

Unified Judicial System

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Brief Detail

Information contained in this document is based on the Governor's FY2026 Budget and may not correspond with the final budget adopted by the Legislature.

Major Items Summary - Unified Judicial System

	Agency Request					Governor's Recommendation				
	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
FY 2026 Base Budget	\$65,935,197	\$345,095	\$14,306,156	\$80,586,448	617.7	\$65,935,197	\$345,095	\$14,306,156	\$80,586,448	617.7
1. Circuit Court Judicial Assistant - 1st Circuit	\$69,671	\$0	\$0	\$69,671	1.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
2. Circuit Court Staff Attorney - 3rd Circuit	\$107,334	\$0	\$0	\$107,334	1.0	\$107,334	\$0	\$0	\$107,334	1.0
3. Court Services Officer - 2nd Circuit	\$83,814	\$0	\$0	\$83,814	1.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
4. Court Services Secretary - 2nd Circuit	\$59,186	\$0	\$0	\$59,186	1.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
5. Deputy Court Clerks - 7th Circuit	\$124,902	\$0	\$0	\$124,902	2.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
6. Discretionary Provider Inflation	\$82,320	\$0	\$0	\$82,320	0.0	\$42,876	\$0	\$0	\$42,876	0.0
7. Drug and DUI Court Transition to Collateral Rate Billing	\$342,508	\$0	\$0	\$342,508	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
8. Drug and DUI Court Treatment Increase	\$466,649	\$0	\$0	\$466,649	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
9. IT Operations Expenses Increase	\$0	\$0	\$1,489,125	\$1,489,125	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$906,596	\$906,596	0.0
10. Judicial Training Increase	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
11. Problem Solving Court Defense Counsel Contract Inflation	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
12. Sioux Falls One Stop	\$153,390	\$0	\$0	\$153,390	0.0	\$153,390	\$0	\$0	\$153,390	0.0
FY 2026 Total Budget	\$67,499,971	\$345,095	\$15,830,281	\$83,675,347	623.7	\$66,238,797	\$345,095	\$15,212,752	\$81,796,644	618.7
Change from Base Budget	\$1,564,774	\$0	\$1,524,125	\$3,088,899	6.0	\$303,600	\$0	\$906,596	\$1,210,196	1.0
% Change from Base Budget	2.4%	0.0%	10.7%	3.8%	1.0%	0.5%	0.0%	6.3%	1.5%	0.2%

Unified Judicial System Budget Request

By Fund Category	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
General	\$52,882,951	\$60,126,420	\$61,620,220	\$65,935,197	\$67,499,971	\$66,238,797	\$303,600
Federal	\$296,326	\$322,330	\$342,006	\$345,095	\$345,095	\$345,095	\$0
Other	\$9,769,082	\$11,440,588	\$14,377,463	\$14,306,156	\$15,830,281	\$15,212,752	\$906,596
Total	\$62,948,359	\$71,889,338	\$76,339,689	\$80,586,448	\$83,675,347	\$81,796,644	\$1,210,196
By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
State Bar Association - Info	\$0	\$0	\$627,274	\$636,976	\$636,976	\$636,976	\$0

By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Supreme Court	\$3,679,056	\$3,701,813	\$3,609,154	\$3,894,251	\$4,047,641	\$4,047,641	\$153,390
Judicial Qualifications Commission	\$4,323	\$19,116	\$72,379	\$77,655	\$77,655	\$77,655	\$0
Court Administrator's Office	\$3,327,093	\$4,411,631	\$6,361,297	\$5,223,549	\$5,223,549	\$5,223,549	\$0
Judicial Training	\$577,841	\$586,525	\$619,408	\$656,255	\$691,255	\$656,255	\$0
Circuit Courts Operation	\$18,517,556	\$20,714,036	\$21,421,907	\$23,011,850	\$23,188,855	\$23,119,184	\$107,334
Clerks of Court Operations	\$12,927,421	\$14,634,939	\$14,728,547	\$15,902,692	\$16,027,594	\$15,902,692	\$0
Court Services Operations	\$17,464,194	\$20,010,383	\$19,673,816	\$20,666,666	\$21,756,912	\$20,699,525	\$32,859
Community Based Services	\$496,700	\$714,975	\$1,138,085	\$1,168,902	\$1,188,133	\$1,178,919	\$10,017
Information & Technology	\$5,704,176	\$6,595,920	\$7,478,318	\$7,406,409	\$8,895,534	\$8,313,005	\$906,596
Equal Access to Our Courts	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
Indigent Legal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,441,243	\$1,441,243	\$1,441,243	\$0
Total	\$62,948,359	\$71,889,338	\$76,230,185	\$80,586,448	\$83,675,347	\$81,796,644	\$1,210,196
By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$50,821,401	\$56,860,631	\$58,854,583	\$62,502,221	\$62,943,336	\$62,608,923	\$106,702
Salaries	\$39,164,563	\$43,897,248	\$44,834,817	\$47,610,818	\$47,932,537	\$47,692,501	\$81,683
Benefits	\$11,656,838	\$12,963,383	\$14,019,766	\$14,891,403	\$15,010,799	\$14,916,422	\$25,019
Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$12,126,959	\$15,028,707	\$17,485,106	\$18,084,227	\$20,732,011	\$19,187,721	\$1,103,494
Travel	\$892,599	\$994,690	\$1,283,230	\$1,417,982	\$1,440,432	\$1,437,272	\$19,290
Contractual Services	\$6,348,389	\$6,978,300	\$7,870,431	\$7,909,242	\$9,365,919	\$8,851,990	\$942,748
Supplies	\$889,870	\$942,527	\$1,068,991	\$1,068,841	\$1,064,341	\$1,064,341	(\$4,500)
Grants	\$3,124,263	\$4,925,653	\$6,346,400	\$6,478,321	\$7,548,398	\$6,521,197	\$42,876
Capital Outlay	\$871,821	\$1,187,492	\$901,240	\$1,195,027	\$1,298,107	\$1,298,107	\$103,080
Other Expenses and Budgeted Operating Transfers Out	\$16	\$46	\$14,814	\$14,814	\$14,814	\$14,814	\$0
Total	\$62,948,359	\$71,889,338	\$76,339,689	\$80,586,448	\$83,675,347	\$81,796,644	\$1,210,196
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	582.44	589.68	604.7	617.7	623.7	618.7	1.0

Reversions and Unutilized FTE (27)

	General	Federal	Other
Original Appropriation FY2024	\$56,017,550	\$333,478	\$13,748,881
Pool Distributions	\$5,447,169	\$164,012	\$519,095
Supplemental Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agency Adjustments	\$155,501	(\$155,484)	\$109,487
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reorganizations	\$0	\$0	\$0
Adjusted Appropriation FY2024	\$61,620,220	\$342,006	\$14,377,463
FY2024 Expenditures	\$60,126,420	\$322,330	\$11,440,588
Reversion of Authority	\$1,493,800	\$19,676	\$2,936,875
Unutilized FTE			15.0

State Bar Association - Informational (2701)

The State Bar is responsible to the South Dakota Supreme Court for the admission and discipline processes for all South Dakota attorneys. The State Bar also provides continuing legal education and other member services at no cost to the membership.

The State Bar Association is an informational budget. No revenues or expenses are passed through the state's accounting system. More information on the South Dakota Bar Association can be found at www.sdbar.org.

Reversions and Unutilized FTE (2701)

	General	Federal	Other
Original Appropriation FY2024	\$0	\$0	\$609,720
Pool Distributions	\$0	\$0	\$17,554
Supplemental Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agency Adjustments	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reorganizations	\$0	\$0	\$0
Adjusted Appropriation FY2024	\$0	\$0	\$627,274
FY2024 Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reversion of Authority	\$0	\$0	\$627,274
Unutilized FTE			3.0

Budget Request: State Bar Association - Informational (2701)

By Fund Category	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
General	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$627,274	\$636,976	\$636,976	\$636,976	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$627,274	\$636,976	\$636,976	\$636,976	\$0
By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
State Bar Association - Info	\$0	\$0	\$627,274	\$636,976	\$636,976	\$636,976	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$627,274	\$636,976	\$636,976	\$636,976	\$0
By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$0	\$0	\$288,055	\$297,757	\$297,757	\$297,757	\$0
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$211,076	\$219,519	\$219,519	\$219,519	\$0
Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$76,979	\$78,238	\$78,238	\$78,238	\$0
Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$0	\$0	\$339,219	\$339,219	\$339,219	\$339,219	\$0
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$158,288	\$158,288	\$158,288	\$158,288	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$141,170	\$141,170	\$141,170	\$141,170	\$0
Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$24,947	\$24,947	\$24,947	\$24,947	\$0
Other Expenses and Budgeted Operating Transfers Out	\$0	\$0	\$14,814	\$14,814	\$14,814	\$14,814	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$627,274	\$636,976	\$636,976	\$636,976	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)			3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.00

Funding Sources (Governor's Recommended)						
	General	Federal	Other	General%	Federal%	Other%
UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM-OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$636,976	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%

Revenues and Statistics: Unified Judicial System (271)

