

CIRCUIT COURTS

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY17 Adjusted Base	FY18 Recommended	% Change Over FY17	FY19 Recommended	% Change Over FY18
GPR	97,470,300	101,560,500	4.2	101,560,500	0.0
PR-S	232,700	232,700	0.0	232,700	0.0
TOTAL	97,703,000	101,793,200	4.2	101,793,200	0.0

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY17 Adjusted Base	FY18 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY17	FY19 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY18
GPR	527.00	527.00	0.00	527.00	0.00
TOTAL	527.00	527.00	0.00	527.00	0.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The Circuit Courts are Wisconsin's courts of general jurisdiction and consist of 249 judicial positions in 69 judicial circuits. Each county in the state is a circuit, with the exception of Pepin and Buffalo, Menominee and Shawano, and Forest and Florence, which are paired to form three circuits. A circuit may consist of more than one branch (judge) where the volume of litigation warrants. Of the 69 circuits, 41 contain multiple branches.

The Circuit Courts have original jurisdiction in all criminal, civil, juvenile, family and probate cases unless exclusive jurisdiction has been given to another court. The courts have appellate jurisdiction over orders and judgments of the municipal courts and the responsibility to review decisions and orders of state administrative agencies.

For purposes of management, the Circuit Courts are divided into ten administrative districts. Each district has a chief judge appointed by the Supreme Court and a district court administrator, who administers the business of the judicial branch in that district in cooperation with the director of state courts at the direction of the chief justice. The first judicial district (Milwaukee County) also has an assistant district court administrator.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Judicial Compensation
2. Standard Budget Adjustments

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**Table 1
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY16	ADJUSTED BASE FY17	AGENCY REQUEST FY18	AGENCY REQUEST FY19	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY18	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY19
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$93,332.6	\$97,470.3	\$101,562.9	\$101,562.9	\$101,560.5	\$101,560.5
State Operations	69,228.7	72,793.5	76,886.1	76,886.1	76,883.7	76,883.7
Local Assistance	24,103.9	24,676.8	24,676.8	24,676.8	24,676.8	24,676.8
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	\$232.7	\$232.7	\$232.7	\$232.7	\$232.7	\$232.7
Local Assistance	232.7	232.7	232.7	232.7	232.7	232.7
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$93,565.3	\$97,703.0	\$101,795.6	\$101,795.6	\$101,793.2	\$101,793.2
State Operations	69,228.7	72,793.5	76,886.1	76,886.1	76,883.7	76,883.7
Local Assistance	24,336.6	24,909.5	24,909.5	24,909.5	24,909.5	24,909.5

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

**Table 2
Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions) (4)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY17	AGENCY REQUEST FY18	AGENCY REQUEST FY19	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY18	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY19
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	527.00	527.00	527.00	527.00	527.00
TOTALS - ANNUAL	527.00	527.00	527.00	527.00	527.00

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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**Table 3
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY16	ADJUSTED BASE FY17	AGENCY REQUEST FY18	AGENCY REQUEST FY19	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY18	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY19
1. Court operations	\$93,565.3	\$97,703.0	\$101,795.6	\$101,795.6	\$101,793.2	\$101,793.2
TOTALS	\$93,565.3	\$97,703.0	\$101,795.6	\$101,795.6	\$101,793.2	\$101,793.2

**Table 4
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions) (4)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY17	AGENCY REQUEST FY18	AGENCY REQUEST FY19	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY18	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY19
1. Court operations	527.00	527.00	527.00	527.00	527.00
TOTALS	527.00	527.00	527.00	527.00	527.00

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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1. Judicial Compensation

The Governor recommends establishing a process by which the Director of State Courts can develop a pay plan for judges and justices, which is submitted directly to the Joint Committee on Employment Relations for approval, rather than as part of the state compensation plan submitted by the Department of Administration to the committee. Nonjudicial staff will continue to be covered under the state compensation plan. See Supreme Court, Item #2.

2. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY18		FY19		FY18		FY19	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	4,092,600	0.00	4,092,600	0.00	4,090,200	0.00	4,090,200	0.00
TOTAL	4,092,600	0.00	4,092,600	0.00	4,090,200	0.00	4,090,200	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the agency's base budget for full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits.

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