

FISCAL UPDATE Article

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FY 2027 DEPARTMENT REQUESTS — JUSTICE SYSTEM APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE (UPDATED)

Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund Department Requests. Departments are requesting a total of \$935.1 million from the General Fund for FY 2027. This is an increase of \$10.1 million compared to estimated FY 2026.

	General Fund Appropriation Totals				
	Actual FY 2025	Estimated FY 2026	Dept Request FY 2027	Dept Req v. Est. FY 2026	Percent Change
Justice, Department of	\$ 18,392,545	\$ 18,916,615	\$ 22,848,055	\$ 3,931,440	20.8%
Corrections, Department of	442,280,348	449,911,857	449,911,857	0	0.0%
Law Enforcement Academy	2,904,407	2,964,407	2,964,407	0	0.0%
Public Defender	77,084,268	78,254,268	78,254,268	0	0.0%
Judicial Branch	220,161,878	221,834,378	228,043,968	6,209,590	2.8%
Parole, Board of	1,545,114	1,545,114	1,545,114	0	0.0%
Public Defense, Department of	7,211,221	7,267,855	7,267,855	0	0.0%
Public Safety, Department of	143,430,437	141,793,168	141,793,168	0	0.0%
Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt	2,442,595	2,446,138	2,446,138	0	0.0%
Total Justice System	\$ 915,452,813	\$ 924,933,800	\$ 935,074,830	\$ 10,141,030	1.1%

Department of Justice. The Department of Justice is requesting an increase of \$3.9 million (20.8%) from the General Fund compared to estimated FY 2026. The increase includes the following:

- \$2.9 million for the Attorney General's General Office for the following purposes:
 - \$445,000 for estimated cost increases of salaries and benefits for the Attorney General's General Office.
 - \$515,000 for 2.0 attorney full-time equivalent (FTE) positions and 1.0 paralegal FTE position for the Administrative Law Division.
 - \$803,000 for 3.0 attorney FTE positions, 1.0 paralegal FTE position, and increased travel costs for the Statewide Prosecutions Division.
 - \$1.2 million for 6.0 attorney FTE positions for the Litigation Division.
- \$1.0 million for the Crime Victim Assistance section to provide additional support for victims of human trafficking.

Department of Corrections (DOC). The DOC did not request any changes for FY 2027 other than reallocating \$5.9 million in funding between appropriations as compared to estimated FY 2026. 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:

- \$1.9 million for Corrections Administration.
- \$173,000 for the Fort Madison Institution.
- \$907,000 for the Anamosa Institution.
- \$400,000 for the Oakdale Institution.
- \$240,000 for the Newton Institution.
- \$273,000 for the Mount Pleasant Institution.
- \$200,000 for the Rockwell City Institution.
- \$436,000 for the Clarinda Institution.

- \$278,000 for the Mitchellville Institution.
- \$392,000 for the Fort Dodge Institution.
- \$94,000 for CBC District I.
- \$160,000 for CBC District II.
- \$98,000 for CBC District IV.
- \$188,000 for CBC District V.
- \$148,000 for CBC District VI.
- \$19,000 for CBC District VIII.

Judicial Branch. The Judicial Branch is requesting an increase of \$6.2 million (2.8%) from the General Fund compared to estimated FY 2026 for the following purposes:

- \$2.9 million for the negotiated across-the-board (ATB) contract increase of 2.6% and the extension of the same ATB increase to non-contract employees.
- \$2.3 million for judicial officers' salaries. This is a 4.3% increase in FY 2027 based on the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for CY 2026 of 2.8% and an additional 1.5% increase to offset inflation adjustments over the last three years.
- \$1.0 million for targeted salary increases for experienced employees to address wage compression. The adjustment is based on a percentage aligned with each employee's years of service.

Department of Public Safety (DPS). The DPS did not request any changes for FY 2027 other than reallocating \$3.1 million from Department-wide duties funds between appropriations as compared to estimated FY 2026. The following are the reallocated appropriations:

- \$230,000 for the Public Safety Administration.
- \$477,000 for the Public Safety Division of Criminal Investigation.
- \$232,000 for Narcotics Enforcement.
- \$80,000 for the State Fire Marshal.
- \$2.0 million for the Iowa State Patrol.
- \$21,000 for the Office of Drug Control Policy.

Fiscal Year 2027 Other Funds Department Requests. Departments are requesting a total of \$39.0 million from Other Funds in FY 2027, which is an increase of \$782,000 compared to estimated FY 2026.

	Other Fund Appropriation Totals				
	Actual FY 2025	Estimated FY 2026	Dept Request FY 2027	Dept Req v. Est. FY 2026	Percent Change
Department of Justice	\$ 8,063,937	\$ 17,621,312	\$ 17,621,312	\$ 0	0.0%
Public Safety, Department of	12,227,940	12,301,981	13,084,081	782,100	6.4%
Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt	300,000	300,000	300,000	0	0.0%
Total Justice System	\$ 20,591,877	\$ 30,223,293	\$ 31,005,393	\$ 782,100	2.6%

Department of Public Safety (DPS). The DPS is requesting an increase of \$782,000 (6.4%) compared to estimated FY 2026 in Other Funds appropriations from the Gaming Enforcement Fund. This appropriation is for the salaries, benefits, and operating expenses for 3.0 Special Agent 2 FTE positions for the Cedar Rapids casino gaming license issued by the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission.

Additional Notes. Additional information can be found on the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) website as follows:

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

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