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Technology Reinvestment Fund

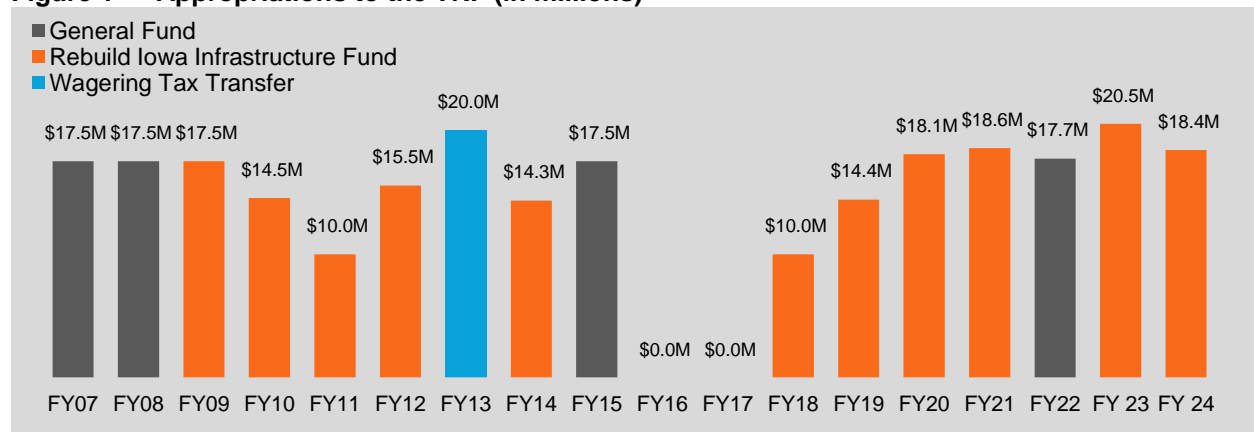
Iowa Code section [8.57C](#) establishes the Technology Reinvestment Fund (TRF) for the purposes of appropriating money to State departments to be used for acquiring computer hardware and software, software development, acquiring telecommunications equipment, maintenance, lease agreements associated with technology components, and purchasing equipment intended to provide an uninterruptible power supply. The TRF was created in 2006 Iowa Acts, chapter [1179](#) (FY 2007 Infrastructure and Capital Projects Appropriations Act), under the direction of the Department of Management.

Funding

Iowa Code section 8.57C provides a standing appropriation of \$17.5 million from the General Fund to the TRF. Unlike most funds, the TRF does not receive taxes or fees directly. This means that if the General Assembly elects to suspend the standing appropriation, the TRF will receive no new funding without additional legislative action. In FY 2016 and FY 2017, the TRF did not receive funding from any source. During these years, the technology projects typically funded from the TRF were instead funded from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF). The General Assembly appropriated \$10.5 million from the RIIF for technology projects in FY 2016 and \$8.7 million from the RIIF for technology projects in FY 2017.

FY 2022 was the first fiscal year since FY 2015 that the TRF received funding from the General Fund. In FY 2015 the Governor vetoed a provision that suspended the General Fund appropriation. This veto resulted in the TRF receiving the General Fund standing appropriation of \$17.5 million in FY 2015. Prior to that, the TRF had not been funded from the General Fund since FY 2008. In total, the TRF has received \$261.6 million since its inception. Of the total, 26.8% was from the General Fund, and 73.2% was provided from other sources. **Figure 1** displays funding provided to the TRF by year.

Figure 1 — Appropriations to the TRF (in millions)



