

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS TRANSFERS

Appropriations Transfer

The Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) received notification of two requests to transfer funds within the Department of Human Services (DHS) for FY 2007 pursuant to Section 8.4 of HF 2734 (FY 2007 Health and Human Services Appropriations Act).

Transfer Amount

The transfers shift \$1.6 million in Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds from the Family Investment Program (FIP) to Child and Family Services, then replaces the funds with an opposite General Fund transfer of \$1.6 million from Child and Family Services to the FIP, which results in no net loss of funds to either Program.

Transfer Purpose

The transfer of the additional \$1.6 million in General Funds to the FIP allows the expenditures to be considered as part of the State's maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement for FFY 2007, which the State must meet as a condition for receiving federal funds under the TANF block grant. The State is also required to meet TANF work participation requirements.



To the extent that the State exceeds the minimum MOE requirement, FIP cases funded by the excess are excluded from the caseload reduction calculation, which increases the credit. By increasing the credit, the State meets TANF work participation requirements, as the required work participation rate is decreased by the same percent as the caseload reduction credit. The higher FFY 2007 caseload reduction credit will better enable the State to meet FFY 2008 work participation requirements.

More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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SECRETARY OF STATE APPROPRIATIONS TRANSFER

Appropriations Transfer

The Fiscal Services Division of the LSA received notification of a request to transfer funds pursuant to Section 8.39, Code of Iowa. The notice requests a transfer of FY 2007 appropriations totaling \$68,352 from the Health Facilities Division, Department of Inspections and Appeals, to the Voter Registration and Elections Division, Secretary of State's Office.

Transfer Purpose

The purpose of the transfer is to bring the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Program into compliance with federal rules by providing additional matching funds as identified in a recent federal audit of the Program.

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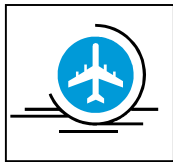
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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPROVES PUBLIC TRANSIT AND AVIATION GRANT PROGRAMS

Grants Approved

The Transportation Commission recently approved an estimated \$4.0 million for the State Aviation Program and an estimated \$3.6 million for Public Transit projects for FY 2008.

Aviation Projects



The grants approved for the State Aviation Program include:

- \$1.5 million – Commercial Service Vertical Infrastructure Program. House File 911 (FY 2008 Infrastructure Appropriations Act) appropriated \$1.5 million for this Program for FY 2008.
- \$827,000 – General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure Program. House File 911 appropriated \$750,000 for this Program for FY 2008. The additional \$77,000 includes carryforward funds from previous years.
- \$1.6 million – Airport Improvement Program. House File 911 appropriated \$1.6 million for the Program for FY 2008. Of this amount, \$1.1 million will be used for airfield and security projects and \$545,000 for aviation safety and development programs.

Public Transit Projects



Public Transit projects include:

- \$2.3 million – Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Program. This Program was created by the 2006 General Assembly. A total of \$4.4 million was appropriated for the Program, including \$2.2 million from the Endowment for Iowa's Health Restricted Capitals Fund (RC2) for FY 2007, and \$2.2 million from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) for FY 2008.
- \$886,000 – Job Access/Reverse Commute Program. This is a federal program designed to assist low-income persons in accessing jobs, training, and child care services.
- \$371,000 – New Freedom Program. This is a federal program designed to assist the needs of persons with disabilities, including transit systems that provide services beyond the levels required under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

More Information

A list of the aviation projects may be accessed on the Department of Transportation's (DOT) web site at: <http://www.dot.state.ia.us/morgue/news2007/07170702.htm>. A list of the public transit projects may be accessed on the DOT web site at: <http://www.dot.state.ia.us/morgue/news2007/07170704.htm>. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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CAPITOL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Commission Meeting

The Capitol Planning Commission met on August 21 and received updates on numerous construction projects currently in progress, as well as projects being planned.

New State Office Bldg.

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) provided an update on the status of the new State office building and the Mercy Capitol Property purchase. The Department has offered to purchase the 9.5 acre property for \$6.0 million and the acquisition is still in negotiations. The hospital is also reviewing an offer from another group to purchase approximately half of the 9.5 acres.



The Department is beginning the design phase of a new State office building and would like to use a portion of the hospital property as a staging area for construction, and later construct a parking garage on the site to serve the occupants of the new building. In order for the Department to maintain the design and construction schedule of the new building, the Mercy property acquisition needs to be completed within the next 30 days.

West Capitol Terrace

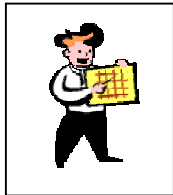
Phase 3 of the West Capitol Terrace project includes an option for constructing a fountain at an estimated cost of \$1.0 million. Representatives from the Des Moines Peace Community offered to raise the \$1.0 million over the next year without naming rights. The Commission will consider the offer as well as policies related to receiving donations for improvements on the Capitol Complex.

