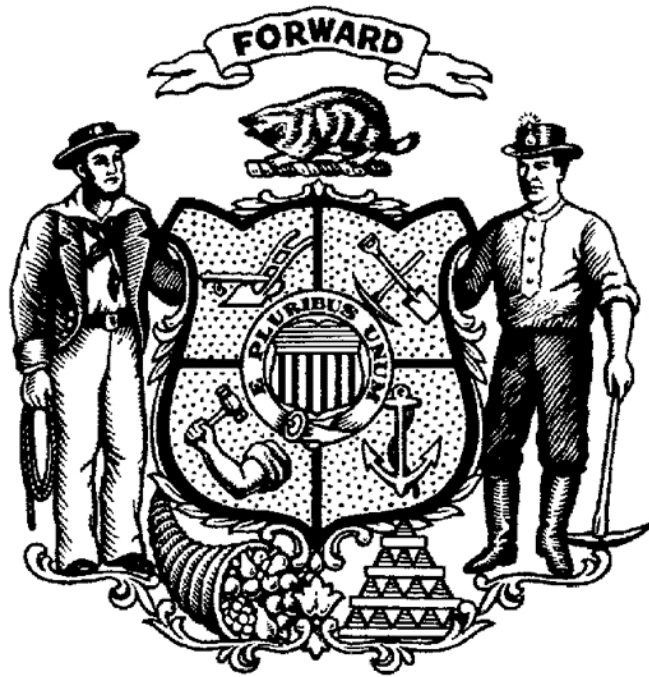


State of Wisconsin

Circuit Courts



Court Budget Request
2027 – 2029 Biennium
October 5, 2026

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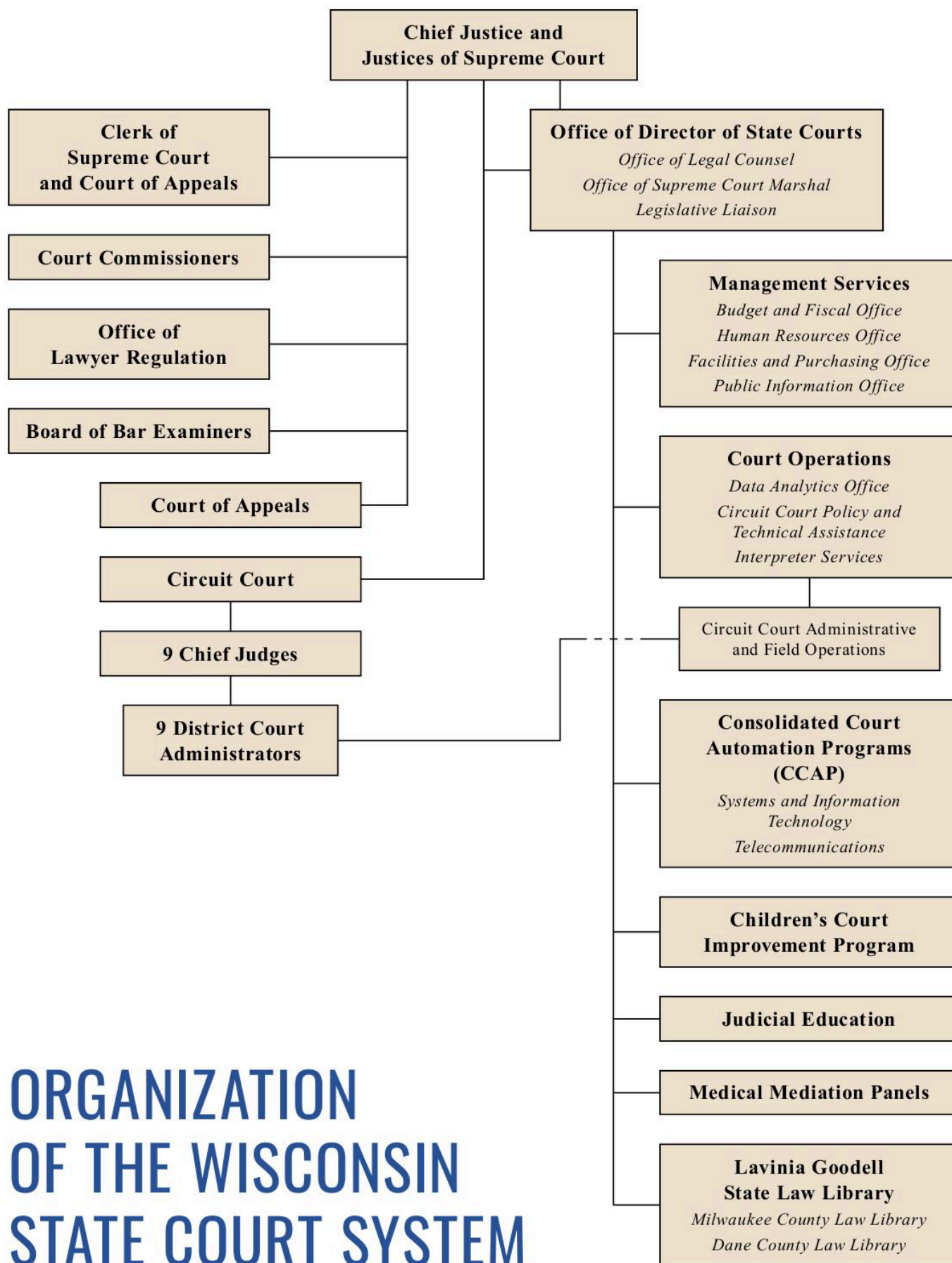
COURT DESCRIPTION

