



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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Today is Election Day!



If I'm able to vote, am I registered to vote?

To find out if you're registered, visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/regtovote/search.aspx>.

If you're not registered, you can still register to vote on election day. For information on how to do that, visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/edr.html>.

When can I vote?

Polls in Iowa opened at 7 a.m. this morning and are open until 9 p.m.

Where is my polling location?

Resources for finding your polling location and other voting information:

- [Iowa Secretary of State](#)
- [Vote 411](#)

Sample ballots

Would you like to see a sample ballot before you vote? Your county auditor's office can provide you with a sample ballot before you go to the polls so that you know who will be on your ballot. To find a list of County Auditors in Iowa, visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/auditors/auditorslist.html>.

Problems voting? Need assistance?

Election Day Hotline: Call 1-888-SOS-VOTE if you're experiencing problems while voting.

I need help filling out my ballot. Can someone help me?

Yes. If you need help filling out your ballot, you can request assistance for marking or casting a ballot. You can declare upon oath that you are blind, cannot read the English language, or are, by reason of any physical disability, unable to cast a vote without assistance.

You may choose any person to assist you, except your employer, employer's agent or an office/agent of your union. You can also request assistance from a precinct election official. Two precinct officials, one from each political party, may assist. If a person other than the precinct official assists you, the person assisting you must sign the Affidavit of Voter Requesting Assistance.

I am unable to leave my car, can someone bring a ballot to my car?

Yes. If you are unable to enter the building where the polling place is located because of disability, two precinct election officials, one from each party, will take a ballot and election supplies outside to you. You can then mark the ballot in your vehicle. You must sign the Affidavit of Voter Requesting Assistance. It is not required, but would be helpful to contact the county auditor's office, to let them know that you will be voting curbside.

Problems getting to the polls?

A number of companies and organizations offer free or reduced rides to the polls on Election Day. Some examples are:

- [Des Moines Area Regional Transit \(DART\)](#)
- [Iowa City and Cedar Rapids buses](#)
- [Ames HIRTA Public Transit](#)
- [Uber and Lyft](#)

Statewide/Community Announcements

Grant opportunity: Impact Fund Offers Support for Litigation to Advance Social Justice

The [Impact Fund](#) provides grants to nonprofit legal firms, private attorneys, and/or small law firms working to advance social justice in the areas of civil and human rights, environmental justice, and poverty law.

Through the fund's litigation program, grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded in support of public interest litigation that has the potential to benefit a large number of people, lead to significant law reform, and raise public consciousness of social justice issues. Preference is given to civil rights, human rights, anti-poverty, and environmental justice cases that will affect a marginalized group. Most grants are for class actions, but the fund also will support multi-plaintiff and environmental justice cases that aim to significantly affect a larger system. Impact Fund grants may be used for out-of-pocket litigation expenses such as expert fees and discovery costs, but not for attorney's fees, staff, or other overhead.

Grants will be awarded to private attorneys, small legal firms, and nonprofit legal entities that do not have sufficient access to funding sources. Specifically, grants are intended to support cases that could not be effectively prosecuted and/or in which financial hardship would occur to the applicant if supplementary funding were not available. Grants may cover reasonable costs and out-of-pocket expenses (including non-recoverable costs) such as deposition expenses, expert fees, and investigation expenses.

For the 2018 Spring grant cycle, the deadline for Letters of Interest is January 8, 2019. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full application by February 5, 2019.

See the Impact Fund's [website](#) for complete program guidelines.

Grant opportunity: U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women, Justice for Families Program

Funds are now available to support activities that improve the capacity of communities and courts to respond to families impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking, including cases involving allegations of child abuse. The funds may be used for a range of activities, including court-based and court-related programs; supervised visitation and safe exchange by and between parents; training and technical assistance for people who work with families in the court system; civil legal services; provision of resources in juvenile court matters; and development or promotion of legislation, model codes, policies, and best practices. Applications are due by January 8, 2019.

For more information, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events/Seminars/Conferences

- **November 6-7:** [Iowa Women Lead Change Central Iowa conference](#)
- **November 8:** [Taking the Road Less Traveled conference](#) for 9-10th grade girls in Ames
- **November 9:** [Lecture: Leadership is a team sport](#) at Iowa State University (Gerdin Business Building) by Beth Ford, Iowa State alumna and president and CEO of Land O'Lakes
- **November 16:** Second annual [Women for Water](#) Gathering in Des Moines
- **November 16:** [Iowa Safe Schools Trans Education Summit](#) in Des Moines
- **November 17:** [L.U.N.A. gala](#) in West Des Moines
- **November 17:** [GirlsCode++](#) in Cedar Rapids
- **November 28:** [Power Ladies Lunch](#) in Cedar Rapids

Note: If you have an event taking place for women in Iowa that you would like to see added, please send it to women@iowa.gov.

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