CEDAR FALLS, Iowa (AP) — Northern Iowa announced on Monday it is reinstating its women’s swimming and tennis programs in the face of a threatened lawsuit over Title IX, a 1972 federal law requiring schools to provide equal opportunities for male and female athletes.

Northern Iowa announced last month it was dropping men’s and women’s swimming and men’s and women’s tennis because of budget cuts. Athletic director Rick Hartzell said the move would save $327,000.

A group called Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, based in Washington D.C., threatened to sue.

“Africa extended conversations with George Carroll, the Iowa assistant general assigned to the regents’ universities, it was recommended that UNI reinstate the two women’s programs,” the school said in a statement. The men’s programs remain terminated.

Rebecca Epstein, a staff attorney with Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, who worked on the case, said her organization is thrilled with the decision.

“It’s a victory for women athletes and everyone who cares about gender equity in sports,” Epstein said. “We are disappointed, though, the school did not reinstate the men’s teams as well, but that was the school’s decision to make.”

A call to Hartzell seeking comment was not immediately returned. He said in the statement that UNI and was caught between state budget cuts and a national drive to increase intercollegiate athletic opportunities for women.

“When we cut the programs, we were making the best decision we could at that time given the seriousness of our budget situation. We dropped both the men’s and women’s programs in these two sports to make every effort to be equitable,” Hartzell said. “The action we are taking now is in the best interests of gender equity. We will focus on re-establishing these programs.”

Northern Iowa President Robert Koob said financial pressure still exists.

“We still have a budget program in athletics. It’s imperative that all associated with our athletic programs continue to work diligently to raise needed funds for endowing scholarship opportunities for our student-athletes and other operational support.”

Hartzell said women’s swimming and tennis would be reinstated with the same level of funding as before.

The cost to reenact the programs will be about $150,000, depending on the cost of scholarships.

The university said Danny May will be offered the women’s swimming coaching job that he previously held. A search would be done to fill the vacant women’s tennis coaching job.