Revenues	Actual FY 2023	Actual FY 2024	Estimated FY 2025	Estimated FY 2026
General Fund Revenues:				
Supreme Court Filing Fees	\$6,500	\$5,500	\$6,000	\$6,000
Attorney Admission Certificate Fees	\$1,090	\$1,010	\$1,000	\$1,000
Adult Compact Fees	\$14,200	\$15,875	\$16,000	\$16,000
Marriage Fees	\$8,480	\$8,980	\$8,500	\$8,500
Passport Fees	\$18,725	\$8,715	\$15,000	\$15,000
NSF Charges	\$1,728	\$2,692	\$2,000	\$2,000
35% of Municipal Fines	\$200,835	\$205,642	\$205,000	\$205,000
Court Automation Fund Revenues:				
Court Automation Surcharge	\$2,875,930	\$3,187,652	\$3,063,100	\$3,063,100
Search Fees	\$5,154,594	\$5,108,142	\$5,051,167	\$5,051,167
Judgment Searches	\$128,945	\$117,440	\$123,934	\$123,934
Interest Earned	\$44,473	\$122,449	\$81,270	\$81,270
Nonresident Attorney	\$17,700	\$12,600	\$13,900	\$13,900
Information Request	\$20,338	\$24,965	\$19,659	\$19,659
Fax Fees	\$14	\$5	\$15	\$15
Victims Compensation 3% Admin.	\$6,582	\$5,931	\$8,216	\$8,216
Supreme Court Surcharge Fee	\$6,500	\$5,500	\$5,817	\$5,817
Ct Appt Special Advocates Fund incl. Interest	\$162,767	\$180,511	\$175,207	\$175,207
Board of Bar Examiners Fund incl. Interest	\$71,307	\$90,328	\$82,782	\$82,872
Drug Screening Fund incl. Interest	\$8,117	\$11,364	\$10,013	\$10,013
Performance Indicators	Actual FY 2023	Actual FY 2024	Estimated FY 2025	Estimated FY 2026
SUPREME COURT:				
Combined Filings	357	377	351	356
Combined Dispositions	343	347	333	339
Pending Cases at End of Fiscal Year	194	184	177	180
Orders, Writs, and Judgments Entered	1215	1248	1221	1226
Bar Admissions (includes reciprocity)	111	108	109	112
Bar Admissions pursuant to SDCL 16-18-2	4	8	7	6
STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE:				
Vacancies Filled	148	97	112	120
Direct and Travel Vouchers Processed	9,965	10,184	10,057	10,120
UJS Education Programs Offered	106	102	100	108
UJS Education Program Attendees	1,646	1,788	2,017	2,030
Work Orders Processed	12,101	11,008	8,929	8,035

Performance Indicators	Actual FY 2023	Actual FY 2024	Estimated FY 2025	Estimated FY 2026
JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION:				
Formal Complaints Received	18	34	20	20
Complaints Disposed of	18	28	20	20
Judicial Vacancies		3	2	2
Applicant Interviews		19	10	10
Investigations of Applicants		19	10	10
CIRCUIT COURT:				
Court Trials:	2,477	2,735	2,648	2,609
Jury Trials	177	181	174	176
CLERK OF COURTS:				
Felony Offenses	12,304	11,982	12,143	12,306
Class 1 Misdemeanor	18,249	18,823	18,536	18,754
Administrative Appeals & Expungements	167	121	144	156
Search Warrants	5,325	5,828	5,577	5,646
COURT SERVICES:				
Juvenile Service:				
Pre-hearing Social Case Studies	342	255	255	263
Informal Diversion Services Added	265	205	272	268
Placed on Probation During	1,219	1,309	1,155	1,184
Active Probation Cases at End of FY	772	822	692	721
Case Services Monitoring:				
Placed in Program	175	193	127	142
Active Cases at End of FY	95	51	53	62
Interstate Compact Cases - In	7	13	11	12
Interstate Compact Cases - Out	18	17	18	17
Intensive Probation:				
Placed in Program During FY	84	80	79	80
JIPP Unavailable		1	3	4
Successfully Completed Program	29	43	39	36
Failed Program and Sent to DOC	27	17	20	20
Failed Program (Other)	18	24	21	20
Active Cases at End of Fiscal Year	73	68	66	67
Adult Service, Misdemeanor:				
Placed on Probation	157	229	178	183
On Probation at End of FY	287	297	299	295
Adult Service, Felony:				
Placed on Probation	3,499	3,477	3,349	3,422
On Probation at End of FY	6,304	6,031	6,047	6,104

Performance Indicators	Actual FY 2023	Actual FY 2024	Estimated FY 2025	Estimated FY 2026
Case Services Monitoring Program (Felony&Misd):				
Placed in Program	18	48	31	25
Active Cases at End of FY	106	128	117	109
Adult Interstate Compact Caseload (Felony&Misd):				
On Probation at End of FY	839	771	864	847
PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS:				
Clients Beginning FY	357	432	474	549
Clients Accepted Into Program During FY	312	377	360	339
Clients Terminated	86	170	106	93
Clients Graduated	151	165	177	203
Clients End of Fiscal Year	432	474	551	592
Clients Served	669	809	834	888
Sessions Held	740	761	787	787

Reversions and Unutilized FTE (271)

	General	Federal	Other
Original Appropriation FY2024	\$55,717,550	\$333,478	\$12,939,161
Pool Distributions	\$5,447,169	\$164,012	\$501,541
Supplemental Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agency Adjustments	\$155,501	(\$155,484)	\$109,487
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reorganizations	\$0	\$0	\$0
Adjusted Appropriation FY2024	\$61,320,220	\$342,006	\$13,550,189
FY2024 Expenditures	\$59,826,420	\$322,330	\$11,240,588
Reversion of Authority	\$1,493,800	\$19,676	\$2,309,601
Unutilized FTE			12.0

Supreme Court (2711)

The South Dakota Supreme Court is the highest court in the state of South Dakota. It is composed of a chief justice and four associate justices appointed by the governor. One justice is selected from each of five geographic appointment districts. Justices face a nonpolitical retention election three years after appointment and every eight years after that. The justices also select their own chief justice.

The mission of the Supreme court is to render timely appellate decisions; to provide policy and rules for the proper operation and accountability of the Unified Judicial System; to develop policy and rules for the operation of the Unified Judicial System; to superintend operations of the circuit courts; to provide administrative directives and supervision over the Unified Judicial System; and, to develop administrative policy and rules, the annual consolidated budget, and the reporting systems.

Major Items Summary: Supreme Court (2711)

	Agency Request					Governor's Recommendation				
	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
FY 2026 Base Budget	\$3,383,185	\$0	\$511,066	\$3,894,251	21.0	\$3,383,185	\$0	\$511,066	\$3,894,251	21.0
1. Sioux Falls One Stop	\$153,390	\$0	\$0	\$153,390	0.0	\$153,390	\$0	\$0	\$153,390	0.0
FY 2026 Total Budget	\$3,536,575	\$0	\$511,066	\$4,047,641	21.0	\$3,536,575	\$0	\$511,066	\$4,047,641	21.0
Change from Base Budget	\$153,390	\$0	\$0	\$153,390	0.0	\$153,390	\$0	\$0	\$153,390	0.0
% Change from Base Budget	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	3.9%	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	3.9%	0.0%

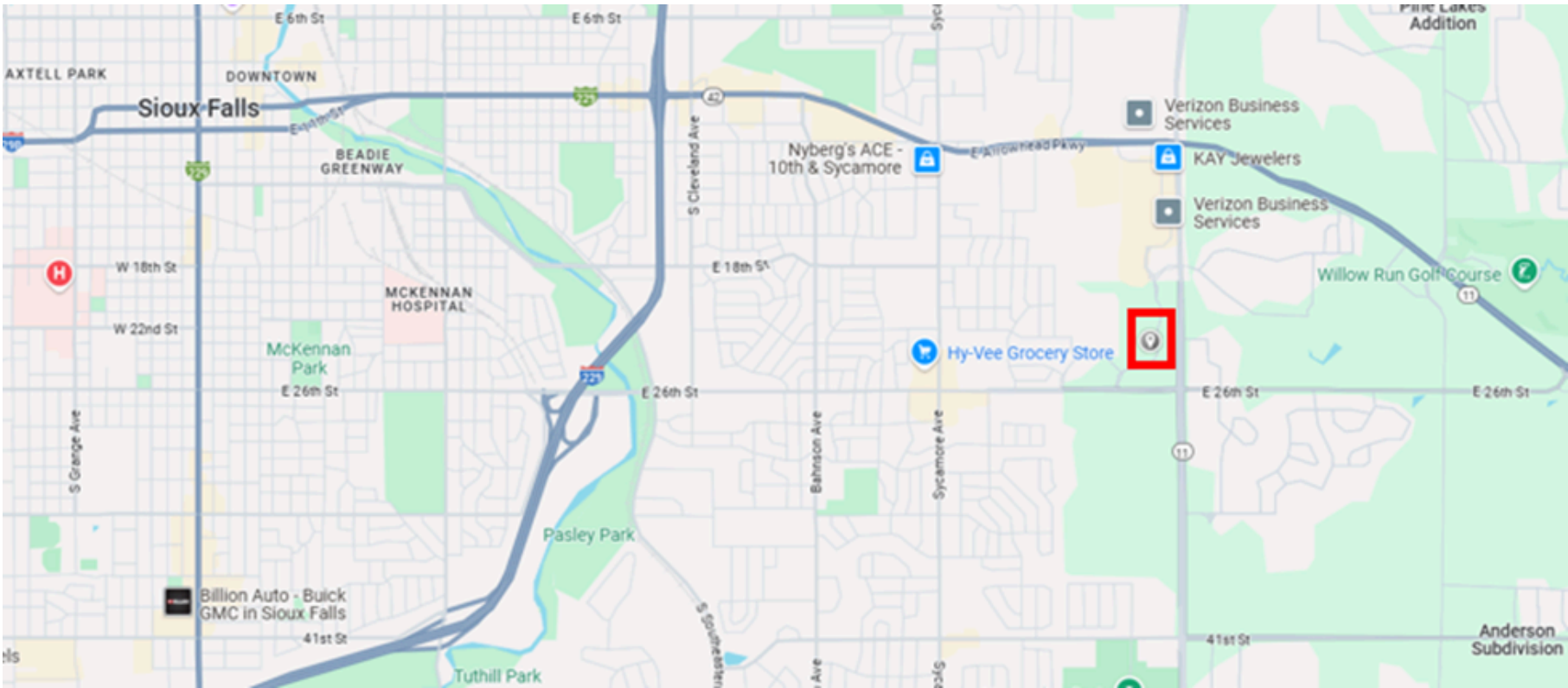
1. Sioux Falls One Stop

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$153,390	\$0	\$0	\$153,390	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$153,390	\$0	\$0	\$153,390	0.00

The judicial branch requests an increase of **\$153,390** in **general funds** for moving into the Sioux Falls One Stop building.

The Sioux Falls One Stop is a building set to house multiple agencies designed to centralize public service in the Sioux Falls area. The campus is set to be located along Highline Avenue just north of 26th Street. It is south of Dawley Farms Village in the eastern part of the city.

Below is a map of the location of the One Stop within Sioux Falls.



The One Stop is being developed by Dream Design International, which has teamed up with CO-OP Architecture and McGough Construction to complete the project. Dream Design was selected via [a bidding process started on September 12, 2022](#). The company has taken on the full cost of constructing the building.

