office, or storage spaces; replacing carpet or flooring; and other improvements.

State Funding

Annual appropriations in the infrastructure budget for major maintenance and repairs of the armories and facilities began in FY 1996, with an appropriation of \$382,000 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF). Generally, the state appropriation acts as a match to draw down federal funding (typically on a dollar-for-dollar basis). While appropriations have typically been provided from the RIIF, funding was also provided from other infrastructure funds such as the Restricted Capital Fund (RCF) and the Vertical Infrastructure Fund. Between FY 1996 and FY 2016, state appropriations for major maintenance and repairs for Iowa National Guard readiness centers and facilities totaled \$26.1 million, averaging \$1.2 million annually for those years. These totals do not include appropriations for renovations and major repairs to individual armories that were specified in legislation or appropriations for the modernization agenda of the readiness centers, and solely reflect the budget line item in the annual infrastructure budget for major maintenance and repairs for readiness centers.

In addition to state appropriations and federal funding, there is a National Guard Support and Facilities Improvement Fund, established in Iowa Code section [29A.14](#) that provides for support of Iowa National Guard operations and for the construction, improvement, modification, maintenance, or repair of National Guard facilities. This Fund may not exceed a balance of \$2.0 million, and consists of revenue derived from the operation or leasing of facilities located at Camp Dodge, and the sale of real estate belonging to the Iowa National Guard, per recommendation by the Armory Board.

Related Statutes

Iowa Code chapter [29A](#)
United States Code [10 USC §§ 18231-18240](#) (2011)

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More Information

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