

FISCAL UPDATE Article

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DEPARTMENT REQUESTS — JUSTICE SYSTEM APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2019 Department Requests. Departments are requesting a total of \$570.4 million from the General Fund, an increase of \$2.3 million compared to estimated FY 2019, as presented in the table below. Other funds requested total \$16.9 million, a decrease of \$800,000 compared to estimated FY 2019. Pursuant to Iowa Code section [8.35A](#), the Department of Management has until November 15 to adjust any final budget records or department requests. Under Iowa Code section [602.1301](#), the Judicial Branch has until December 1 to submit its budget request to the General Assembly. This document will be updated to include the Judicial Branch request and any other changes received after publication.

General Fund Appropriation Totals

| | <u>Actual</u> <u>FY 2018</u> | <u>Estimated</u> <u>FY 2019</u> | <u>Dept Request</u> <u>FY 2020</u> | <u>Dept Req v.</u> <u>FY 2019</u> | <u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Department of Justice | \$ 13,615,145 | \$ 13,233,014 | \$ 14,828,413 | \$ 1,595,399 | 12.1% |
| Civil Rights Commission | 1,146,631 | 1,198,266 | 1,198,266 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Department of Corrections | 374,305,136 | 381,778,738 | 381,778,738 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Criminal & Juvenile Justice Planning | 1,177,143 | 1,209,410 | 1,209,410 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Public Defender | 61,090,650 | 61,649,747 | 62,384,747 | 735,000 | 1.2% |
| Judicial Branch | 177,174,797 | 180,674,797 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Law Enforcement Academy | 946,149 | 971,341 | 971,341 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Board of Parole | 1,191,731 | 1,221,374 | 1,221,374 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Department of Public Defense | 6,164,131 | 6,334,961 | 6,334,961 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Department of Public Safety | 94,857,087 | 98,304,742 | 98,304,742 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt. | 2,102,797 | 2,123,610 | 2,123,610 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total Justice System* | <u>\$ 733,771,397</u> | <u>\$ 748,700,000</u> | <u>\$ 570,355,602</u> | <u>\$ 2,330,399</u> | <u>N/A</u> |

*Total does not include FY 20 Judicial Branch request. This total will be updated when the request is available on December 1, 2018.

Department of Justice. The Attorney General is requesting increases from the General Fund totaling \$1.6 million, including:

- \$500,000 for the Office of the Attorney General. For estimated FY 2019, the Office was appropriated not more than \$1.5 million from the Consumer Education and Litigation Fund. The request would allow the Department to use only \$1.0 million from the Fund for nonconsumer uses.
- \$800,000 for Legal Services Poverty Grants. The Attorney General's Office administers the grants to Iowa Legal Aid to provide civil legal services for indigent Iowans. The additional funding is requested to cover decreases in Iowa Legal Aid's other sources of funding.
- \$300,000 for Farm Mediation Services. The Attorney General's Office is required to contract with a nonprofit organization to provide farm mediation services. For estimated FY 2019, the Department received an appropriation of \$300,000 from the Consumer Education and Litigation Fund for these services.

Office of the State Public Defender. The Office is requesting a \$735,000 increase from the General Fund for the Indigent Defense Fund. The additional funding is requested in order to meet projected claims against the Indigent Defense Fund for FY 2020.

Other Funds Appropriation Totals

| | Actual FY 2018 | Estimated FY 2019 | Dept Request FY 2020 | Dept Req v. FY 2019 | Percent Change |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Department of Justice | \$ 6,437,588 | \$ 6,937,588 | \$ 6,137,588 | \$ -800,000 | -11.5% |
| Department of Public Safety | 11,335,218 | 10,469,077 | 10,469,077 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Homeland Security & Emergency Mgmt. | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total Justice System | \$ 18,022,806 | \$ 17,656,665 | \$ 16,856,665 | \$ -800,000 | -4.5% |

Department of Justice. The Attorney General is requesting decreases totaling \$800,000 in other fund appropriations from the Consumer Education and Litigation Fund for nonconsumer purposes. For estimated FY 2019, the Attorney General was appropriated not more than \$1.5 million from the Consumer Education and Litigation Fund to be used for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes for criminal prosecutions, criminal appeals, and tort defense. The Attorney General is requesting \$500,000 of this funding be appropriated from the General Fund. In addition, the Attorney General was appropriated \$300,000 from the Consumer Education and Litigation Fund for farm mediation services for estimated FY 2019. This appropriation is included in the FY 2020 General Fund request for the Department.

Other Departments. No other departments in the Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee requested any additional funding or made any changes compared to estimated FY 2019.

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

- [Appropriation Tracking](#)
- [Department Webpages](#)
- [Budget Unit Briefs](#)
- **Fiscal Update** — [FY 2019 Reallocation of Appropriations—Department of Corrections](#)
- **Fiscal Update** — [FY 2018 Reallocation—Office of the State Public Defender](#)
- **Fiscal Update** — [FY 2018 Court Debt Collection Report](#)

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