

FISCAL UPDATE Article

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FY 2026 DEPARTMENT REQUESTS — JUSTICE SYSTEM APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE (UPDATED)

Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund Department Requests. Departments are requesting a total of \$925.6 million from the General Fund for FY 2026. This is an increase of \$10.1 million compared to estimated FY 2025.

	General Fund Appropriation Totals				
	Actual FY 2024	Estimated FY 2025	Dept Request FY 2026	Dept Req v. Est. FY 2025	Percent Change
Justice, Department of	\$ 15,603,229	\$ 18,392,545	\$ 26,500,692	\$ 8,108,147	44.1%
Corrections, Department of	430,401,897	442,290,151	442,290,151	0	0.0%
Law Enforcement Academy	1,238,504	2,904,407	2,904,407	0	0.0%
Public Defender	74,764,577	77,084,268	77,084,268	0	0.0%
Judicial Branch	212,493,550	220,161,878	222,990,005	2,828,127	1.3%
Parole, Board of	1,517,894	1,545,114	1,545,114	0	0.0%
Public Defense, Department of	6,963,037	7,211,221	7,211,221	0	0.0%
Public Safety, Department of	136,280,648	143,430,437	142,596,346	-834,091	-0.6%
Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt	2,439,389	2,442,595	2,442,595	0	0.0%
Total Justice System	\$ 881,702,725	\$ 915,462,616	\$ 925,564,799	\$ 10,102,183	1.1%

Department of Justice. The Department of Justice is requesting an increase of \$8.1 million (44.1%) from the General Fund compared to estimated FY 2025. The increase includes:

- \$1.7 million for Attorney General’s General Office, broken down as follows:
 - \$521,000 for 2.0 attorney full-time equivalent (FTE) positions and 1.0 paralegal FTE position for the Consumer Protection Division.
 - \$317,000 for 1.0 attorney FTE position for the Statewide Prosecutions Division.
 - \$826,000 for 4.0 attorney FTE positions for the Litigation Division.
- \$6.4 million for the Crime Victim Assistance section due to anticipated federal funding cuts under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). Of this appropriation, \$1.0 million would be used by the Crime Victim Assistance section to support human trafficking victims.

Department of Corrections (DOC). The DOC did not request any changes for FY 2026 other than reallocating funding between appropriations as compared to estimated FY 2025. The changes distribute Department-wide duties funds to the State institutions, the Community-Based Corrections (CBC) district departments, and corrections administration. The following are the reallocated appropriations:

- \$120,000 for Corrections Administration.
- \$937,000 for the Fort Madison Institution.
- \$400,000 for the Anamosa Institution.
- \$1.2 million for Oakdale Institution.
- \$637,000 for the Newton Institution.
- \$625,000 for the Mount Pleasant Institution.
- \$349,000 for the Rockwell City Institution.
- \$600,000 for the Clarinda Institution.

- \$545,000 for the Mitchellville Institution.
- \$700,000 for the Fort Dodge Institution.
- \$475,000 for CBC District I.
- \$305,000 for CBC District II.
- \$300,000 for CBC District III.
- \$644,000 for CBC District V.
- \$275,000 for CBC District VI.
- \$315,000 for CBC District VII.
- \$240,000 for CBC District VIII.

Judicial Branch. The Judicial Branch is requesting an increase of \$2.8 million (1.3%) from the General Fund compared to estimated FY 2025 for judicial officers' salaries. The Judicial Branch is proposing a codified formula for annual judicial salary increases, phased in over the next four fiscal years, aimed at setting the annual salary of an Iowa district judge at 75.0% of that of a U.S. district judge. In FY 2026, this results in an approximate 5.6% increase for district judge salaries with similar increases for other judicial officers calculated from that figure. From FY 2027 through FY 2029, the Judicial Branch plans to request a 1.0% increase each year until the 75.0% threshold is met.

Department of Public Safety (DPS). The DPS is requesting a net decrease of \$834,000 from the General Fund compared to estimated FY 2025 for the DPS Task Force. The DPS is also requesting changes for FY 2026 by reallocating funding between appropriations as compared to estimated FY 2025. The changes reallocate appropriations from Department-wide duties, Iowa State Patrol, and DPS Task Force to other appropriations. The following are the reallocated line items:

- \$1.2 million from the DPS Task Force funds reallocated as follows:
 - \$760,000 for 4.0 Special Agent FTE positions for Public Safety DCI.
 - \$406,000 for 1.0 Administrative Assistant FTE position, 2.0 Criminal Intelligence Analyst Senior FTE positions, and 1.0 Criminal Intelligence Analyst Advanced FTE position for narcotics enforcement.
- \$5.1 million from Department-wide duty funds reallocated as follows:
 - \$857,000 for the Public Safety Division of Criminal Investigation.
 - \$615,000 for Narcotics Enforcement.
 - \$136,000 for the State Fire Marshal.
 - \$3.4 million for the Iowa State Patrol.
 - \$12,000 for the Office of Drug Control Policy.
 - \$103,000 for Public Safety Administration.
- A \$1.3 million reallocation of funding from the Iowa State Patrol Commercial Motor Vehicle Unit to the DPS Equipment Fund.

Fiscal Year 2026 Other Funds Department Requests. Departments are requesting a total of \$20.6 million from Other Funds in FY 2026, which is no change compared to estimated FY 2025.

	Other Fund Appropriation Totals				
	Actual FY 2024	Estimated FY 2025	Dept Request FY 2026	Dept Req v. Est. FY 2025	Percent Change
Justice, Department of	\$ 7,750,713	\$ 8,063,937	\$ 8,063,937	\$ 0	0.0%
Public Safety, Department of	11,442,487	12,227,940	12,227,940	0	0.0%
Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt	300,000	300,000	300,000	0	0.0%
Total Justice System	\$ 19,493,200	\$ 20,591,877	\$ 20,591,877	\$ 0	0.0%

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

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

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