Comm. College Trustees

The Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT) presented the architectural design of their new facility that will be located on a parcel of property currently owned by the State on the Capitol Complex. The Commission approved the design as required in the purchase agreement. The State is also acquiring a parcel currently owned by the IACCT, which is located at the east end of Locust Street and adjacent to the West Capitol Terrace. The acquisition includes a land trade valued at approximately \$350,000.

Five-Year Capital Plan

The DAS presented an update to their Five-Year Capital Projects Plan for FY 2009 – FY 2013. The estimated cost of projects over the five years totals \$452.8 million. The totals by fiscal year are listed below:



- FY 2009: \$123.1 million
- FY 2010: \$106.2 million
- FY 2011: \$84.8 million
- FY 2012: \$72.4 million
- FY 2013: \$66.3 million

More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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**COMMISSION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS
MEETING**

Commission Meeting

The Commission for the Department of Elder Affairs met on August 14.

Director's Report

Director John McCalley provided the following information:

- The Department submitted names for potential members to serve on the Alzheimer's Disease Task Force to the Governor's Office in July. The Governor is expected to make selections in August and meetings are expected to be held monthly from September through December. The Task Force's findings and recommendations are required to be submitted in a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2008.
- The Department is soliciting names for potential members to serve on the Single Point of Entry Long-Term Living Resources System Team, which is expected to begin meeting in the fall. The goal is to streamline access into the long-term care system. A report of the Team's findings is due on or before December 1, 2008.
- The Department is participating with other health-related State agencies on the Health Enterprise Planning Team in preparation for budget proposals for FY 2009. The Department will submit a status quo budget request for FY 2009 by October 1.
- There has been recent media coverage regarding the Department's fundraising efforts from private sector organizations for the Governor's Conference on Aging and the Elder Rights Conference. The Department does not receive State funds to cover Conference costs. The fundraising dates back to at least 1999 and has been conducted in order to keep registration fees as low as possible.
- The media coverage questioned whether it was appropriate for the Department, as a regulatory body, to receive funds from private organizations through fundraising efforts. Director McCalley reported the Department no longer has any regulatory authority since activities for assisted living and adult day care oversight were transferred to the Department of Inspections and Appeals at the beginning of FY 2008.
- The results of the stakeholder survey conducted on the Department and its services in July were distributed. There were 85 survey responses.
- A summary report on the Iowa Alzheimer's Disease Demonstration Projects was distributed.



Financial Report

Greg Anliker, Department of Elder Affairs (DEA), reported that the State Audit of the Department for FY 2006 contained no findings. As of June 30, 2007, the Department had expended an average of 95.0% of the Department's budgeted funds for FY 2007; however, this is expected to increase by the official close of FY 2007.

Noticed Rules

The Commission approved Administrative Rules relating to the Department, the Senior Internship Program, waivers or variances from Administrative Rules, rules of practice in contested cases, and declaratory orders for approval at a future meeting.

Single Point of Entry

Chairperson Daniel Ernst was selected as the Department's designee to serve on the Single Point of Entry Long-Term Living Resources System Team. The Team is required to meet four times at different locations around the State. The plan is to hold these meetings on the same days as future Commission meetings, with the first meeting scheduled for October 15.

Wellness Town Meetings

Senator Bill Heckroth reported that over 100 people attended the Lt. Governor's Wellness Town Meeting held in Cedar Falls. A major topic of discussion was the link between economics and wellness.

More Information

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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IOWA PUBLIC TELEVISION BOARD MEETING**Board Meeting**

The Iowa Public Television Board met at Iowa Public Television in Johnston on August 15. The Board re-elected Rob Hall as president for the coming year and Susie McDermott as vice president. The Board also appointed Hall, McDermott, past president B. J. Furgerson, and Dan Miller as representatives to the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and the Association of Public Television Stations (APTS). The Board also approved FY 2008 plans submitted by the Regional Telecommunications Councils in Regions 9, 10, 11, and 15.

Advisory Committee

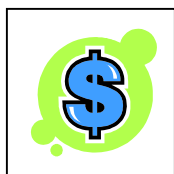
The Board adopted resolutions recognizing Jack Shelley and Herb Strentz at the conclusion of their terms on the Advisory Committee on Journalistic and Editorial Integrity. Byron Knight, recently retired General Manager of Wisconsin Public Television and former programming executive at PBS, was appointed to replace Shelley on the Advisory Committee. A replacement for Strentz is being sought, and the Iowa Freedom of Information Council has been contacted for recommendations.

Lease Agreements

The Board approved an agreement to lease tower and building space at the new KYIN-DT tower to the owners of KIMT radio. The Board also authorized the board president to review and approve a lease agreement being negotiated to lease tower space from American Tower of Orion, Illinois, for KQIN-DT. In addition, the Board approved a five-year lease extension for property located at 6535 Corporate Drive in Johnston, adjacent to the main offices of IPTV. Iowa Public Television has occupied this space since 1997.

