

Utilities Commission

Mission Statement

The Iowa Utilities Commission regulates utilities, as established by law, to ensure that reasonably priced, reliable, environmentally responsible, and safe utility services are available to Iowans.

Description

The Iowa Utilities Commission regulates utilities to ensure that reasonably priced, reliable, environmentally responsible, and safe utility services are available to all Iowans. The Iowa Utilities Commission regulates the rates and services of investor-owned electric, natural gas, water, sanitary sewage, and storm water drainage public utilities, and has specific regulatory authority over municipal electric and natural gas utilities and electric cooperatives (RECs). The IUC also has authority over the siting and construction of electric transmission lines, intrastate natural gas pipelines, and hazardous liquid pipelines.

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	11,659,071	12,080,831	12,080,831	12,080,831
Receipts from Other Entities	1,096,101	1,052,927	1,052,927	1,052,927
Fees, Licenses & Permits	11,270,736	12,305,175	12,305,175	12,305,175
Refunds & Reimbursements	—	1	1	1
Miscellaneous	—	1	1	1
Beginning Balance and Adjustments	9,581,447	932,341	1,191,145	903,840
Total Resources	33,607,356	26,371,276	26,630,080	26,342,775
Expenditures				
Personal Services	9,612,944	10,227,081	10,188,506	10,188,506
Travel & Subsistence	325,152	359,368	361,368	361,368
Supplies & Materials	85,065	75,654	75,154	75,154
Contractual Services and Transfers	2,674,258	2,766,153	2,766,558	2,766,558
Equipment & Repairs	476,916	386,238	386,238	386,238
Claims & Miscellaneous	177	2	36,672	36,672
Licenses, Permits, Refunds & Other	6,139	3	3	3
State Aid & Credits	697,501	650,000	650,000	650,000
Appropriations	11,659,071	11,002,937	11,002,937	11,002,937
Reversions	520,072	—	—	—
Balance Carry Forward	7,550,059	903,840	1,162,644	875,339
Total Expenditures	33,607,355	26,371,276	26,630,080	26,342,775
Full Time Equivalent	76	97	81	81

Appropriations from Other Funds

Appropriations	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Utilities Commission	11,659,071	12,080,831	12,080,831	12,080,831
Total Utilities Commission	11,659,071	12,080,831	12,080,831	12,080,831

Appropriations Detail

Utilities Commission

Commerce Revolving Fund

Appropriation Description

This appropriation funds the operations of the Utilities Commission within the Department of Commerce. The Utilities Commission regulates various aspects of the services supplied by electric, natural gas, telecommunications, and rate-regulated water utilities. The Utilities Commission also has limited authority over water, storm water, and sanitary sewer services provided by investor-owned utilities. In addition, the Utilities Commission has limited statutory authority to approve the sale and acquisition of water, sanitary sewer, or storm water utilities. The degree of regulation varies by type of utility. In addition, the Utilities Commission supervises the siting of major pipelines and electric transmission lines, the safety of natural gas and electric transmission lines, and the transmission, sale, and distribution of natural gas and electric service. All Utilities Commission costs are assessed to utility stakeholders.

Utilities Commission 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				
Appropriation	11,002,937	12,080,831	12,080,831	12,080,831
Salary Adjustment	656,134	—	—	—
Federal Support	1,033,122	999,927	999,927	999,927
Intra State Receipts	62,979	45,000	45,000	45,000
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies	—	8,000	8,000	8,000
Fees, Licenses & Permits	40,150	—	—	—
Refunds & Reimbursements	—	1	1	1
Other	—	1	1	1
Total Resources	12,795,322	13,133,760	13,133,760	13,133,760
Expenditures				
Personal Services-Salaries	9,513,146	10,125,078	10,086,503	10,086,503
Personal Travel In State	87,582	99,100	99,100	99,100
State Vehicle Operation	41,595	41,000	41,000	41,000
Depreciation	52,883	47,767	47,767	47,767
Personal Travel Out of State	137,297	165,500	167,500	167,500
Office Supplies	68,627	68,923	68,423	68,423
Other Supplies	309	2,000	2,000	2,000
Printing & Binding	14,258	1,000	1,000	1,000
Postage	1,196	1,850	1,850	1,850
Communications	70,758	28,729	28,729	28,729
Rentals	6,530	7,600	7,600	7,600
Professional & Scientific Services	216,250	270,000	270,000	270,000
Outside Services	87,457	60,200	60,200	60,200
Intra-State Transfers	637,893	638,119	638,524	638,524
Outside Repairs/Service	—	750	750	750
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	350,592	314,764	314,764	314,764
ITS Reimbursements	148,284	409,674	409,674	409,674

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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
IT Outside Services	278,673	368,964	368,964	368,964
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Auditor of State Services	1,415	20,000	20,000	20,000
Gov Fund Type Transfers - Other Agencies Services	83,012	79,000	79,000	79,000
Office Equipment	13,759	2,000	2,000	2,000
Equipment - Non-Inventory	594	—	—	—
IT Equipment	461,511	381,738	381,738	381,738
Other Expense & Obligations	177	2	36,672	36,672
Fees	80	1	1	1
Refunds-Other	1,372	1	1	1
Reversions	520,072	—	—	—
Total Expenditures	12,795,322	13,133,760	13,133,760	13,133,760

Fund Detail

Utilities Board Fund Detail

Funds	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027
	Actuals	Current Year Budget Estimate	Total Department Request	Total Governor's Recommended
Utilities Commission	33,607,356	26,371,276	26,630,080	26,342,775
Commerce Revolving Fund	31,076,798	24,136,697	24,136,697	24,136,697
Dual Party Relay Service	2,530,558	2,234,579	2,493,383	2,206,078

Dual Party Relay Service

Fund Description

This account receives fees from wireless communications providers and assessments from telephone utilities to appropriate funds to plan, establish, administer, and promote the relay service and equipment distribution program.

Dual Party Relay Service 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)	1,216,409	932,341	1,191,145	903,840
Adjustment to Balance Forward	15	—	—	—
Fees, Licenses & Permits	1,314,134	1,302,238	1,302,238	1,302,238
Total Resources	2,530,558	2,234,579	2,493,383	2,206,078
Expenditures				
Personal Services-Salaries	99,798	102,003	102,003	102,003
Personal Travel In State	—	1	1	1
Personal Travel Out of State	5,795	6,000	6,000	6,000
Office Supplies	675	1,880	1,880	1,880
Other Supplies	—	1	1	1
Communications	—	1,553	1,553	1,553
Professional & Scientific Services	604,044	516,800	516,800	516,800
Reimbursement to Other Agencies	58	—	—	—
ITS Reimbursements	4,048	50,000	50,000	50,000
IT Outside Services	185,244	—	—	—
IT Equipment	1,052	2,500	2,500	2,500
Refunds-Other	—	1	1	1
Aid to Individuals	697,501	650,000	650,000	650,000
Balance Carry Forward (Funds)	932,341	903,840	1,162,644	875,339
Total Expenditures	2,530,558	2,234,579	2,493,383	2,206,078