The landlord for the building will be SF One Stop LLC, a company managed by the owner of Dream Design, Hani Shafai. The One Stop is expected to be completed and ready for move-in around June 2025. Agencies may move into the One Stop before the lease begins but must pay rent for the time that they occupy the building. The One Stop is set to house thirteen separate agencies.

The lease is for a period of 30 years, from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2055. Each agency will be charged \$22.95 per sq. ft. for the lease plus \$3.97 per sq. ft. for the operating costs of the building for a total of \$26.92 per sq. ft. Along with their own square footage, agencies are responsible to cover the rent for a portion of the common area shared across the entire One Stop.

The state has agreed to pay, in total, \$543,387 per month for rent and \$93,998 per month for operating costs. The state is also responsible for covering the cost of electricity, gas, water, sewer, telephone, cable, janitorial services, garbage pickup, and internet. The landlord has agreed to cover landscaping, lawn mowing, and snow removal. In the event the Legislature does not provide expenditure authority for renting space in the One Stop, the lease becomes null and void.

The table below shows the cost per agency for renting space in the Sioux Falls One Stop as opposed to renting space in the previous locations being used by these agencies.

SIOUX FALLS			Prior to One Stop			One Stop			Difference		
Agency	Address	City	SqFt	Price per SqFt	Annual Cost	SqFt	Price per SqFt	Annual Cost	SqFt	Price per SqFt	Annual Cost
DOH	4101 West 38th St	Sioux Falls	23,575	\$ 13.50	\$ 318,264	43,355	\$ 26.92	\$ 1,167,124	13,862	\$ 13.15	\$ 760,977
DOH	2900 West 11th St	Sioux Falls	5,918	\$ 14.85	\$ 87,882						
DHS	2900 West 11th St	Sioux Falls	7,640	\$ 14.85	\$ 113,454	28,985	\$ 26.92	\$ 780,284	13,811	\$ 12.62	\$ 563,265
DHS	811 East 10th St	Sioux Falls	7,534	\$ 13.75	\$ 103,565						
DPS	2501 West Russell St	Sioux Falls	4,758	\$ 14.68	\$ 69,847	12,172	\$ 26.92	\$ 327,659	7,414	\$ 12.24	\$ 257,811
DOR	300 S Sycamore Ave Ste 102	Sioux Falls	9,578	\$ 18.45	\$ 176,666	14,597	\$ 26.92	\$ 392,959	5,019	\$ 8.47	\$ 216,293
DLR	301 East 14th Suite 200	Sioux Falls	1,260	\$ 13.86	\$ 17,462						
DLR	1500 W 51st St Suite 102	Sioux Falls	4,703	\$ 13.00	\$ 61,139	38,882	\$ 26.92	\$ 1,046,710	15,120	\$ 13.35	\$ 724,279
DLR	1500 W 51st St Suite 106	Sioux Falls	3,563	\$ 13.50	\$ 48,101						
DLR	811 East 10th St	Sioux Falls	14,236	\$ 13.75	\$ 195,730						
DSS	811 East 10th St	Sioux Falls	42,018	\$ 13.75	\$ 577,631	96,552	\$ 26.92	\$ 2,599,180	45,048	\$ 12.76	\$ 1,869,773
DSS	3900 West Technology Circle, S	Sioux Falls	9,486	\$ 16.00	\$ 151,776						
GOED	4901 South Isabel Place Suite 2	Sioux Falls	3,755	\$ 21.57	\$ 81,002	5,834	\$ 26.92	\$ 157,057	2,079	\$ 5.35	\$ 76,055
BIT	1701 North Terin Circle	Sioux Falls	2,500	\$ 6.25	\$ 15,625	10,124	\$ 26.92	\$ 272,545	7,624	\$ 20.67	\$ 256,920
DANR	4305 S Louise Ave Suite 107	Sioux Falls	700	\$ 12.52	\$ 8,764	7,477	\$ 26.92	\$ 201,275	5,142	\$ 13.42	\$ 169,763
DANR	4305 S Louise Ave Suite 104 &	Sioux Falls	1,635	\$ 13.91	\$ 22,748						
DOC	NA	NA	-	\$ -	\$ -	13,524	\$ 26.92	\$ 364,078	13,524	\$ 26.92	\$ 364,078
BHRA	4305 S Louise Ave	Sioux Falls	288	\$ 12.50	\$ 3,600	6,129	\$ 26.92	\$ 165,005	5,841	\$ 14.42	\$ 161,405
DOE	4001 West Valhalla Boulevard S	Sioux Falls	220	\$ 25.91	\$ 5,700	525	\$ 26.92	\$ 14,142	305	\$ 1.01	\$ 8,442
UJS	4101 West 38th St	Sioux Falls	534	\$ 13.50	\$ 7,212	5,966	\$ 26.92	\$ 160,602	5,432	\$ 13.42	\$ 153,390
			143,901	\$ 14.36	\$ 2,066,167	284,124	\$ 26.92	\$ 7,648,618	140,223	\$ 12.56	\$ 5,582,451

Within UJS, employees currently working at the Minnehaha County Courthouse and a small leased space in Sioux Falls will move into the One Stop. This move includes eight employees currently working at the courthouse: a Supreme Court Justice and all Supreme Court support staff working in Sioux Falls. Because Supreme Court Justices are selected from each of five geographic appointment districts across the state, they can maintain an office in those selected appointment districts if they so choose. Another two employees will move from 4101 W 38th St., a property also currently in use by Department of Health employees.

The governor recommends this request.

Budget Request: Supreme Court (2711)

By Fund Category	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
General	\$3,082,230	\$3,116,765	\$3,101,106	\$3,383,185	\$3,536,575	\$3,536,575	\$153,390
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$596,826	\$585,047	\$508,048	\$511,066	\$511,066	\$511,066	\$0
Total	\$3,679,056	\$3,701,813	\$3,609,154	\$3,894,251	\$4,047,641	\$4,047,641	\$153,390
By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Supreme Court	\$3,679,056	\$3,701,813	\$3,609,154	\$3,894,251	\$4,047,641	\$4,047,641	\$153,390
Total	\$3,679,056	\$3,701,813	\$3,609,154	\$3,894,251	\$4,047,641	\$4,047,641	\$153,390
By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$2,748,986	\$2,752,543	\$2,750,035	\$3,024,269	\$3,024,269	\$3,024,269	\$0
Salaries	\$2,221,943	\$2,206,554	\$2,185,862	\$2,416,430	\$2,416,430	\$2,416,430	\$0
Benefits	\$527,043	\$545,990	\$564,173	\$607,839	\$607,839	\$607,839	\$0
Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$930,070	\$949,269	\$859,119	\$869,982	\$1,023,372	\$1,023,372	\$153,390
Travel	\$61,914	\$75,682	\$53,152	\$60,689	\$60,689	\$60,689	\$0
Contractual Services	\$830,955	\$848,033	\$730,916	\$734,242	\$887,632	\$887,632	\$153,390
Supplies	\$37,111	\$18,378	\$61,688	\$61,688	\$61,688	\$61,688	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$90	\$7,177	\$13,363	\$13,363	\$13,363	\$13,363	\$0
Total	\$3,679,056	\$3,701,813	\$3,609,154	\$3,894,251	\$4,047,641	\$4,047,641	\$153,390
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	20.96	20.03	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	0.00

Funding Sources (Governor's Recommended)

	General	Federal	Other	General%	Federal%	Other%
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$3,536,575	\$0	\$0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
COURT AUTOMATION FUND	\$0	\$0	\$427,501	0.0%	0.0%	83.6%
BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS	\$0	\$0	\$83,565	0.0%	0.0%	16.4%

Judicial Qualifications Commission (2712)

The Judicial Qualifications Commission is constitutionally established to hold justices and judges accountable for their judicial conduct. The commission receives, investigates and evaluates allegations of judicial misconduct. The commission is empowered to hire investigators and other personnel in order for it to fulfill its responsibilities to the citizens of the state. Although the commission reviews complaints about judges, it is an independent entity, separate from the South Dakota Judicial Branch. The commission consists of seven members:

- Two judges of the circuit court, elected by the judicial conference;
- Three members of the bar practicing law in this state, no more than two of whom may be of the same political party, appointed by a majority vote of the state bar commissioners; and
- Two citizens who are not of the same political party, appointed by the governor.

The term of office for a commission member is four years. No person may serve more than two terms as a member of the commission.

The mission of the Judicial Qualifications Commission is to receive complaints regarding any justice or judge, to investigate complaints; to conduct confidential hearings concerning the removal or involuntary retirement of a justice or judge, to provide the Supreme Court with recommendations pertinent to the commission's investigations and hearings, and to provide the governor recommendations of candidates to fill judicial vacancies.

Budget Request: Judicial Qualifications Commission (2712)

By Fund Category	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
General	\$4,323	\$19,116	\$72,379	\$77,655	\$77,655	\$77,655	\$0
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$4,323	\$19,116	\$72,379	\$77,655	\$77,655	\$77,655	\$0
By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Judicial Qualifications Commission	\$4,323	\$19,116	\$72,379	\$77,655	\$77,655	\$77,655	\$0
Total	\$4,323	\$19,116	\$72,379	\$77,655	\$77,655	\$77,655	\$0
By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$1,615	\$1,938	\$6,186	\$9,277	\$9,277	\$9,277	\$0
Salaries	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$5,700	\$8,618	\$8,618	\$8,618	\$0
Benefits	\$115	\$138	\$486	\$659	\$659	\$659	\$0

Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$2,708	\$17,179	\$66,193	\$68,378	\$68,378	\$68,378	\$0
Travel	\$0	\$6,680	\$11,693	\$13,878	\$13,878	\$13,878	\$0
Contractual Services	\$2,088	\$9,873	\$52,800	\$52,800	\$52,800	\$52,800	\$0
Supplies	\$620	\$627	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$0
Total	\$4,323	\$19,116	\$72,379	\$77,655	\$77,655	\$77,655	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)							0.00

Funding Sources (Governor's Recommended)

	General	Federal	Other	General%	Federal%	Other%
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$77,655	\$0	\$0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Court Administrator's Office (2713)

Under supervision of the Chief Justice, who is the administrative head of the judicial branch, the State Court Administrator is the non-judicial officer who implements the rules and policies of the Supreme Court as they apply to the operation and administration of the courts and is the liaison between the judicial branch and the other branches of state and local government. To ensure efficient and responsive operation, the office provides centralized administrative assistance and support services. The office is comprised of the following five divisions: Budget and Finance, Human Resources, Information and Technology, Policy and Legal Services, and Trial Court Services.

