

SUPREME COURT

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY23 Adjusted Base	FY24 Recommended	% Change Over FY23	FY25 Recommended	% Change Over FY24
GPR	18,231,100	18,100,700	-0.7	18,113,200	0.1
PR-F	1,007,100	1,031,100	2.4	1,031,600	0.0
PR-S	255,500	264,900	3.7	268,700	1.4
PR-O	14,520,600	17,135,300	18.0	17,300,000	1.0
SEG-O	602,700	329,800	-45.3	330,100	0.1
TOTAL	34,617,000	36,861,800	6.5	37,043,600	0.5

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY23 Adjusted Base	FY24 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY23	FY25 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY24
GPR	115.50	115.50	0.00	115.50	0.00
PR-F	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
PR-S	2.50	2.75	0.25	2.75	0.00
PR-O	108.25	108.25	0.00	108.25	0.00
SEG-O	1.60	1.60	0.00	1.60	0.00
TOTAL	232.85	233.10	0.25	233.10	0.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The Wisconsin Supreme Court, consisting of seven justices elected to ten-year terms, has original jurisdiction in certain cases of statewide concern and, since August 1978, discretionary appellate jurisdiction on all other issues arising under Wisconsin law. The court considers petitions to review decisions of the Court of Appeals, petitions to bypass the Court of Appeals and certifications from that court. It is the highest tribunal for actions commenced in state courts, except where a federal question allowing an appeal to the federal court system is raised. It is the final authority on the state constitution.

The state constitution provides that the Wisconsin Supreme Court has superintending and administrative authority over all courts in the state. In addition, the Supreme Court has regulatory authority over all Wisconsin judges and lawyers, including monitoring and enforcing ethics rules when needed.

The chief justice is the administrative head of the state judicial system and exercises this authority both directly and through the director of state courts pursuant to rules adopted by the Supreme Court. The Wisconsin Supreme Court also prepares the budget for the entire Wisconsin Court System and monitors compliance with the budget approved by the Legislature and Governor.

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

	ACTUAL FY22	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$17,158.0	\$18,231.1	\$20,045.0	\$20,305.0	\$18,100.7	\$18,113.2
State Operations	17,158.0	18,231.1	20,045.0	20,305.0	18,100.7	18,113.2
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	\$871.6	\$1,007.1	\$1,004.7	\$1,004.7	\$1,031.1	\$1,031.6
State Operations	871.6	1,007.1	1,004.7	1,004.7	1,031.1	1,031.6
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	\$18,143.0	\$14,776.1	\$17,649.3	\$17,673.3	\$17,400.2	\$17,568.7
State Operations	18,143.0	14,776.1	17,649.3	17,673.3	17,400.2	17,568.7
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	\$177.9	\$602.7	\$332.5	\$332.5	\$329.8	\$330.1
State Operations	177.9	602.7	332.5	332.5	329.8	330.1
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$36,350.5	\$34,617.0	\$39,031.5	\$39,315.5	\$36,861.8	\$37,043.6
State Operations	36,350.5	34,617.0	39,031.5	39,315.5	36,861.8	37,043.6

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

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

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	115.50	115.50	115.50	115.50	115.50
State Operations	115.50	115.50	115.50	115.50	115.50
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
State Operations	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	110.75	112.00	112.00	111.00	111.00
State Operations	110.75	112.00	112.00	111.00	111.00
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
State Operations	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
TOTALS - ANNUAL	232.85	234.10	234.10	233.10	233.10
State Operations	232.85	234.10	234.10	233.10	233.10

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

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

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

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

	ACTUAL FY22	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1. Supreme court proceedings	\$5,783.8	\$6,212.4	\$6,179.7	\$6,179.7	\$6,180.2	\$6,180.2
2. Director of state courts and law library	\$26,583.3	\$24,463.9	\$28,772.8	\$29,056.8	\$26,590.9	\$26,767.2
3. Bar examiners and responsibility	\$3,983.4	\$3,940.7	\$4,079.0	\$4,079.0	\$4,090.7	\$4,096.2
TOTALS	\$36,350.5	\$34,617.0	\$39,031.5	\$39,315.5	\$36,861.8	\$37,043.6

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1. Supreme court proceedings	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50
2. Director of state courts and law library	160.85	162.10	162.10	161.10	161.10
3. Bar examiners and responsibility	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50
TOTALS	232.85	234.10	234.10	233.10	233.10

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1. Cybersecurity Program

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	1,832,100	0.00	2,092,100	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,832,100	0.00	2,092,100	0.00
TOTAL	1,832,100	0.00	2,092,100	0.00	1,832,100	0.00	2,092,100	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing expenditure authority for the Consolidated Court Automation Programs to implement new and ongoing cybersecurity initiatives and related maintenance for the court system.

2. Additional Circuit Court Branches under 2019 Wisconsin Act 184

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	139,100	0.00	26,700	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	139,100	0.00	26,700	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority, including a one-time increase for information technology, to support the creation of four circuit court branches for terms beginning on August 1, 2023, consistent with 2019 Wisconsin Act 184. See Circuit Courts, Item #1.

3. Judicial Education Events

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	13,300	0.00	13,300	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	13,300	0.00	13,300	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends that the Office of Judicial Education provide a juvenile justice seminar and a digital evidence boot camp as part of its annual judicial education programming.

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4. Central Services Support

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-S	79,600	1.25	103,600	1.25	11,300	0.25	15,000	0.25
TOTAL	79,600	1.25	103,600	1.25	11,300	0.25	15,000	0.25

The Governor recommends increasing funding and position authority to support central administrative work for the court system.

5. County Law Libraries

The Governor recommends creating a new continuing program revenue appropriation for the collection of payments from counties for materials or other services for county law libraries.

6. Revenue Reestimates

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	2,236,600	0.00	2,236,600	0.00	48,600	0.00	48,600	0.00
SEG-O	-269,200	0.00	-269,200	0.00	-269,200	0.00	-269,200	0.00
TOTAL	1,967,400	0.00	1,967,400	0.00	-220,600	0.00	-220,600	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting expenditure authority based on reestimates of funding and expenditures.

7. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	-31,500	0.00	-31,500	0.00	-130,400	0.00	-117,900	0.00
PR-F	-2,400	0.00	-2,400	0.00	24,000	0.00	24,500	0.00
PR-S	-1,400	0.00	-1,400	0.00	-1,900	0.00	-1,800	0.00
PR-O	558,400	0.00	558,400	0.00	594,900	0.00	612,000	0.00
SEG-O	-1,000	0.00	-1,000	0.00	-3,700	0.00	-3,400	0.00
TOTAL	522,100	0.00	522,100	0.00	482,900	0.00	513,400	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the agency's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$567,800 in each year); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (-\$84,900 in FY24 and -\$54,400 in FY25).