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FY 2024 DEPARTMENT REQUESTS — JUSTICE SYSTEM APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2024 Department Requests. Departments are requesting a total of \$856.0 million from the General Fund. This is an increase of \$29.3 million compared to estimated FY 2023, as presented in the table below. Other funds requested total \$18.3 million, a decrease of \$4.3 million compared to estimated FY 2023. Pursuant to Iowa Code section [8.35A](#), the Department of Management had until November 15 to adjust any final budget records or department requests. Under Iowa Code section [602.1301](#), the Judicial Branch had until December 1 to submit its budget request to the General Assembly. This document will be updated if changes are received after publication.

General Fund Appropriation Totals						
	Actual FY 2022	Estimated FY 2023	Dept Request FY 2024	Dept Req v. FY 2023	Percent Change	
Department of Justice	\$ 14,012,547	\$ 14,383,468	\$ 21,175,205	\$ 6,791,737	47.2%	
Civil Rights Commission	1,318,718	1,343,051	1,343,051	0	0.0%	
Department of Corrections	407,697,169	415,324,673	414,705,710	-618,963	-0.1%	
Criminal & Juvenile Justice Planning	1,428,368	1,458,547	1,458,547	0	0.0%	
Public Defender	70,643,494	72,272,877	72,272,877	0	0.0%	
Judicial Branch	193,240,252	193,700,550	216,832,919	23,132,369	11.9%	
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	1,220,749	1,239,824	1,239,824	0	0.0%	
Board of Parole	1,285,739	1,308,724	1,308,724	0	0.0%	
Department of Public Defense	6,916,601	7,014,705	7,014,705	0	0.0%	
Department of Public Safety	113,297,878	116,315,943	116,315,943	0	0.0%	
Homeland Security & Emergency Mgmt.	2,687,756	2,289,389	2,289,389	0	0.0%	
Total Justice System	\$ 813,749,271	\$ 826,651,751	\$ 855,956,894	\$ 29,305,143	3.5%	

Department of Justice. The Attorney General is requesting an increase of \$6.8 million (47.2%) from the General Fund compared to estimated FY 2023. The increase includes:

- \$5.0 million for victim services funding to address federal funding reductions and rising costs and improve and expand victim services.
- \$570,000 for 2.0 attorney full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, 1.0 investigator FTE position, and 1.0 paralegal FTE position in the Area Prosecutions Division.
- \$460,000 for 2.0 attorney FTE positions and 1.0 paralegal FTE position in the Special Litigation Division.
- \$500,000 to restore funds that are not being requested from the Consumer Education and Litigation Fund for prosecutions and appeals. The funding would be used for nonconsumer uses.
- \$279,000 to continue to improve cybersecurity and upgrade information technology infrastructure. This funding would provide for upgraded Department desktops and laptops, consulting on replacing an out-of-date case management system, and ongoing server support and security assessment from the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO).

Department of Corrections (DOC). The DOC is requesting a decrease of \$619,000 (0.1%) from the General Fund compared to estimated FY 2023. The DOC has statutory authority to sell its real estate, and the proceeds from the sale are reappropriated to the DOC for capital improvements. The decrease

of \$619,000 reflects the one-time appropriation for FY 2023 from real estate proceeds to be used to install a fence at the Homes for Iowa building site at the Newton Correctional Facility.

The DOC is also requesting a change between line items as compared to estimated FY 2023. The change transfers the remaining \$244,000 in Department-Wide Duties funds to Corrections Administration.

Judicial Branch. The Judicial Branch is requesting an increase of \$23.1 million (11.9%) from the General Fund compared to estimated FY 2023. The increase includes:

- \$12.3 million to transfer graduated sanctions funding from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to the Judicial Branch.
- \$3.3 million to transfer court-ordered services funding from the DHS to the Judicial Branch.
- \$4.0 million for an 8.7% salary increase for all judges and magistrates.
- \$1.4 million for 4.0 district associate judge FTE positions, 4.0 law clerk FTE positions, 3.6 court reporter FTE positions, and 2.0 judicial specialist FTE positions to address increasing workloads.
- \$848,000 for 9.8 FTE positions to implement best practices in finance, human resources, cybersecurity, and security.
- \$780,000 for 8.0 staff attorney FTE positions for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.
- \$261,000 for 5.0 judicial specialist FTE positions in the judicial districts.
- \$290,000 for an increase in State contributions to the Judicial Retirement System.

Department of Public Safety (DPS). The DPS did not request any changes for FY 2024 as compared to estimated FY 2023 other than a change between line items. This change removes a \$50,000 appropriation for volunteer fire training and equipment and increases the appropriation for fire fighter training by \$50,000. Appropriated moneys from these two line items are directed toward the same purpose and have the same spending limitations.

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 2023.

Other Funds Appropriation Totals					
	Actual FY 2021	Estimated FY 2022	Dept Request FY 2023	Dept Req v. FY 2022	Percent Change
Department of Justice	\$ 6,829,681	\$ 11,478,093	\$ 7,178,093	\$ -4,300,000	-37.5%
Department of Public Safety	10,556,268	10,778,483	10,778,483	0	0.0%
Homeland Security & Emergency Mgmt.	250,000	300,000	300,000	0	0.0%
Total Justice System	\$ 17,635,949	\$ 22,556,576	\$ 18,256,576	\$ -4,300,000	-19.1%

Department of Justice. The Attorney General is requesting a decrease of \$4.3 million (37.5%) in Other Funds appropriations compared to estimated FY 2023. The decrease includes:

- \$3.8 million from the Opioid Settlement Fund for a medication addiction treatment program. This was a one-time appropriation.
- \$500,000 from the Consumer Education and Litigation Fund. This would restore the criminal prosecutions, appeals, and State tort claims appropriation to the amount funded from FY 2019 to FY 2021. This request is in conjunction with the Attorney General's request to increase General Fund appropriations by \$500,000 for prosecutions, appeals, and tort defense.

Other Departments. No other departments in the Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee requested additional funding from Other Funds or made changes compared to estimated FY 2023.

Additional Notes. Additional information can be found on the LSA webpage:

- [Appropriation Tracking](#)
- [Department Webpages](#)

- [Budget Unit Briefs](#)
- **Fiscal Update Article** — [FY 2022 Reallocation of Appropriations — Department of Public Safety](#) (September 2022)

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