The mission of the State Court Administrator's Office is to ensure trust and confidence in our justice system. As the central administrative office for the judicial branch, this is accomplished by providing leadership, service, and support for the efficient and effective operations of the circuit courts and the Supreme Court.

Budget Request: Court Administrator's Office (2713)

By Fund Category	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
General	\$2,485,654	\$2,965,418	\$4,115,180	\$3,129,183	\$3,129,183	\$3,129,183	\$0
Federal	\$246,326	\$322,330	\$476,488	\$324,079	\$324,079	\$324,079	\$0
Other	\$595,113	\$1,123,883	\$1,769,629	\$1,770,287	\$1,770,287	\$1,770,287	\$0
Total	\$3,327,093	\$4,411,631	\$6,361,297	\$5,223,549	\$5,223,549	\$5,223,549	\$0
By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Court Administrator's Office	\$3,327,093	\$4,411,631	\$6,361,297	\$5,223,549	\$5,223,549	\$5,223,549	\$0
Total	\$3,327,093	\$4,411,631	\$6,361,297	\$5,223,549	\$5,223,549	\$5,223,549	\$0
By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$2,261,475	\$2,575,104	\$4,109,445	\$2,967,397	\$2,967,397	\$2,967,397	\$0
Salaries	\$1,801,826	\$2,048,851	\$3,218,559	\$2,196,029	\$2,196,029	\$2,196,029	\$0
Benefits	\$459,649	\$526,253	\$890,886	\$771,368	\$771,368	\$771,368	\$0
Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$1,065,618	\$1,836,527	\$2,251,852	\$2,256,152	\$2,256,152	\$2,256,152	\$0
Travel	\$61,237	\$60,602	\$41,358	\$43,220	\$43,220	\$43,220	\$0
Contractual Services	\$514,497	\$611,403	\$368,131	\$382,269	\$382,269	\$382,269	\$0
Supplies	\$79,125	\$92,697	\$74,500	\$62,800	\$62,800	\$62,800	\$0
Grants	\$331,629	\$635,961	\$1,765,000	\$1,765,000	\$1,765,000	\$1,765,000	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$79,129	\$435,864	\$2,863	\$2,863	\$2,863	\$2,863	\$0

Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Total	\$3,327,093	\$4,411,631	\$6,361,297	\$5,223,549	\$5,223,549	\$5,223,549	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	21.83	22.97	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	0.00

Funding Sources (Governor's Recommended)						
	General	Federal	Other	General%	Federal%	Other%
UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM-OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	0.0%	0.0%	84.7%
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$3,129,183	\$0	\$0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
COURT IMPROVEMENT GRANT	\$0	\$324,079	\$0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
COURT AUTOMATION FUND	\$0	\$0	\$270,287	0.0%	0.0%	15.3%

Judicial Training (2714)

The mission of the Judicial Training Program is to provide awareness of and access to quality education and training programs on a national, state, and local level to judicial and non-judicial personnel of the Unified Judicial System.

Major Items Summary: Judicial Training (2714)

	Agency Request					Governor's Recommendation				
	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
FY 2026 Base Budget	\$0	\$0	\$656,255	\$656,255	1.0	\$0	\$0	\$656,255	\$656,255	1.0
1. Judicial Training Increase	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
FY 2026 Total Budget	\$0	\$0	\$691,255	\$691,255	1.0	\$0	\$0	\$656,255	\$656,255	1.0
Change from Base Budget	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
% Change from Base Budget	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

1. Judicial Training Increase

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

The judicial branch requests an increase of **\$35,000** in **other fund expenditure authority** for an increase in the cost of providing judicial training. The other fund used here would be the Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund, as judicial training is an eligible expense per SDCL 23-3-55.

Judicial training encompasses all programs within UJS and is provided to judges, clerk of court staff, court services staff, and all other employee groups. This training is provided by a variety of sources, including in-house training from experienced UJS staff and contracted outside trainers/speakers. Costs for speakers and conference room space have gone up in recent years with rising inflation. It is a priority of UJS to have a competent well-trained staff, and this increase would allow for the same amount of training opportunities moving forward.

The governor does not recommend this request.

Budget Request: Judicial Training (2714)

By Fund Category	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
General	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$577,841	\$586,525	\$619,408	\$656,255	\$691,255	\$656,255	\$0
Total	\$577,841	\$586,525	\$619,408	\$656,255	\$691,255	\$656,255	\$0

By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Judicial Training	\$577,841	\$586,525	\$619,408	\$656,255	\$691,255	\$656,255	\$0
Total	\$577,841	\$586,525	\$619,408	\$656,255	\$691,255	\$656,255	\$0
By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$99,137	\$106,142	\$112,135	\$116,269	\$116,269	\$116,269	\$0
Salaries	\$78,196	\$83,669	\$87,652	\$91,158	\$91,158	\$91,158	\$0
Benefits	\$20,941	\$22,473	\$24,483	\$25,111	\$25,111	\$25,111	\$0
Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$478,704	\$480,383	\$507,273	\$539,986	\$574,986	\$539,986	\$0
Travel	\$229,058	\$261,531	\$306,279	\$335,991	\$335,991	\$335,991	\$0
Contractual Services	\$216,697	\$187,227	\$187,894	\$187,895	\$222,895	\$187,895	\$0
Supplies	\$32,949	\$31,624	\$13,100	\$16,100	\$16,100	\$16,100	\$0
Total	\$577,841	\$586,525	\$619,408	\$656,255	\$691,255	\$656,255	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.00

Funding Sources (Governor's Recommended)

	General	Federal	Other	General%	Federal%	Other%
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TRAIN	\$0	\$0	\$548,336	0.0%	0.0%	83.6%
COURT AUTOMATION FUND	\$0	\$0	\$107,919	0.0%	0.0%	16.4%

Circuit Courts Operation (2715)

Per chapter 16-6, circuit courts have original jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases, including concurrent jurisdiction with magistrate courts for misdemeanors and below and minor civil actions, and appellate jurisdiction from all final judgments, decrees, or orders of magistrate courts. Judges of circuit courts are each elected for a term of eight years.

Pursuant to our Constitution, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is responsible for the general direction and supervision of the work of the circuit courts. The Chief Justice appoints a Presiding Judge in each circuit to have local administrative supervision and authority. Assisting the Presiding Judge is an appointed Circuit Court Administrator and an appointed Chief Court Services Officer. Court reporters, clerks of court, deputy clerks, administrative secretaries, court services officers, law clerks, and bailiffs make up the rest of the supporting staff.

The mission of the circuit courts is to provide timely and equitable hearing and disposition of all matters filed through proper deployment and use of judges, field magistrates, and staff; through efficient calendaring and caseflow management; and by making available timely and accurate verbatim transcripts of proceedings as required.

Major Items Summary: Circuit Courts Operation (2715)

	Agency Request					Governor's Recommendation				
	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
FY 2026 Base Budget	\$20,956,649	\$20,000	\$2,035,201	\$23,011,850	144.7	\$20,956,649	\$20,000	\$2,035,201	\$23,011,850	144.7
1. Circuit Court Judicial Assistant - 1st Circuit	\$69,671	\$0	\$0	\$69,671	1.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
2. Circuit Court Staff Attorney - 3rd Circuit	\$107,334	\$0	\$0	\$107,334	1.0	\$107,334	\$0	\$0	\$107,334	1.0
FY 2026 Total Budget	\$21,133,654	\$20,000	\$2,035,201	\$23,188,855	146.7	\$21,063,983	\$20,000	\$2,035,201	\$23,119,184	145.7
Change from Base Budget	\$177,005	\$0	\$0	\$177,005	2.0	\$107,334	\$0	\$0	\$107,334	1.0
% Change from Base Budget	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	1.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.7%

1. Circuit Court Judicial Assistant - 1st Circuit

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$69,671	\$0	\$0	\$69,671	1.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

The judicial branch requests an increase of **\$69,671** in **general funds** and an increase of **1.0** FTE for a Circuit Court Judicial Assistant position in the 1st Circuit (which covers much of southeastern South Dakota).

This request was also made last year and the year before (but for two positions then instead of one then). It now includes \$50,112 for salary, \$18,927 for benefits, and \$632 for travel. Circuit Court Judicial Assistants help judges schedule court matters, including electronic and telephonic hearings; process mail and clerical-level phone calls; draft routine correspondence, including memos; take notes during hearings and enter them into the For the Record system (a speech-to-text court reporting software); assist pro se litigants with forms and information; complete travel reimbursement paperwork and mileage claims; and perform other tasks typically handled by secretarial staff at most law firms.

This position would work out of either Mitchell or Yankton while supporting all the judges within the circuit. Administrative support for judges in other places within the circuit would be handled electronically or by travelling to those locations.

Administrative duties in 1st Circuit courts are presently done by the judge or a court reporter, if the judge has one, taking away their time to cover the primary duties of their positions. The increased number of pro se litigants, sovereign citizens, post litigation filings, and correspondence from inmates has increased the amount of administrative work required.

The governor does not recommend this request.

2. Circuit Court Staff Attorney - 3rd Circuit

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$107,334	\$0	\$0	\$107,334	1.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$107,334	\$0	\$0	\$107,334	1.00

The judicial branch requests an increase of **\$107,334** in **general funds** and an increase of **1.0** FTE for a Circuit Court Staff Attorney position in the 3rd Circuit (which covers eastern South Dakota).

Such a request was also made the previous two years. It now includes \$81,683 for the salary, \$25,019 for benefits, and \$632 for travel. Circuit Court Staff Attorneys perform professional legal work during all phases of the judicial process to assist judges in hearing cases. They research legal issues to best apply laws to given situations, write briefs and legal memoranda to outline precedent and recommend solutions, compile facts and proposed law through trials and hearings to help determine pressing legal issues, and draft jury instructions when needed.

Circuit Court Staff Attorneys also provide research, analysis, and advice to the circuit judges regarding procedural matters. Along with handling research for motions and writs, these attorneys also review pro se submissions to determine the appropriate response for when documents are procedurally inappropriate or unclear as to grounds for relief.

