



Iowa Department of Human Services

Terry E. Branstad
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September 16, 2015

The Honorable Terry E. Branstad
State Capitol
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Branstad:

On behalf of the Human Services Council, we are submitting our budget recommendations for the Iowa Department of Human Services for SFY17. The appropriation requests detailed in the recommendations provide funding for the Department's work with over 980,000 Iowans who benefit from the programs and services administered by the Department.

The budget requests are organized consistent with the Department's strategic plan. Each request provides an overview of who we serve, what services are provided, goals and strategies, cost of services, how services are funded and what factors are driving the budget request.

We recognize your work to restore predictability and stability to the state budget. With this framework, we are submitting a budget recommendation consistent with your SFY17 budget recommendation presented in January of this year. We understand the department will continue to work with the administration and the Department of Management to advance strategic goals and meet core program and service needs within the context of this budget.

With you, we remain committed to the work of the Department and the critical roles it plays in making a difference in the lives of Iowans. The submitted budget recommendations provide funding to continue these efforts. As always, if you have questions, members of the Council and Department staff are available to provide clarification and assist in deliberations.

I look forward to meeting with you to review the recommendations.

Sincerely,

Pastor Mark A. Anderson
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