

COURT OF APPEALS

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY25 Adjusted Base	FY26 Recommended	% Change Over FY25	FY27 Recommended	% Change Over FY26
GPR	13,182,600	12,936,600	-1.9	12,946,900	0.1
TOTAL	13,182,600	12,936,600	-1.9	12,946,900	0.1

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY25 Adjusted Base	FY26 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY25	FY27 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY26
GPR	75.50	75.50	0.00	75.50	0.00
TOTAL	75.50	75.50	0.00	75.50	0.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The Court of Appeals consists of 16 judges elected for staggered six-year terms. The court is divided into four panels located in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Wausau and Madison, and is supervised by a chief judge appointed by the Supreme Court.

The Court of Appeals has original jurisdiction to issue prerogative writs and appellate jurisdiction over all final judgments and orders of the Circuit Courts, which can be appealed as a matter of right.

The Court of Appeals usually sits as a three-judge panel to dispose of cases on their merits. However, a single judge may hear certain categories of cases, including small claims; municipal ordinance and traffic violations; and mental health, juvenile and misdemeanor cases. The Court of Appeals provides a written opinion containing a summary of the reasons for a decision made by the court.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Standard Budget Adjustments

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

	ACTUAL FY24	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST FY26	AGENCY REQUEST FY27	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY26	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY27
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$12,775.2	\$13,182.6	\$12,936.8	\$12,947.1	\$12,936.6	\$12,946.9
State Operations	12,775.2	13,182.6	12,936.8	12,947.1	12,936.6	12,946.9
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$12,775.2	\$13,182.6	\$12,936.8	\$12,947.1	\$12,936.6	\$12,946.9
State Operations	12,775.2	13,182.6	12,936.8	12,947.1	12,936.6	12,946.9

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST FY26	AGENCY REQUEST FY27	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY26	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY27
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	75.50	75.50	75.50	75.50	75.50
State Operations	75.50	75.50	75.50	75.50	75.50
TOTALS - ANNUAL	75.50	75.50	75.50	75.50	75.50
State Operations	75.50	75.50	75.50	75.50	75.50

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

	ACTUAL FY24	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
1. Appellate proceedings	\$12,775.2	\$13,182.6	\$12,936.8	\$12,947.1	\$12,936.6	\$12,946.9
TOTALS	\$12,775.2	\$13,182.6	\$12,936.8	\$12,947.1	\$12,936.6	\$12,946.9

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
1. Appellate proceedings	75.50	75.50	75.50	75.50	75.50
TOTALS	75.50	75.50	75.50	75.50	75.50

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1. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26 Dollars	FY26 Positions	FY27 Dollars	FY27 Positions	FY26 Dollars	FY26 Positions	FY27 Dollars	FY27 Positions
GPR	-245,800	0.00	-235,500	0.00	-246,000	0.00	-235,700	0.00
TOTAL	-245,800	0.00	-235,500	0.00	-246,000	0.00	-235,700	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the agency's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (-\$360,500 in each year); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$114,500 in FY26 and \$124,800 in FY27).