While there is a law clerk assigned to the 3rd Circuit, this new position would stay long term and could develop expertise more likely to assist judges without the need for recurring training. Clerkships are typically only two years at most.

Based on a request for assistance from the 3rd Circuit, the Supreme Court assigned one Supreme Court Staff Attorney to assist during the months of June and July while it was transitioning between law clerks. This assignment was in addition to the attorney's regular duties. While working for the 3rd Circuit, this attorney provided approximately 60 hours of work.

The governor recommends this request.

Budget Request: Circuit Courts Operation (2715)							
By Fund Category	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
General	\$17,181,995	\$19,145,269	\$19,418,376	\$20,956,649	\$21,133,654	\$21,063,983	\$107,334
Federal	\$50,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Other	\$1,285,562	\$1,568,767	\$1,983,531	\$2,035,201	\$2,035,201	\$2,035,201	\$0
Total	\$18,517,556	\$20,714,036	\$21,421,907	\$23,011,850	\$23,188,855	\$23,119,184	\$107,334
By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Circuit Courts Operation	\$18,517,556	\$20,714,036	\$21,421,907	\$23,011,850	\$23,188,855	\$23,119,184	\$107,334
Total	\$18,517,556	\$20,714,036	\$21,421,907	\$23,011,850	\$23,188,855	\$23,119,184	\$107,334

By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$17,055,924	\$19,051,735	\$19,172,755	\$20,731,446	\$20,907,187	\$20,838,148	\$106,702
Salaries	\$13,584,615	\$15,183,684	\$15,149,389	\$16,433,714	\$16,565,509	\$16,515,397	\$81,683
Benefits	\$3,471,308	\$3,868,050	\$4,023,366	\$4,297,732	\$4,341,678	\$4,322,751	\$25,019
Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$1,461,633	\$1,662,301	\$2,249,152	\$2,280,404	\$2,281,668	\$2,281,036	\$632
Travel	\$208,191	\$222,372	\$269,914	\$301,108	\$302,372	\$301,740	\$632
Contractual Services	\$952,952	\$945,233	\$1,353,020	\$1,353,078	\$1,353,078	\$1,353,078	\$0
Supplies	\$84,045	\$85,395	\$129,159	\$129,159	\$129,159	\$129,159	\$0
Grants	\$146,272	\$373,735	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$70,173	\$35,566	\$47,059	\$47,059	\$47,059	\$47,059	\$0
Total	\$18,517,556	\$20,714,036	\$21,421,907	\$23,011,850	\$23,188,855	\$23,119,184	\$107,334
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	135.51	137.55	141.7	144.7	146.7	145.7	1.0

Funding Sources (Governor's Recommended)						
	General	Federal	Other	General%	Federal%	Other%
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$21,063,983	\$0	\$0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCA	\$0	\$0	\$452,968	0.0%	0.0%	22.3%
COURT AUTOMATION FUND	\$0	\$0	\$915,333	0.0%	0.0%	45.0%
REFEREES	\$0	\$0	\$666,900	0.0%	0.0%	32.8%
STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE (SJI)	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%

Clerks of Court Operations (2716)

In each of the seven judicial circuits, the Presiding Judge appoints a Circuit Court Administrator to assist with the administration of the circuit court. Clerk of courts staff in each county maintain the official court files of all cases brought before the court.

The mission of the Clerks of Court Operations is to respectfully, positively, and competently serve by providing accurate and timely information about and access to the judicial process in South Dakota.

Major Items Summary: Clerks of Court Operations (2716)

	Agency Request					Governor's Recommendation				
	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
FY 2026 Base Budget	\$15,145,771	\$0	\$756,921	\$15,902,692	200.6	\$15,145,771	\$0	\$756,921	\$15,902,692	200.6
1. Deputy Court Clerks - 7th Circuit	\$124,902	\$0	\$0	\$124,902	2.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
FY 2026 Total Budget	\$15,270,673	\$0	\$756,921	\$16,027,594	202.6	\$15,145,771	\$0	\$756,921	\$15,902,692	200.6
Change from Base Budget	\$124,902	\$0	\$0	\$124,902	2.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
% Change from Base Budget	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

1. Deputy Court Clerks - 7th Circuit

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$124,902	\$0	\$0	\$124,902	2.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

The judicial branch requests an increase of **\$124,902** in **general funds** and an increase of **2.0** FTE for two Deputy Court Clerk positions in the 7th Circuit (which covers southwest South Dakota, including Pennington County).

This request includes \$87,570 for salaries, \$36,068 for benefits, and \$1,264 for travel for both positions. Deputy Court Clerks assist handling cases filed with the court clerk’s office, including criminal, civil, traffic, and other cases, from initial filing to final disposition. They help develop and maintain case files, update court calendars, assign hearings, assist in courtroom proceedings, and implement procedures for monetary dispositions (helping individuals pay court fees, fines, costs, and restitution). They also provide customer services daily to a wide variety of individuals and agencies, acting as the front line of communication with attorneys, law enforcement, judges, and the public. If approved, one Deputy Court Clerk would be assigned to civil cases, particularly to handle family and probate cases, and the other would be assigned to criminal cases.

These clerks would work out of Rapid City. Deputy Court Clerks currently working in the 7th Circuit are now responsible for managing an increased number of filings. While the pandemic alleviated some of the need for additional Deputy Court Clerks due to fewer cases and less public interaction during that time, demand for the court has since been increasing in the 7th Circuit. Further, certain cases, particularly guardianship and conservatorship cases, have evolved to require additional work for the court clerk’s office, including tasks such as sending reminder letters, preparing orders, and mailing documents to parties.

The table below shows the number of court filings by fiscal year in the 7th Circuit.

Fiscal Year	Criminal Filings	Civil Filings	Total Filings	% Increase
2024	17,423	8,318	25,741	4.5%
2023	15,966	8,666	24,632	0.6%
2022	16,026	8,463	24,489	2.4%
2021	15,345	8,568	23,913	-

The governor does not recommend this request.

Budget Request: Clerks of Court Operations (2716)							
By Fund Category	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
General	\$12,410,616	\$14,174,086	\$13,977,537	\$15,145,771	\$15,270,673	\$15,145,771	\$0
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

By Fund Category	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Other	\$516,805	\$460,853	\$751,010	\$756,921	\$756,921	\$756,921	\$0
Total	\$12,927,421	\$14,634,939	\$14,728,547	\$15,902,692	\$16,027,594	\$15,902,692	\$0
By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Clerks of Court Operations	\$12,927,421	\$14,634,939	\$14,728,547	\$15,902,692	\$16,027,594	\$15,902,692	\$0
Total	\$12,927,421	\$14,634,939	\$14,728,547	\$15,902,692	\$16,027,594	\$15,902,692	\$0
By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$12,069,540	\$13,779,761	\$13,616,915	\$14,777,320	\$14,900,958	\$14,777,320	\$0
Salaries	\$8,881,383	\$10,206,338	\$9,856,888	\$10,708,896	\$10,796,466	\$10,708,896	\$0
Benefits	\$3,188,157	\$3,573,423	\$3,760,027	\$4,068,424	\$4,104,492	\$4,068,424	\$0
Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$857,881	\$855,178	\$1,111,632	\$1,125,372	\$1,126,636	\$1,125,372	\$0
Travel	\$39,702	\$55,228	\$73,496	\$87,193	\$88,457	\$87,193	\$0
Contractual Services	\$475,833	\$448,951	\$650,842	\$650,885	\$650,885	\$650,885	\$0
Supplies	\$300,617	\$316,514	\$314,097	\$314,097	\$314,097	\$314,097	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$41,729	\$34,486	\$73,197	\$73,197	\$73,197	\$73,197	\$0
Total	\$12,927,421	\$14,634,939	\$14,728,547	\$15,902,692	\$16,027,594	\$15,902,692	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	195.17	197.71	197.6	200.6	202.6	200.6	0.00

Funding Sources (Governor's Recommended)						
	General	Federal	Other	General%	Federal%	Other%
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$15,145,771	\$0	\$0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
COURT AUTOMATION FUND	\$0	\$0	\$756,921	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%

Court Services Operations (2717)

In each of the seven circuits, the Presiding Judge appoints a Chief Court Services Officer to supervise the other Court Services Officers in the circuit. These officers work to supervise adults and juveniles who are placed on probation by the courts. They conduct presentencing studies and recommend treatment plans for juvenile and adult offenders, taking into account the best interests of both the offender and the community. In many areas, they also assist in the investigation of child custody and child abuse cases.

Also within Court Services Operations is problem solving courts. Within these courts, a collaborative team works together to guide participants toward success. Treatment providers develop personalized, evidence-based plans to address each participant's unique needs, while Court Services Officers offer consistent community supervision. Judges, law enforcement, defense attorneys, prosecutors, and other team members combine their expertise to ensure accountability, provide structure, and deliver ongoing support. Through regular evaluations, status hearings, and substance use screenings, the team provides accountability, fostering an environment where participants can achieve lasting change.

The mission of Court Services is to serve the citizens of the State of South Dakota by preventing crime and repairing the harm caused by crime. This program promotes and provides public safety by supervising offenders, working closely with victims and our community partners. Court Services utilizes research based intervention strategies and services to reduce recidivism, promote accountability, and provide opportunities for sustainable positive change for the offenders and the families served.

Major Items Summary: Court Services Operations (2717)

	Agency Request					Governor's Recommendation				
	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
FY 2026 Base Budget	\$20,332,609	\$1,016	\$333,041	\$20,666,666	188.4	\$20,332,609	\$1,016	\$333,041	\$20,666,666	188.4
1. Court Services Officer - 2nd Circuit	\$83,814	\$0	\$0	\$83,814	1.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
2. Court Services Secretary - 2nd Circuit	\$59,186	\$0	\$0	\$59,186	1.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
3. Discretionary Provider Inflation	\$63,089	\$0	\$0	\$63,089	0.0	\$32,859	\$0	\$0	\$32,859	0.0
4. Drug and DUI Court Transition to Collateral Rate Billing	\$342,508	\$0	\$0	\$342,508	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
5. Drug and DUI Court Treatment Increase	\$466,649	\$0	\$0	\$466,649	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
6. Problem Solving Court Defense Counsel Contract Inflation	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
FY 2026 Total Budget	\$21,422,855	\$1,016	\$333,041	\$21,756,912	190.4	\$20,365,468	\$1,016	\$333,041	\$20,699,525	188.4
Change from Base Budget	\$1,090,246	\$0	\$0	\$1,090,246	2.0	\$32,859	\$0	\$0	\$32,859	0.0
% Change from Base Budget	5.4%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	1.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%

1. Court Services Officer - 2nd Circuit

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$83,814	\$0	\$0	\$83,814	1.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

The judicial branch requests an increase of **\$83,814** in **general funds** and an increase of **1.0** FTE for a Court Services Officer position within the 2nd Circuit (which covers Minnehaha and Lincoln counties).

