

# FISCAL UPDATE Article

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## FY 2025 DEPARTMENT REQUESTS — JUSTICE SYSTEM APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

**Fiscal Year 2025 Department Requests.** Departments are requesting a total of \$900.4 million from the General Fund. This is an increase of \$18.7 million compared to estimated FY 2024, as presented in the table below. Other Funds requests total \$19.5 million, which is no change compared to estimated FY 2024.

General Fund Appropriation Totals					
	Actual FY 2023	Estimated FY 2024	Dept Request FY 2025	Dept Req v. FY 2024	Percent Change
Department of Justice	\$ 14,383,468	\$ 15,603,229	\$ 23,596,643	\$ 7,993,414	51.2%
Civil Rights Commission	1,343,051	0	0	0	0.0%
Department of Corrections	415,623,398	430,411,897	430,411,897	0	0.0%
Criminal & Juvenile Justice Planning	1,458,547	0	0	0	0.0%
Public Defender	72,272,877	74,764,577	74,764,577	0	0.0%
Judicial Branch	193,700,550	212,493,550	223,235,028	10,741,478	5.1%
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	1,239,824	1,238,504	1,238,504	0	0.0%
Board of Parole	1,308,724	1,517,894	1,517,894	0	0.0%
Department of Public Defense	7,014,705	6,963,037	6,963,037	0	0.0%
Department of Public Safety	116,315,943	136,280,648	136,280,648	0	0.0%
Homeland Security & Emergency Mgmt.	2,289,389	2,439,389	2,439,389	0	0.0%
<b>Total Justice System</b>	<b>\$ 826,950,476</b>	<b>\$ 881,712,725</b>	<b>\$ 900,447,617</b>	<b>\$ 18,734,892</b>	<b>2.1%</b>

**Department of Justice.** The Department of Justice is requesting an increase of \$8.0 million (51.2%) from the General Fund compared to estimated FY 2024. The increase includes:

- \$3.4 million for Attorney General's General Office, broken down as follows:
  - \$1.2 million to replace tobacco settlement moneys that previously funded non-tobacco-litigation personnel. This would provide funding for approximately 5.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions that are no longer being funded by the tobacco settlement.
  - \$884,000 for 3.0 attorney FTE positions, 2.0 investigator FTE positions, and 1.0 paralegal FTE position for the Statewide Prosecutions Section.
  - \$545,000 for a 3.0% salary increase for staff that was effective July 1, 2023.
  - \$523,000 to create a Cold Case Unit and fund 3.0 investigator FTE positions and 1.0 prosecutor FTE position for this Unit.
  - \$287,000 for 1.0 assistant attorney general FTE position and 1.0 paralegal FTE position for the Farm and Freedom Division.
- \$4.6 million for Victim Assistance Grants due to anticipated federal funding cuts under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).

**Department of Corrections (DOC).** The DOC did not request any changes for FY 2025 other than reallocating funding between line items as compared to estimated FY 2024. The changes are to distribute Department-wide duties funds to the State institutions, the Community-Based Corrections (CBC) district departments, corrections administration, county confinement, and DOC institutional pharmaceuticals.

**Judicial Branch.** The Judicial Branch is requesting an increase of \$10.7 million (5.1%) from the General Fund compared to estimated FY 2023. The increase includes:

- \$7.7 million for the negotiated across-the-board (ATB) contract increase of 3.0% and the extension of the same ATB increase to non-contract employees, a 3.2% step increase for contract and non-contract employees, and the expected increase in the cost of health insurance in FY 2025. This also includes a request for additional funding for new positions to strengthen the delivery of services in individual judicial districts.
- \$3.0 million for judicial officers' salaries. This is a 6.2% increase based on the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for CY 2024 and prior salary increase requests.

**Department of Public Safety (DPS).** The DPS did not request any changes for FY 2025 other than reallocating funding between line items as compared to estimated FY 2024. The changes are to distribute Department-wide duties funds for salary funding for public safety administration, the Division of Criminal Investigation, Narcotics Enforcement, the State Fire Marshal, and the Iowa State Patrol.

**Other Departments.** No other departments in the Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee requested additional funding from the General Fund or made changes compared to estimated FY 2024.

<b>Other Funds Appropriation Totals</b>					
	<b>Actual FY 2023</b>	<b>Estimated FY 2024</b>	<b>Dept Request FY 2025</b>	<b>Dept Req v. FY 2024</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Department of Justice	\$ 11,384,179	\$ 7,750,713	\$ 7,750,713	\$ 0	0.0%
Department of Public Safety	10,778,483	11,442,487	11,442,487	0	0.0%
Homeland Security & Emergency Mgmt.	300,000	300,000	300,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total Justice System</b>	<b>\$ 22,462,662</b>	<b>\$ 19,493,200</b>	<b>\$ 19,493,200</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

**Other Funds.** No departments in the Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee requested additional funding from Other Funds or made changes compared to estimated FY 2024.

**Additional Notes.** Additional information can be found on the LSA website as follows:

- [Appropriation Tracking](#)
- [Department Webpages](#)
- [Budget Unit Briefs](#)

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