

**State of Iowa**  
**Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Integration Initiative**  
**SFY2007 Budget Offer**

Governor Vilsack is recommending \$2.9 million in his FY 2007 budget for the continuation of Iowa's Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Integration Initiative. This recommendation contains two distinct components:

- **Administration and Regulation Budget Subcommittees:** \$270,000 from the General Fund is requested for the Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP). This ongoing funding would provide for three FTE's to do the specific, technical systems development and programming necessary to allow criminal justice agencies to exchange information electronically.
- **Transportation, Infrastructure and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittees:** \$2.6 million from the Tobacco Settlement Fund is requested for CJJP to contract with the Department of Administrative Services, Information Technology Enterprise to purchase, install, and program the hardware and software needed by the state's criminal justice agencies to actually perform electronic information exchanges.

**BACKGROUND**

- Governor Vilsack and Chief Justice Lavarato entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to launch Iowa's CJIS initiative in 2003. The Judicial Branch supports this budget offer.
- Over \$2.5 million of state and federal funds has already been invested in this project.
- This budget offer is consistent with a five-year strategic plan developed and approved by representatives from many state and local justice system officials and units of government (see back of this page for more information).

**EXPECTED RESULTS**

- Improved public safety
- Reduced data entry errors and redundant data entry
- Increased complete, current and timely data
- Enhanced ability to evaluate policy decisions and changes
- Maximization of available resources
- Quicker data retrieval response time
- Increased availability and quality of data for informed decision making
- Improved the operational effectiveness of existing systems
- Increased efficiencies in uses of emerging technology
- Avoidance of building costly, redundant single issue data interfaces

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**Strategic Plan Overview**

In 2003, Governor Vilsack and Chief Justice Lavorato, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance public safety and improve the efficiency of criminal justice agencies by establishing a mechanism to develop a statewide integrated criminal justice information system. This system will enable and facilitate the automated exchange of criminal justice information among local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies.

A 19 member CJIS Advisory Committee representing a variety of different organizations from within the criminal justice community was created via this MOU and has completed an extensive planning project which culminated in the development of a CJIS Plan. This Plan provides the State with a five-year schedule for the development of an integrated criminal justice information system. This system, when completed according to the Plan, will provide for the automated, real-time, exchange of information within and between the various segments of the criminal justice community at all levels of government. The Advisory Committee is currently implementing the projects identified in the first year of the Plan.

Fully implementing CJIS in Iowa according to the recommendations in the Plan will require an investment of financial resources on behalf of the State. Over the last three years \$2.5 million has been invested in the planning and development cycle of this effort and it is anticipated that over the next four years an additional \$6.1 and \$11.9 million will be required for full implementation. The exact amount will be determined by the CJIS Advisory Committee as specific technological decisions are made. Additionally, the amount of recurring annual expenses will also depend on the architectural solution chosen.

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