FY 2012 Judicial Branch Budget Request

Budget Package	Amount	Description
GENERAL FUND REQUEST		
Judicial Branch Base Budget	\$ 148,811,822	
Restoration of the \$5.3 million from the Public Safety Enforcement Fund (Section 20 of SF 2378). This item is repealed June 30, 2011.	5,300,000	If not restored, will result in the layoff of an additional 68 employees.
Restores 60 of the 180 positions that were eliminated due to the 7.1% ATB of \$11.4 million.	2,770,980	This request funds the following positions: 10 Juvenile Court Officers, three Juvenile Court Technicians, 35.5 Judicial Clerk Ones, 6.5 Court Reporters, three Information Technology staff, and two Court of Appeals staff, including one attorney and one secretary.
Request for six additional Information Technology staff to implement the Judicial Branch business plan to move from a paper-based environment to an electronic-based environment.	387,947	This request is in anticipation of the Judicial Branch receiving additional funding to continue the EDMS project. If request is granted, would be able to implement EDMS faster than the current rollout plan.
Request for replacement furniture and equipment.	429,860	\$219,500 of the total is for Linn County for the new juvenile justice center and the renovated courthouse. The Judicial Branch did ask FEMA for reimbursement but was denied since the State is self-insured. The remainder of the request is as follows: For records management - \$80,000 for Black Hawk, \$20,000 for Polk, \$20,000 for Warren, and \$40,000 for Wapello Counties. For furniture due to county renovations and additional space - \$20,000 for Sioux, \$20,000 for Jefferson, and \$10,000 for Lee Counties.
	\$157,700,609	
JURY AND WITNESS FEE REVOLVING FUND		
Fund Base Budget	\$ 1,500,000	
Request for additional funds due to change in deposit of two-year old court debt.	1,200,000	This Fund is used to pay mileage reimbursement to jurors, witnesses, and interpreters. Jurors are paid \$30 per day and witnesses receive \$10 per day and \$5 for a half day. Expert witnesses are paid a reasonable compensation as determined by the Court.
Request to fund interpreters at no cost to the parties as required under federal law (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Safe Streets Act).	\$ 3,700,000	Provides reimbursement for interpreters for both civil and criminal trials. In FY 2009, a total of \$466,805 was paid for interpreters for criminal cases with \$38,180 paid by the State Court Administrator and the remainder paid by the State Public Defender's Office. In FY 2010, the total paid was \$444,719. The majority of cases are paid by the State Public Defender's Office and almost entirely for indigent parties.