This request includes \$61,429 for the salary, \$21,753 for benefits, and \$632 for travel. Court Services Officers monitor individuals placed on probation. They assist judges in forming sentences and dispositions for offenders that provide accountability while encouraging rehabilitation; develop case plans and refer offenders to services based on court orders, family dynamics, and individual difficulties and skills to facilitate their adjustment back into their communities; and supervise probationers and diversion program participants by conducting visits, keeping records of meetings, and obtaining verification for completion of services to check on their progress and ensure compliance.

This Court Services Officer would oversee only juvenile probationers in Minnehaha County. When completed, the new Juvenile Justice Center will be home to this position and all other juvenile-focused court service staff and judges in the county. The Juvenile Justice Center is scheduled to open in October 2026.

Five Court Services Officers in Minnehaha County were responsible for overseeing 122 juveniles in January of 2020, and now those five officers are responsible for 258 juveniles. Further, the cases being supervised involve more significant criminal/addiction/familial problems than they did five years ago.

Juvenile caseloads are no longer primarily filled with cases involving child-in-need-of-supervision (CHINS) behaviors, petty theft, intentional damage to property, or other minor offenses which could usually be addressed with minimal supervision/support. Instead, Court Service Officers are now mostly working with juveniles with significant criminogenic risk/need factors, including the use of firearms. And many of the family members and juveniles worked with have addictions to methamphetamine, cocaine, fentanyl, and other narcotics, as opposed to primarily marijuana and alcohol previously. The breakdown of the familial system due to a parent’s addiction and inability to support their child leads to additional work for Court Services Officers: in effect, these officers are now performing pseudo-parenting for many of the supervised juveniles.

The governor does not recommend this request.

2. Court Services Secretary - 2nd Circuit

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$59,186	\$0	\$0	\$59,186	1.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

The judicial branch requests an increase of **\$59,186** in **general funds** and an increase of **1.0** FTE for a Court Services Secretary position within the 2nd Circuit (which covers Minnehaha and Lincoln counties).

This request includes \$40,925 for the salary, \$17,629 for benefits, and \$632 for travel. Court Services Secretaries provide secretarial support for court services staff by managing an office and assisting clients in person; answering phone calls, e-mail, and mail; ordering supplies for case management; maintaining pertinent records, files, and documentation; collecting data and reports; entering data into UJS computer systems; attending judicial proceedings and preparing and distributing necessary paperwork; and providing caseload support as needed to facilitate office efficiency.

This Court Services Secretary would oversee the Minnehaha County office dedicated to juvenile caseloads. When completed, the new Juvenile Justice Center will be home to this position and all other juvenile-focused court service staff and judges in the county. The Juvenile Justice Center is scheduled to open in October 2026.

At this time, 2nd Circuit juvenile court hearings are split between the Minnehaha County Courthouse, Lincoln County Courthouse, and the Minnehaha County Juvenile Detention Center based on the juvenile’s county of residence and custody status. Upon completion of the Juvenile Justice Center, all 2nd Circuit juvenile court hearings (regardless of county of residence) will be held there instead, creating a need for secretarial support at this new office location.

The governor does not recommend this request.

3. Discretionary Provider Inflation

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$63,089	\$0	\$0	\$63,089	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$32,859	\$0	\$0	\$32,859	0.00

The judicial branch requests an increase of **\$63,089** in **general funds** for 2.4% discretionary provider inflation.

Within UJS, this additional funding would go to community support providers, such as mental health and chemical dependency centers, delivering treatment services to drug and DUI court participants. UJS is considered the "payor of last resort" for these services. Each individual is evaluated to determine if they are eligible to receive services from another agency, if they have private insurance, or if they are capable of paying for the services themselves.

*The governor recommends an increase of **\$32,859** in **general funds** for 1.25% discretionary provider inflation.*

4. Drug and DUI Court Transition to Collateral Rate Billing

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$342,508	\$0	\$0	\$342,508	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

The judicial branch requests an increase of **\$342,508** in **general funds** for moving to a collateral rate billing system for paying treatment providers working with drug and DUI courts.

Currently, drug and DUI court contracts with treatment agencies include a flat fee for time spent by substance abuse disorder (SUD) and mental health (MH) professionals meeting with the drug and DUI court team. These teams meet regularly to review the progress of each participant and make recommendations on delivering legal, treatment and supervision services. This request would allow UJS to make contracts using a new collateral rate: contracts would support up to 3 hours of time at the table per week for two substance abuse and mental health professionals at the collateral rate of \$123.72 per hour.

Drug and DUI court treatment providers have requested a change to the current arrangement, and this transition would allow the providers to recoup expenses at a more reasonable rate compared to the current contracts. The contracts would also allow for an inflationary adjustment each year that has not been occurring otherwise.

Partnerships with treatment providers are vital to the success of drug and DUI courts, as treatment providers ensure each person receives an individualized, evidence-based treatment plan to support their recovery. UJS's plan involves renewing the current contracts, which otherwise would have ended in November, for an additional six months pending an ongoing appropriation allowing UJS to make the transition.

The table below outlines the expected cost of these contracts for both SUD and MH treatment providers.

	Collateral Rate					
	SUD	Cap Hrs	Total Cap	MH	Cap Hrs	Total Cap
James Valley	\$123.72	3	\$371.16	\$123.72	3	\$371.16
Yankton	\$123.72	3	\$371.16	\$123.72	3	\$371.16
2nd Drug	\$123.72	6	\$742.32	\$123.72	3	\$371.16
2nd DUI	\$123.72	3	\$371.16	\$123.72	3	\$371.16
2nd Vets	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2nd MH	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Brookings	\$123.72	3	\$371.16	\$123.72	3	\$371.16
Beadle	\$123.72	3	\$371.16	\$123.72	3	\$371.16
Codington	\$123.72	3	\$371.16	\$123.72	3	\$371.16
NHDC	\$123.72	3	\$371.16	\$123.72	3	\$371.16
4th DUI	\$123.72	3	\$371.16	\$123.72	3	\$371.16
Brown	\$123.72	3	\$371.16	\$123.72	3	\$371.16
6th	\$123.72	3	\$371.16	\$123.72	3	\$371.16
Penn. Drug	\$123.72	3	\$371.16	\$123.72	3	\$371.16
Penn. DUI	\$123.72	3	\$371.16	\$123.72	3	\$371.16
Penn. Vets	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Penn. MH	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
		per week	\$ 5,196.24			\$ 4,825.08
		per month	\$ 22,517.04			\$ 20,908.68
		6 months	\$135,102.24			\$ 125,452.08
		Per year	\$270,204.48			\$ 250,904.16
				6 month total		\$ 260,554.32
				year total		\$ 521,108.64
				minus current budget for treatment team contract		\$ (178,600.00)
				FY26 Collateral Rate Amount		\$ 342,508.64

The governor does not recommend this request.

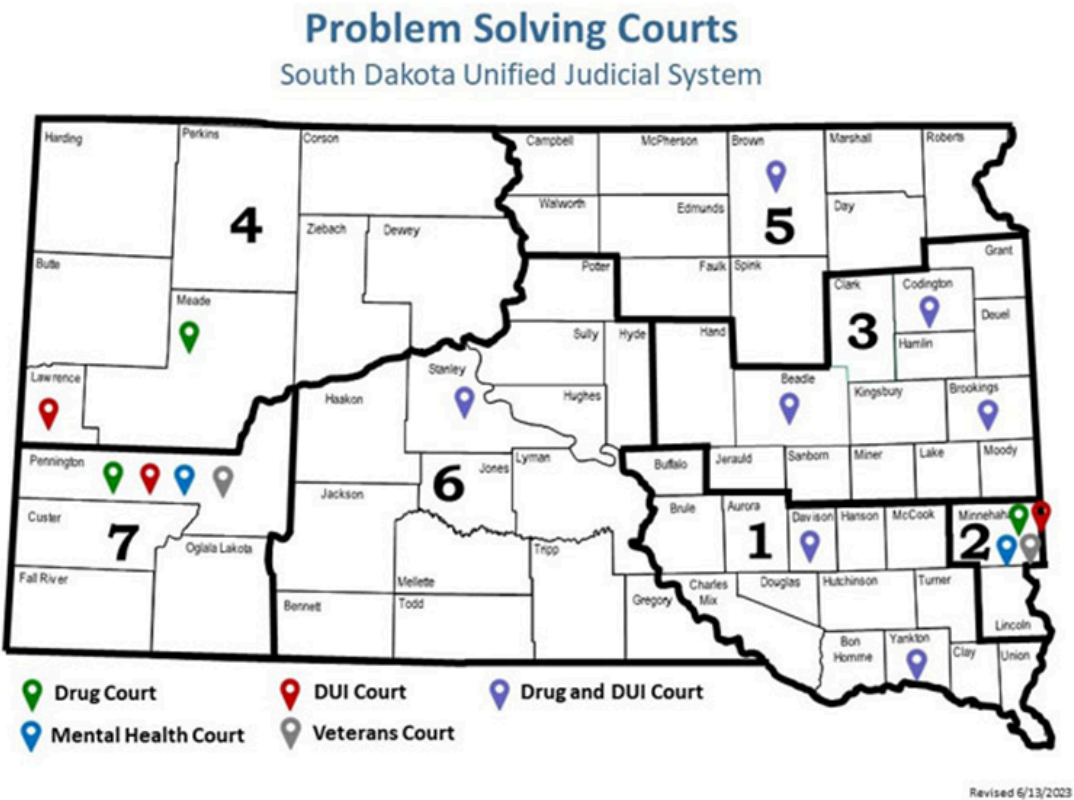
5. Drug and DUI Court Treatment Increase

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$466,649	\$0	\$0	\$466,649	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

The judicial branch requests an increase of **\$466,649** in **general funds** for an increase in treatment costs for drug and DUI court participants.