Current Budget

Staff members of IPTV reviewed the status of the FY 2007 budget, including programming and production support from the Iowa Public Television Foundation. No reversions of State funds are anticipated.

FY 2009 Budget Requests

Staff members presented proposals for FY 2009 budget requests to be submitted to the Department of Management. It was noted that Governor Culver has requested status quo General Fund budget requests. The IPTV proposals include status quo funding for operations (\$8.8 million) and Regional Telecommunications Council support (\$1.4 million). A proposal for additional funding of \$382,000 to expand digital television programming was also presented. Staff said they will discuss the proposal with the DOM and legislators, but will not submit it as a formal budget request. The Board approved the proposals.

FY 2009 Capitals

Staff members presented proposals for FY 2009 funding of capital projects, including funding for back-up generators at transmitter sites and digital conversion of one translator site at Keosauqua. The Board approved a request of up to \$3.6 million over three years to provide generators at all nine transmitter sites. The Board also approved a request for \$702,000 for the translator conversion. It was noted that grant funding is being sought for the conversion of the remaining six translators, although it is unlikely funding for all six will be received.

More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR NATURAL RESOURCE FUNDING STUDY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meetings

The Sustainable Funding for Natural Resource Funding Study Committee met on August 13 in Des Moines and the Advisory Committee met on August 22 in Marshalltown.

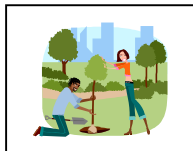
Interim Committee



The following was discussed at the Study Committee meeting:

- The Committee elected Senator Dearden and Representative Bell as the Chairpersons of the Committee.
- Rich Leopold, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), provided background information on the Sustainable Natural Resources Advisory Committee that was established in HF 2797 (FY 2006 Standing Appropriations Act).
- The Committee discussed a proposal that would provide funding of \$30,000 to the Advisory Committee to contract with the Center of Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) to review and summarize information on sustainable natural resource funding. The funding was approved by the Committee.
- The Committee also approved travel expenditures of \$3,000 for speakers that would discuss what other states have implemented for sustainable natural resources.

Advisory Committee



The following was discussed at the Advisory Committee meeting:

- Rich Leopold, DNR, provided an overview of the Study Committee meeting that was held on August 13.
- Senator Mary Lundby suggested that a public hearing be held in two locations with legislators present to show the importance of sustainable funding for natural resources.
- Peter Fritzell, DNR, provided an update on the study that will be completed by the Center of Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD). A draft report will be compiled by October 15 for review by the Advisory Committee and a presentation will be made to the Interim Committee in November.
- Committee members were assigned to subcommittees to summarize natural resource programs that would be funded under a Sustainable Natural Resource Program.

More Information

The next meeting of the Study Committee is scheduled for November 1 in Des Moines, and the next meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for September 10 in Des Moines. For more information, access the web site at: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/Current/Interim/>. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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VETERAN'S HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UPDATE

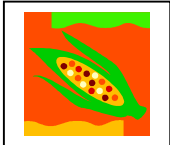
- Home Ownership Program** At the end of July 2007, the Veteran's Home Ownership Assistance Program had provided 849 veterans with funds to use toward the purchase of a home. With the maximum assistance of \$5,000, the average amount received was \$4,500 since the inception of the Program in April 2005.
- Program Appropriations** The Program's appropriations have totaled \$6.0 million, with a remaining balance of \$2.2 million. The balance does not include contingent appropriations of an estimated \$550,000 dependent on the need for funding for the Program, or the transfers of \$70,000 for administrative costs and the Enduring Families Program.
- More Information** Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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LEGISLATORS TOUR ETHANOL PLANT

- Legislative Tour** Legislators were invited to tour the Renessen Ethanol Pilot Project located at the Cargill BioProcessing Center in Eddyville on August 15. Legislators included Senators Gronstal, Johnson, and McKinley and Representatives Deyoe and Whitaker.

New Processing



The Renessen Project is a joint venture between Monsanto and Cargill that utilizes the Extrax™ Corn Processing System. The System extracts approximately 70.0% of the corn oil from the starch prior to processing ethanol. The starch is used to produce ethanol and the oil is converted into value-added products. One product being tested is the use of the corn oil in swine rations. The oil can also be refined for human consumption or for the production of biodiesel fuel.

- Pilot Project** The pilot project began in March 2007, and the plant has processed over 350,000 bushels of corn and has the capacity to process more than 300 tons of corn per day.

- Interim Committee** The tour provided preliminary information to members of the Animal Feeding of Distillers Dried Grains Interim Study Committee. The first meeting is scheduled for September 15 in Des Moines.

- More Information** For more information, access the web sites at:
http://www.renessen.com/en_about.asp (Renessen Project) and
<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/Current/Interim/> (Interim Committee). Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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