



General Fund Reallocation Requests (No new funding is requested.)

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) is requesting that the following programs be supported by reallocations in the existing General Fund budget for the department:

- **Increase of \$74,059 to the PRIMECARRE Program.** (<http://idph.iowa.gov/ohds/rural-health-primary-care/primecarre>)
Issue: The number of applicants exceeds the existing funding for this popular program. The state funding is used to draw down federal funding at a rate of \$1:\$1. A reallocation of existing state funds is needed to draw down additional federal funds to increase the number of awards made.
Background: PRIMECARRE for use in repayment of education loans offers two-year grants to primary care medical, dental, and mental health practitioners. It requires a two-year practice commitment in a public or non-profit site located in a health professional shortage area (HPSA).
- **Increase of \$60,000 for the Certificate of Need (CON) Program.** (<http://idph.iowa.gov/cert-of-need>)
Issue: Additional funding is needed to support the administration of this Iowa Code-required program. The Program currently receives General Fund appropriations of \$79,052. Historically, another funding source has been used to fill current the budgetary gap of approximately \$60,000. However due to staff retirement, the alternative funding source is no longer an option. A budget gap has been created and a reallocation of existing funding is requested to fill it.
Background: For 23 years, the program benefitted from the institutional knowledge and expertise of one staff person who was able to serve dual roles as the department's administrative rules coordinator. The staff person retired in 2014. Since then, it has been clear that the job duties must be split into two positions. The administrative rules coordinator position and work will be fully funded using the department's indirect funds. A reallocation of existing General Funds is needed to fully fund the CON Program.
- **New allocation of \$47,000 to the Child Vision Screening Program.** (<http://idph.iowa.gov/family-health/child-health/vision-screening>)
Issue: A vision screening requirement for school-aged children was authorized in Iowa Code 135.39D and implemented during the 2015-2016 school year and a sustainable funding source is needed for the ongoing costs for the Program. Ongoing costs include staff time for data entry, reporting, and general oversight/compliance as well as hosting and maintenance costs for the IT software. Without a reallocation of existing General Funds, the future of the Program is in question.
Background: The Child Vision Screening Program was established in 2013 by Iowa Code Chapter 135.39(d). Funding was not provided for implementation or ongoing expenses. One-time funding sources have supported the build of the data collection software system and enrollment and training of providers, however, the department is unable to use these one-time funds for ongoing costs.
- **New allocation of \$74,389 for the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health (OMMH).** (<http://idph.iowa.gov/mh>)
Issue: The OMMH was established in 2006 by Iowa Code Section 135.12. Funding was not provided for this mandated Office. Several different federal funding streams have been used over the years to support the assigned staffing position. However, federal funding has been reduced in recent years and it has become increasingly difficult to find resources to support the Office. The future of the Office is in question without a reallocation of existing General Funds.
Background: A recent evaluation of the department identified gaps in the areas of health equity, policies and procedures, development and documentation of culturally competent initiatives, and cultural competency training across the department. This is due to the unfocused approach to funding this work. A reallocation is necessary to fully dedicate the work of the OMMH in addressing these gaps. Currently, whatever funding stream used to cover the costs dictates the type of work that is done. This is not a strategic way address health disparities.
- **New allocation of \$150,000 to fund the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) service charges (utility billings).**
Issue: A reallocation of existing General Funds is needed in order to fully execute the requirements of Executive Order 20 and the directives of the 2010 Government Reorganization and Efficiencies Act (2010 Iowa Acts Chapter 1031-SF 2088).
Background: IDPH has moved its data center to the OCIO in the Hoover Building, effective in 2015. This consolidation effort is in compliance with Executive Order 20 that ordered implementation of recommendations outlined in the Iowa Efficiency Review Report as well as requirements located in the 2010 Government Reorganization and Efficiencies Act. A dedicated funding source is needed to pay for the ongoing, monthly expenses charged by the OCIO under this new business model. This can be accomplished by a reallocation of existing General Funds.

The following programs and dollar amounts have been identified as a result of historical reversions to the General Fund. IDPH requests that this funding be reallocated in order to fund the aforementioned initiatives.



- **\$275,000 from the Gambling Treatment and Prevention Program.** This amount can be reallocated without decreasing the number of clients receiving problem gambling treatment and without decreasing provider rates. The current General Fund appropriation for FY 2016 is \$3.1 million.
- **\$25,000 from the Cervical and Colorectal Cancer Screening Program.** Subcontractors have reported difficulty in spending their contracted funding amounts for various reasons such as decreased activity due to increased access to insurance coverage under the Affordable Care Act. The current General Fund appropriation for FY 2016 is \$126,450.
- **\$105,448 from the Mental Health Workforce Stipend Program.** Approximately \$246,000 has been reverted from this Program since FY 2013 despite efforts to make it more attractive. IDPH recommends using part of this funding to increase support for the PRIMECARRE Program as mentioned in the first section of this memo. The funding may be better leveraged for other activities that benefit the mental health workforce through the PRIMECARRE Program as several professions with prescribing authority are eligible (i.e. primary care physicians practicing in general psychiatry, psychiatrists, psychiatric nurse specialists, and primary care physician assistants). The current General Fund appropriation for FY 2016 is \$105,448.

Historical Reversion for All Three Programs

Program	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Three Year Total
Gambling Treatment and Prevention	\$371,525	\$453,457	\$597,378	\$1,422,360
Cervical and Colorectal Cancer Screening Program	\$0	\$68,381	\$88,988	\$157,370
Mental Health Workforce Stipend Program	\$70,299	\$70,299	\$105,448	\$246,046

Technology Reinvestment Fund

IDPH is requesting the following from the Technology Reinvestment Fund that is under the purview of the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Joint Appropriations Subcommittee:

- **\$500,000 for the second year of requested funding for the Maternal and Child Health database integration project.**
 - Project goals:
 - Integrate 5 program data collection systems across 8 programs in the Bureaus of Family Health and Oral and Health Delivery Systems.
 - To better support our stakeholders and to improve the outcomes of the families they work with.
 - All 8 programs impacted operate in all 99 counties and serve all children and pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid as well as low-income and uninsured or underinsured Iowans.
 - Currently the 5 systems function independently of each other, are not web-based, and cannot share data among users or with the public. The systems are aging and are costly to repair and present data security issues.
 - Features of the new system will include case management, referral management, risk assessment, billing, and client and population-level reporting.
 - The Governor recommended and the General Assembly approved the first year of this two year request in FY 2016.

Estimated Budget Total is \$3,500,000			
<u>State/Private Revenue Sources</u>		<u>Federal Match</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Total Requested State Appropriations	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
Title V Block Grant	755,000		755,000
MIECHV	250,000		250,000
State Dental Funding	35,000	35,000	70,000
1st Five Program	100,000	100,000	200,000
Oral Health CDC Grant	25,000		25,000
Delta Dental Foundation	100,000	100,000	200,000
Total Funds	\$2,265,000	\$1,235,000	\$3,500,000

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