Problem solving courts, also known as treatment courts, act as an intervention to lead people living with substance use and mental health disorders out of the criminal justice system and into lives of recovery and stability. In the state, problem solving courts include drug courts, DUI courts, veterans courts, and mental health courts.

Below is a map showing the location of all problem solving courts in the state.



In problem solving courts, treatment providers ensure each person receives an individualized, evidence-based treatment plan, while Court Services Officers ensure close community supervision. They work as a team with law enforcement, defense attorneys, prosecutors, and the assigned judge to supervise participants and hold them accountable while provide ongoing support. Problem solving courts have been found, including [by LRC](#), to reduce recidivism for those who graduate the program and save money compared to incarceration.

UJS's budget contains treatment funding for drug and DUI courts. The cost of treatment in veterans courts and mental health courts is instead covered by the Department of Social Services. While drug and DUI courts have had sufficient treatment funding in recent years, partially due to fewer clients served during the pandemic, they have since experienced significant growth resulting in the need for additional funding this year. UJS is projecting an additional 18 clients in FY25 and a further 49 clients in FY26.

The table below shows the treatment budget compared to expenditures each year since FY2015, along with the number of clients served and treatment cost per client.

	Actual FY15	Actual FY16	Actual FY17	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Projected FY25	Projected FY26
Treatment Budget	451,491	605,763	1,167,947	1,303,322	1,316,400	1,806,898	2,027,398	1,972,817	2,407,269	2,527,635	2,628,739	2,691,829
Treatment Expenditures^	414,359	694,554	1,244,815	1,360,468	1,762,828	1,848,404	1,479,531	1,514,458	1,903,262	2,708,925	2,888,760	3,158,478
	37,132	(88,791)	(76,868)	(57,146)	(446,428)	(41,506)	547,867	458,359	504,007	(181,290)	(260,021)	(466,649)
Actual Clients Served	295	347	453	490	557	542	492	515	587	706	724	773
Treatment Cost per Client*	1,404.61	2,001.60	2,747.94	2,776.47	3,164.86	3,410.34	3,007.18	2,940.70	3,242.35	3,837.00	3,990.00	4,086.00
*Projected cost per client includes a provider inflation increase of 4.0% in FY25 and 2.4% in FY26.												

The governor does not recommend this request.

6. Problem Solving Court Defense Counsel Contract Inflation

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

The judicial branch requests an increase of **\$75,000** in **general funds** for covering inflation in contracts with defense counsel working for problem solving courts.

Unlike the adversarial role defense attorneys usually play in the criminal justice system, defense attorneys in problem solving courts actively participate in the treatment process of participants as a team member along with a court coordinator, a prosecutor, a judge, court services staff, and treatment providers, among others. Defense attorneys contracted with problem solving courts inform participants about the rigors of the problem solving court process, preserve participants' legal rights, advocate for fair and equal treatment of participants, participate in team meetings to review cases, and attend court proceedings.

These defense attorneys are currently paid at the court-appointed rate of \$115 per hour. This rate is adjusted each year based on the cost of living adjustment approved for state employees by the Legislature. While the court-appointed rate has increase from \$97 in FY2021 to \$115 in FY2025, there has been no matching increase to the UJS’s problem solving court budget.

Defense attorneys have also been spending more time at the table with problem solving court teams due to an increased number of clients served. Defense attorney contracts are written not to exceed \$16,744 per year; however, about half of these contracts have been amended this past year to increase that amount. Rather than having attorneys stop attending team meetings when their contract exceeds the cost limit, UJS amends them instead.

The governor does not recommend this request.

Budget Request: Court Services Operations (2717)							
By Fund Category	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
General	\$17,171,434	\$19,690,791	\$19,342,056	\$20,332,609	\$21,422,855	\$20,365,468	\$32,859
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$1,002	\$1,016	\$1,016	\$1,016	\$0
Other	\$292,760	\$319,592	\$330,758	\$333,041	\$333,041	\$333,041	\$0
Total	\$17,464,194	\$20,010,383	\$19,673,816	\$20,666,666	\$21,756,912	\$20,699,525	\$32,859
By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Court Services Operations	\$17,464,194	\$20,010,383	\$19,673,816	\$20,666,666	\$21,756,912	\$20,699,525	\$32,859
Total	\$17,464,194	\$20,010,383	\$19,673,816	\$20,666,666	\$21,756,912	\$20,699,525	\$32,859

By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$14,024,918	\$15,697,708	\$15,665,006	\$16,538,922	\$16,680,658	\$16,538,922	\$0
Salaries	\$10,574,398	\$11,886,359	\$11,682,835	\$12,348,723	\$12,451,077	\$12,348,723	\$0
Benefits	\$3,450,520	\$3,811,350	\$3,982,171	\$4,190,199	\$4,229,581	\$4,190,199	\$0
Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$3,439,276	\$4,312,675	\$4,008,810	\$4,127,744	\$5,076,254	\$4,160,603	\$32,859
Travel	\$267,188	\$265,034	\$331,945	\$345,750	\$347,014	\$345,750	\$0
Contractual Services	\$906,559	\$912,477	\$680,015	\$699,540	\$595,940	\$699,540	\$0
Supplies	\$333,358	\$386,986	\$425,350	\$409,850	\$409,850	\$409,850	\$0
Grants	\$1,913,547	\$2,717,730	\$2,527,635	\$2,628,739	\$3,679,585	\$2,661,598	\$32,859
Capital Outlay	\$18,608	\$30,401	\$43,865	\$43,865	\$43,865	\$43,865	\$0
Other Expenses and Budgeted Operating Transfers Out	\$16	\$46	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$17,464,194	\$20,010,383	\$19,673,816	\$20,666,666	\$21,756,912	\$20,699,525	\$32,859
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	181.76	182.46	188.4	188.4	190.4	188.4	0.00

Funding Sources (Governor's Recommended)

	General	Federal	Other	General%	Federal%	Other%
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$20,365,468	\$0	\$0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
NO DESC (PRIOR)	\$0	\$1,016	\$0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
DRUG COURT PROGRAM	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%
COURT AUTOMATION FUND	\$0	\$0	\$298,141	0.0%	0.0%	89.5%
DRUG SCREENING	\$0	\$0	\$24,900	0.0%	0.0%	7.5%

Community Based Services (2718)

This program provides access to and financial support for individualized community-based treatment programs as an alternative to commitment to the Department of Corrections.

Major Items Summary: Community Based Services (2718)

	Agency Request					Governor's Recommendation				
	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
FY 2026 Base Budget	\$1,168,902	\$0	\$0	\$1,168,902	0.0	\$1,168,902	\$0	\$0	\$1,168,902	0.0
1. Discretionary Provider Inflation	\$19,231	\$0	\$0	\$19,231	0.0	\$10,017	\$0	\$0	\$10,017	0.0
FY 2026 Total Budget	\$1,188,133	\$0	\$0	\$1,188,133	0.0	\$1,178,919	\$0	\$0	\$1,178,919	0.0
Change from Base Budget	\$19,231	\$0	\$0	\$19,231	0.0	\$10,017	\$0	\$0	\$10,017	0.0
% Change from Base Budget	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%

1. Discretionary Provider Inflation

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$19,231	\$0	\$0	\$19,231	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$10,017	\$0	\$0	\$10,017	0.00

The judicial branch requests an increase of **\$19,231** in **general funds** for 2.4% discretionary provider inflation.

Within UJS, this additional funding would go to community support providers delivering treatment services to probationers statewide. UJS is considered the "payor of last resort" for these services. Each individual is evaluated to determine if they are eligible to receive services from another agency, if they have private insurance, or if they are capable of paying for the services themselves.

*The governor recommends an increase of **\$10,017** in **general funds** for 1.25% discretionary provider inflation.*

Budget Request: Community Based Services (2718)

By Fund Category	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
General	\$496,700	\$714,975	\$1,138,085	\$1,168,902	\$1,188,133	\$1,178,919	\$10,017
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$496,700	\$714,975	\$1,138,085	\$1,168,902	\$1,188,133	\$1,178,919	\$10,017

By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Community Based Services	\$496,700	\$714,975	\$1,138,085	\$1,168,902	\$1,188,133	\$1,178,919	\$10,017
Total	\$496,700	\$714,975	\$1,138,085	\$1,168,902	\$1,188,133	\$1,178,919	\$10,017
By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$496,700	\$714,975	\$1,138,085	\$1,168,902	\$1,188,133	\$1,178,919	\$10,017
Contractual Services	\$13,885	\$26,749	\$34,320	\$34,320	\$34,320	\$34,320	\$0
Grants	\$482,814	\$688,226	\$1,103,765	\$1,134,582	\$1,153,813	\$1,144,599	\$10,017
Total	\$496,700	\$714,975	\$1,138,085	\$1,168,902	\$1,188,133	\$1,178,919	\$10,017
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)							0.00

Funding Sources (Governor's Recommended)						
	General	Federal	Other	General%	Federal%	Other%
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$1,178,919	\$0	\$0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Information & Technology (2719)

Information and Technology is a division of the State Court Administrator's Office and provides technical options, solutions and resolutions for UJS offices and the public, including:

- Working to provide secure, transparent access to data from anywhere
- Analyzing the use and impact of emerging technologies to UJS
- Providing state-of-the-art integrated case management systems and networking solutions for the UJS
- Defining and maintaining computer and security standards for the UJS technology network
- Preventing unauthorized access to and integrity of electronic data
- Designing, developing, and presenting training courses on UJS applications to ensure end users' learning needs are met

Major Items Summary: Information & Technology (2719)

	Agency Request					Governor's Recommendation				
	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
FY 2026 Base Budget	\$0	\$0	\$7,406,409	\$7,406,409	29.0	\$0	\$0	\$7,406,409	\$7,406,409	29.0
1. IT Operations Expenses Increase	\$0	\$0	\$1,489,125	\$1,489,125	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$906,596	\$906,596	0.0
FY 2026 Total Budget	\$0	\$0	\$8,895,534	\$8,895,534	29.0	\$0	\$0	\$8,313,005	\$8,313,005	29.0
Change from Base Budget	\$0	\$0	\$1,489,125	\$1,489,125	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$906,596	\$906,596	0.0
% Change from Base Budget	0.0%	0.0%	20.1%	20.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.2%	12.2%	0.0%

1. IT Operations Expenses Increase

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$0	\$0	\$1,489,125	\$1,489,125	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$906,596	\$906,596	0.00

The judicial branch requests an increase of **\$1,489,125** in **other fund expenditure authority** for adjustments to UJS's IT operations budget. The other fund to be used here would be the Court Automation Fund per SDCL 16-2-44, which allows UJS to use the fund to “pay necessary costs for court automation projects to improve information or case management systems or the administration of justice.”

