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FY 2022 JUDICIAL BRANCH REQUEST — JUSTICE SYSTEM APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2022 Request. The Judicial Branch is requesting a total of \$193.2 million from the General Fund, an increase of \$9.1 million compared to estimated FY 2021, as presented in the table below. Under Iowa Code section [602.1301](#), the Judicial Branch is required to submit its budget request to the General Assembly by December 1. The other FY 2021 Department requests for the Justice System Appropriations Budget are outlined in an earlier [Fiscal Update Article](#).

General Fund Appropriation Totals					
	Actual FY 2020	Estimated FY 2021	Dept Request FY 2022	Dept Req v. FY 2021	Percent Change
Judicial Branch	\$ 181,523,737	\$ 181,023,737	\$ 190,112,527	\$ 9,088,790	5.0%
Jury and Witness Revolving Fund	3,100,000	3,100,000	3,100,000	0	0.0%
Total Judicial Branch	\$ 184,623,737	\$ 184,123,737	\$ 193,212,527	\$ 9,088,790	4.9%

Judicial Branch. The Judicial Branch is requesting increases from the General Fund totaling approximately \$9.1 million, including:

- \$3.8 million to restore funding for all authorized employees, as well as office supplies, furniture, and equipment.
- \$1.0 million for the 17.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions required for the clerk of court offices to be staffed at the recommended level of 2.5 FTE positions per courthouse.
- \$1.4 million for a 3.0% salary increase for all judges and magistrates.
- \$1.1 million for increases to nonjudicial officer salaries.
- \$83,000 for 1.0 FTE Navigator position for the Story County Pilot District Self-Help Center to provide assistance to self-represented litigants.
- \$1.5 million to hire four additional District Associate Judges and associated support staff (e.g., judicial support specialist, law clerks, and court reporters) to meet workload demands.
- \$229,000 for 3.0 FTEs for the new applications (Online Dispute Resolution, interactive online forms, electronic warrants, electronic reminders, etc.) that require increased testing capacity, as well as support staff for new phone systems.

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