

Blind, Iowa Commission for the

Mission Statement

Empower blind Iowans to be gainfully employed and live independently.

Description

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Financial Summary

Object Category	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
State Appropriations	3,087,171	3,207,190	3,207,190	3,207,190
Receipts from Other Entities	8,225,983	9,329,517	9,259,116	9,259,116
Interest, Dividends, Bonds & Loans	185,346	17,687	17,687	17,687
Refunds & Reimbursements	6,397	6,902	6,902	6,902
Sales, Rents & Services	—	1	2	2
Miscellaneous	93,678	62,473	62,475	62,475
Beginning Balance and Adjustments	4,153,758	4,405,991	4,306,836	4,133,026
Total Resources	15,752,333	17,029,761	16,860,208	16,686,398
Expenditures				
Personal Services	6,668,972	8,185,377	7,848,142	7,848,142
Travel & Subsistence	255,868	260,328	260,328	260,328
Supplies & Materials	111,404	91,464	91,464	91,464
Contractual Services and Transfers	1,113,766	1,182,939	1,449,771	1,449,771
Equipment & Repairs	993,722	1,243,131	1,243,131	1,243,131
Claims & Miscellaneous	6,767	6,635	6,635	6,635
Licenses, Permits, Refunds & Other	1,808	—	—	—
State Aid & Credits	2,151,659	1,926,861	1,926,866	1,926,866
Reversions	42,375	—	—	—
Balance Carry Forward	4,405,991	4,133,026	4,033,871	3,860,061
Total Expenditures	15,752,333	17,029,761	16,860,208	16,686,398
Full Time Equivalent	76	104	84	84

Appropriations from General Fund

Appropriations	FY 2025 Actuals	FY 2026 Current Year Budget Estimate	FY 2027 Total Department Request	FY 2027 Total Governor's Recommended
Department for the Blind	3,087,171	3,207,190	3,207,190	3,207,190
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Appropriations Detail

Department for the Blind

General Fund

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The Department's three major service areas--vocational rehabilitation (VR), independent living (IL), and library--are provided through four organizational divisions: Field Operations, the Adult Orientation and Adjustment Center, the Business Enterprises Program (BEP), and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The foundation that underlies all of our programs is our positive philosophy of blindness. This philosophy also underscores the Department's mission which guides the delivery of these services to our consumers.

Department for the Blind Financial Summary

Object Class	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Balance Brought Forward (Approps)	29,769	42,374	—	42,374
Appropriation	3,087,171	3,207,190	3,207,190	3,207,190
Federal Support	8,023,288	8,974,517	8,904,108	8,904,108
Local Governments	43,147	—	—	—
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies	159,548	355,000	355,000	355,000
Refunds & Reimbursements	—	1	1	1
Other Sales & Services	—	1	1	1
Other	—	1	1	1
Total Resources	11,342,923	12,579,084	12,466,301	12,508,675
Expenditures				
Personal Services-Salaries	6,668,972	8,185,377	7,848,142	7,848,142
Personal Travel In State	151,027	165,637	165,637	165,637
State Vehicle Operation	42,981	33,460	33,460	33,460
Depreciation	24,365	30,956	30,956	30,956
Personal Travel Out of State	37,496	30,125	30,125	30,125
Office Supplies	35,317	35,066	35,066	35,066
Facility Maintenance Supplies	41,922	27,070	27,070	27,070
Equipment Maintenance Supplies	1,088	—	—	—
Other Supplies	13,753	10,400	10,400	10,400
Printing & Binding	749	2,042	2,042	2,042
Food	11,548	10,513	10,513	10,513
Postage	3,722	3,268	3,268	3,268

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Object Class	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Communications	92,132	92,358	92,358	92,358
Rentals	103,298	119,687	29,687	29,687
Utilities	118,398	157,234	157,234	157,234
Professional & Scientific Services	543	3,726	3,726	3,726
Outside Services	163,272	164,185	164,185	164,185
Advertising & Publicity	1,741	1,540	1,540	1,540
Outside Repairs/Service	308,626	193,897	193,897	193,897
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	250,196	187,442	437,442	437,442
ITS Reimbursements	24,898	22,200	129,026	129,026
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Auditor of State Services	17,890	12,817	12,817	12,817
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies Services	8,184	—	—	—
Equipment	235,550	396,200	396,200	396,200
Equipment - Non-Inventory	241,523	149,200	149,200	149,200
IT Equipment	516,957	692,979	692,979	692,979
Other Expense & Obligations	6,767	6,635	6,635	6,635
Refunds-Other	1,808	—	—	—
Aid to Individuals	2,133,452	1,802,696	1,802,696	1,802,696
Balance Carry Forward (Approps)	42,374	42,374	—	42,374
Reversions	42,375	—	—	—
Total Expenditures	11,342,923	12,579,084	12,466,301	12,508,675

Fund Detail

Gifts, Bequests, and Program Income

Fund Description

Accept gifts, grants, devises, or bequests of real or personal property from any source for the use and purposes of the department.

Gifts, Bequests, and Program Income Detail

Object Class	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Resources				
Balance Brought Forward (Funds)	4,123,989	4,363,617	4,306,836	4,090,652
Intra State Receipts	—	—	8	8
Interest	185,346	17,687	17,687	17,687
Refunds & Reimbursements	6,397	6,901	6,901	6,901
Other Sales & Services	—	—	1	1
Unearned Receipts	93,678	62,455	62,456	62,456
Other	—	17	18	18
Total Resources	4,409,410	4,450,677	4,393,907	4,177,723
Expenditures				
Personal Travel In State	—	150	150	150
Office Supplies	—	1,501	1,501	1,501
Other Supplies	2,610	1,602	1,602	1,602
Food	696	2	2	2
Rentals	120	502	502	502
Intra-State Transfers	—	225,650	225,656	225,656
Advertising & Publicity	24,468	1,701	1,701	1,701
Equipment - Non-Inventory	—	1	1	1
IT Equipment	(309)	4,751	4,751	4,751
Aid to Individuals	18,208	124,165	124,170	124,170
Balance Carry Forward (Funds)	4,363,617	4,090,652	4,033,871	3,817,687
Total Expenditures	4,409,410	4,450,677	4,393,907	4,177,723