This request includes \$18,658 in travel, \$1,371,887 in contractual expenses, (\$4,500) in supplies, and \$103,080 in capital outlay, including the following:

- Within travel, the increase is based on projections of need made for FY2026. Travel is necessary for IT staff to provide support throughout each of the seven judicial circuits; while UJS serves 63 county courthouses statewide, it does not have IT personnel at all locations.
- Within contractual services, \$582,529 would be for information management and access fees to be paid to the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications (BIT). UJS estimated a 10% increase over the current rates to calculate this requested amount. Another \$651,429 within contractual services would be used to move from the current Odyssey Supervision solution created by Tyler Technologies to a cloud-based Enterprise Supervision solution created by the same company. This transition is needed before Tyler stops providing support for Odyssey Supervision. Further expenses in the request include \$40,000 for equipment service and maintenance and \$74,751 for subscription-based IT arrangements.
- Within capital outlay, \$112,400 would go toward computer hardware necessary for the migration from VOIP to Teams lines in certain locations and for new hardware in the new Lincoln County Courthouse and Minnehaha Juvenile Justice Center. Another \$12,500 would go toward telephone equipment, and \$17,000 would go to audio-visual equipment, both of which are included here based on projections of need made for FY2026.

The governor recommends an increase of **\$906,596** in **other fund expenditure authority**. Based on recently revised BIT rates, the \$582,529 to cover the projected increase is no longer needed for FY2026.

Budget Request: Information & Technology (2719)							
By Fund Category	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
General	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$5,704,176	\$6,595,920	\$7,478,318	\$7,406,409	\$8,895,534	\$8,313,005	\$906,596
Total	\$5,704,176	\$6,595,920	\$7,478,318	\$7,406,409	\$8,895,534	\$8,313,005	\$906,596

By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Information & Technology	\$5,704,176	\$6,595,920	\$7,478,318	\$7,406,409	\$8,895,534	\$8,313,005	\$906,596
Total	\$5,704,176	\$6,595,920	\$7,478,318	\$7,406,409	\$8,895,534	\$8,313,005	\$906,596
By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$2,559,807	\$2,895,699	\$3,134,031	\$3,215,744	\$3,215,744	\$3,215,744	\$0
Salaries	\$2,020,702	\$2,279,992	\$2,436,856	\$2,537,439	\$2,537,439	\$2,537,439	\$0
Benefits	\$539,105	\$615,707	\$697,175	\$678,305	\$678,305	\$678,305	\$0
Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$3,144,369	\$3,700,221	\$4,344,287	\$4,190,665	\$5,679,790	\$5,097,261	\$906,596
Travel	\$25,310	\$47,562	\$37,105	\$39,442	\$58,100	\$58,100	\$18,658
Contractual Services	\$2,434,922	\$2,988,355	\$3,561,839	\$3,238,043	\$4,609,930	\$4,027,401	\$789,358
Supplies	\$22,044	\$10,305	\$24,450	\$18,500	\$14,000	\$14,000	(\$4,500)
Grants	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$662,094	\$643,999	\$720,893	\$894,680	\$997,760	\$997,760	\$103,080
Total	\$5,704,176	\$6,595,920	\$7,478,318	\$7,406,409	\$8,895,534	\$8,313,005	\$906,596
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	26.21	27.96	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	0.00

Funding Sources (Governor's Recommended)

	General	Federal	Other	General%	Federal%	Other%
COURT AUTOMATION FUND	\$0	\$0	\$8,313,005	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%

Equal Access to Our Courts (272)

Per SDCL 16-2-56, the Commission on Equal Access to Our Courts, consisting of seven members, provides grants to nonprofit entities that are funded, or nonprofit entities contracting with nonprofit entities that are funded, by the Legal Services Corporation and deliver legal services to persons meeting income eligibility guidelines. These entities include Access to Justice, East River Legal Services, and Dakota Plains Legal Services.

Reversions and Unutilized FTE (272)

	General	Federal	Other
Original Appropriation FY2024	\$300,000	\$0	\$200,000
Pool Distributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplemental Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agency Adjustments	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reorganizations	\$0	\$0	\$0
Adjusted Appropriation FY2024	\$300,000	\$0	\$200,000
FY2024 Expenditures	\$300,000	\$0	\$200,000
Reversion of Authority	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unutilized FTE			0.0

Budget Request: Equal Access to Our Courts (272)

By Fund Category	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
General	\$50,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0
Total	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Equal Access to Our Courts	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
Total	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
Grants	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
Total	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)							0.00

Indigent Legal Services (273)

Per SDCL 23A-51-2, the Commission on Indigent Legal Services was created in 2024 to “oversee indigent representation services in South Dakota to ensure the effective assistance of counsel where there is a right to counsel under state or federal law.” The commission consists of nine members appointed by various parties and is responsible for appointing a chief defender to head the Office of Indigent Legal Services, explore mechanisms to ensure adequate funding for indigent representation, and advocate for resources and policies necessary to ensure effective representation.

Per SDCL 23A-51-9, the Office of Indigent Legal Services provides “indigent representation services and shall oversee indigent representation services in the state courts to ensure the effective assistance of counsel where there is a right to counsel under state or federal law.” Currently, this representation includes direct appeals in criminal cases, habeas corpus appeals, and abuse or neglect of a child appeal cases.

This budget unit acts independently of UJS and is connected to UJS solely for budgetary purposes.

By Fund Category	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
General	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,441,243	\$1,441,243	\$1,441,243	\$0
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,441,243	\$1,441,243	\$1,441,243	\$0
By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Indigent Legal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,441,243	\$1,441,243	\$1,441,243	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,441,243	\$1,441,243	\$1,441,243	\$0
By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$823,820	\$823,820	\$823,820	\$0
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$650,292	\$650,292	\$650,292	\$0
Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$173,528	\$173,528	\$173,528	\$0
Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$617,423	\$617,423	\$617,423	\$0
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,423	\$32,423	\$32,423	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$435,000	\$435,000	\$435,000	\$0

Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,441,243	\$1,441,243	\$1,441,243	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)				7.0	7.0	7.0	0.00

Budget History

FY 2025 Budget	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Additional Circuit Court Judge - 2nd Circuit	\$217,273	\$0	\$0	\$217,273	1.00
Additional Circuit Court Staff Attorney - 2nd Circuit	\$102,815	\$0	\$0	\$102,815	1.00
Additional Deputy Court Clerks - 2nd Circuit	\$122,595	\$0	\$0	\$122,595	2.00
Deputy Court Clerks - 2nd Circuit	\$62,045	\$0	\$0	\$62,045	1.00
Discretionary Provider Inflation	\$131,921	\$0	\$0	\$131,921	0.00
Circuit Court Judge - 2nd Circuit	\$217,273	\$0	\$0	\$217,273	1.00
Delay in Odyssey Redaction Implementation	\$0	\$0	(\$292,510)	(\$292,510)	0.00
Indigent Legal Services - New Budget Unit (HB 1057)	\$1,412,831	\$0	\$0	\$1,412,831	7.00
Totals	\$2,266,753	\$0	(\$292,510)	\$1,974,243	13.00

Session 2024 Supplemental and Special Appropriations	Bill	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Indigent Legal Services Grants for Counties	HB 1057	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	0.00
Totals		\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	0.00

FY 2024 Budget	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
CASA Fund Expenditure Authority	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	0.00
Human Resources Generalist	\$90,469	\$0	\$0	\$90,469	1.00
Magistrate Judge	\$149,534	\$0	\$0	\$149,534	1.00
Computer Assisted Court Recorder	\$750	\$0	\$33,354	\$34,104	0.50
Discretionary Provider Inflation	\$157,054	\$0	\$0	\$157,054	0.00
IT Operating Expenses Inflation	\$0	\$0	\$107,000	\$107,000	0.00
Capital Outlay Decrease	\$0	\$0	(\$35,000)	(\$35,000)	0.00
Migration to VOIP Phones	\$0	\$0	\$198,156	\$198,156	0.00
Alternative Care Program Increase	\$133,334	\$0	\$0	\$133,334	0.00
Additional Equal Access to Our Courts Funding	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	0.00
Totals	\$781,141	\$0	\$553,510	\$1,334,651	2.50

Session 2023 Supplemental and Special Appropriations	Bill	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Drug/DUI Court Treatment	HB 1049	(\$415,419)	\$0	\$0	(\$415,419)	0.00
Totals		(\$415,419)	\$0	\$0	(\$415,419)	0.00

FY 2023 Budget		General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Court Security Fund		\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	0.00
BIT Bureau Billing Adjustments		\$0	\$0	\$155,919	\$155,919	0.00
Supplies Decrease		\$0	\$0	(\$2,800)	(\$2,800)	0.00
For the Record Systems		\$0	\$0	\$36,000	\$36,000	0.00
IT Operating Expenses Increase		\$0	\$0	\$167,320	\$167,320	0.00
Travel Increase		\$0	\$0	\$2,700	\$2,700	0.00
Rollup Discretionary Provider Inflation		\$177,639	\$0	\$0	\$177,639	0.00
Justice and Judge Salary Increase		\$501,214	\$0	\$0	\$501,214	0.00
Totals		\$678,853	\$0	\$1,859,139	\$2,537,992	0.00

Session 2022 Supplemental and Special Appropriations	Bill	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Court Appointed Special Advocates Fund	SB 60	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	0.00
CRF PS Corrections Adjustments	SB 60	(\$473,778)	\$473,778	\$0	\$0	0.00
CRF Public Health and Public Safety Payroll	SB 60	(\$5,514,684)	\$5,514,684	\$0	\$0	0.00
Drug/DUI Court Treatment	SB 60	(\$265,583)	\$0	\$0	(\$265,583)	0.00
Totals		(\$6,254,045)	\$5,988,462	\$1,000,000	\$734,417	0.00