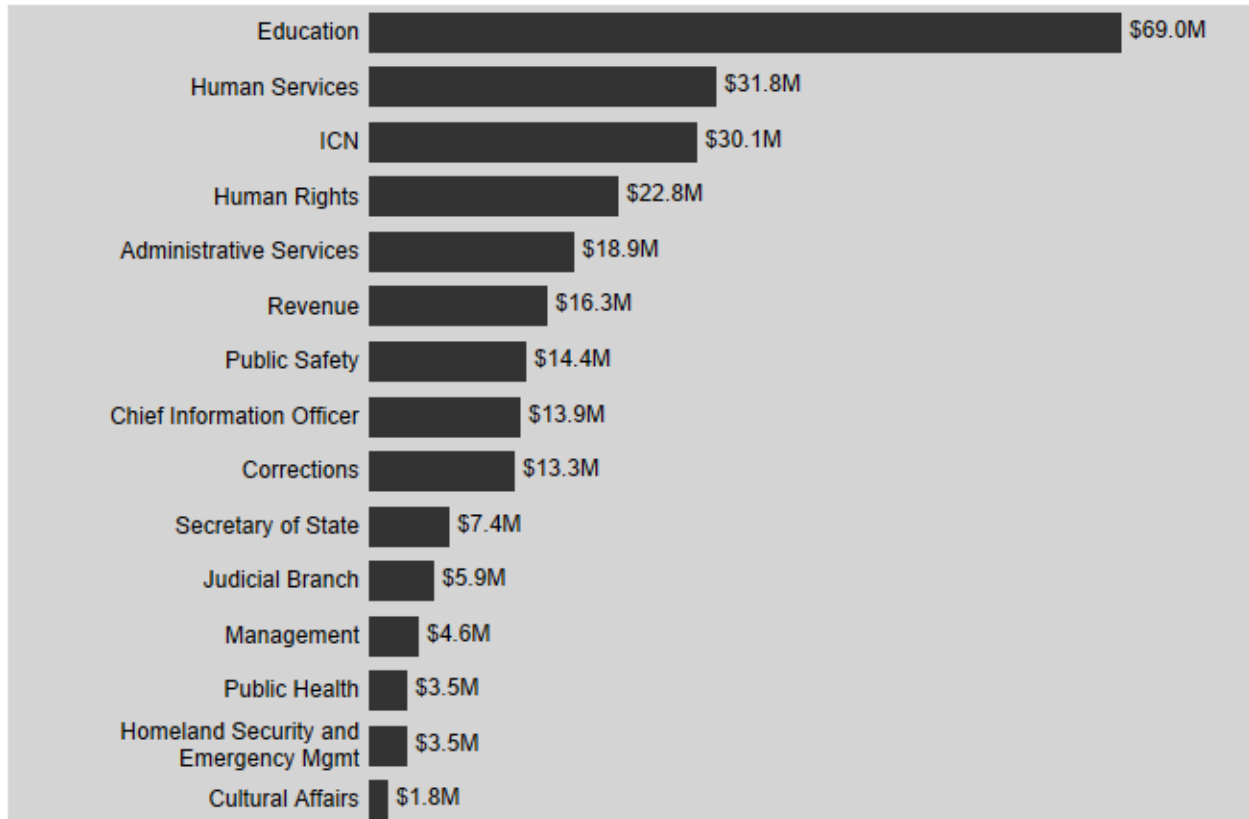
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Appropriations

Since FY 2007, the General Assembly has appropriated funding from the TRF to State agencies for programs and projects. Generally, appropriations from the TRF match the funding appropriated to the TRF (**Figure 1**), but in some years, unexpended funds brought forward from the prior year mean the General Assembly may have resources available in addition to the appropriated funds. Appropriations by department are shown in **Figure 2**. The top two recipients are the Department of Education (26.1%) and the Department of Health and Human Services (12.0%).

**Figure 2 — Top 15 Agencies Receiving TRF Appropriations (in millions)
FY 2007 — Estimated FY 2024**



NOTE: Beginning in FY 2024, Senate File 514 (State Government Alignment Act) moved the Department of Human Rights and the Department of Public Health under the Department of Health and Human Services. The Act also moved the Department of Cultural Affairs under the Economic Development Authority.

Projects and acquisitions funded by the TRF are typically completed within a fiscal year and do not require ongoing annual appropriations. However, several departments have received ongoing appropriations for technology systems, projects, and licensing. The projects listed in **Figure 3** received a total of \$5.9 million (31.1% of TRF appropriations) in estimated FY 2024.

Figure 3 — Technology Projects and Programs That Received Ongoing Appropriations

Department	Appropriation Name
Department of Education	ICN Part III Leases
	Statewide Education Data Warehouse
Department of Homeland Security Emerg. Mgmt.	Alert Iowa Statewide Messaging System
Department of Health and Human Services	Criminal Justice Information System
	Justice Data Warehouse
Department of Management	Iowa Grants Management
	Searchable Online Database
	Socrata License
	Local Government Budget and Prop. Tax System

Other projects have required multiyear appropriations but for a limited term. These projects may obligate funding for a number of years before completion. Multiyear projects that are ongoing in FY 2024 are listed in **Figure 4**.

Figure 4 — Limited-Term Technology Appropriations (over multiple fiscal years)

Medicaid Technology	FY 2018: \$1,000,000
(FY 2018 enacted in 2017, other years enacted in 2018)	FY 2019: \$636,000
	FY 2020: \$1,228,535
	FY 2021: \$1,979,319
	FY 2022: \$1,625,363
	FY 2023: \$1,416,680
	FY 2024: \$1,578,280
	FY 2025: \$1,335,178
	Total: \$10,799,355
Tax System Modernization	FY 2021: \$4,070,460
(FY 2021 enacted in 2020, FY 2022 enacted in 2021,	FY 2022: \$4,070,460
FY 2023 enacted in 2022, FY 2024 enacted in 2023)	FY 2023: \$4,070,460
	FY 2024: \$4,070,460
	Total: \$16,281,840

Related Statute

Iowa Code section [8.57C](#)

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