The Circuit Courts are Wisconsin's courts of general jurisdiction and consist of 261 judicial positions in 69 judicial circuits. 2019 Wisconsin Act 184 authorized the creation of 12 additional circuit court branches across two biennia. As of August 1, 2021 there were 253 judicial positions and as of August 1, 2022 there were 257 judicial positions. The last four circuit court branches were created in the 2023-2025 biennium on August 1, 2023 increasing judicial positions to 261.

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, 48 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 nine 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.



ORGANIZATION OF THE WISCONSIN STATE COURT SYSTEM

Court Total by Fund Source

		ANNUAL SUMMARY						BIENNIAL SUMMARY			
Source of Funds		Prior Year Total	Adjusted Base	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE	Base Year Doubled (BYD)	Biennial Request	Change From (BYD)	Change From BYD %
GPR	L	\$38,375,767	\$38,392,900	\$39,142,900	\$39,682,300	0.00	0.00	\$76,785,800	\$78,825,200	\$2,039,400	2.70%
GPR	S	\$95,597,386	\$101,899,700	\$100,726,200	\$104,382,900	551.00	559.00	\$203,799,400	\$205,109,100	\$1,309,700	0.60%
Total		\$133,973,153	\$140,292,600	\$139,869,100	\$144,065,200	551.00	559.00	\$280,585,200	\$283,934,300	\$3,349,100	1.20%
PR	L	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700	0.00	0.00	\$465,400	\$465,400	\$0	0.00%
Total		\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700	0.00	0.00	\$465,400	\$465,400	\$0	0.00%
Grand Total		\$134,205,853	\$140,525,300	\$140,101,800	\$144,297,900	551.00	559.00	\$281,050,600	\$284,399,700	\$3,349,100	1.20%

Court Total by Program

		ANNUAL SUMMARY					BIENNIAL SUMMARY			
Source of Funds	Prior Year Total	Adjusted Base	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE	Base Year Doubled (BYD)	Biennial Request	Change From (BYD)	Change From BYD %
01 Court operations										
Non Federal										
GPR	\$133,973,153	\$140,292,600	\$139,869,100	\$144,065,200	551.00	559.00	\$280,585,200	\$283,934,300	\$3,349,100	1.19%
L	\$38,375,767	\$38,392,900	\$39,142,900	\$39,682,300	0.00	0.00	\$76,785,800	\$78,825,200	\$2,039,400	2.66%
S	\$95,597,386	\$101,899,700	\$100,726,200	\$104,382,900	551.00	559.00	\$203,799,400	\$205,109,100	\$1,309,700	0.64%
PR	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700	0.00	0.00	\$465,400	\$465,400	\$0	0.00%
L	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700	0.00	0.00	\$465,400	\$465,400	\$0	0.00%
Total - Non Federal	\$134,205,853	\$140,525,300	\$140,101,800	\$144,297,900	551.00	559.00	\$281,050,600	\$284,399,700	\$3,349,100	1.19%
L	\$38,608,467	\$38,625,600	\$39,375,600	\$39,915,000	0.00	0.00	\$77,251,200	\$79,290,600	\$2,039,400	2.64%
S	\$95,597,386	\$101,899,700	\$100,726,200	\$104,382,900	551.00	559.00	\$203,799,400	\$205,109,100	\$1,309,700	0.64%
PGM 01 Total	\$134,205,853	\$140,525,300	\$140,101,800	\$144,297,900	551.00	559.00	\$281,050,600	\$284,399,700	\$3,349,100	1.19%
GPR	\$133,973,153	\$140,292,600	\$139,869,100	\$144,065,200	551.00	559.00	\$280,585,200	\$283,934,300	\$3,349,100	1.19%
L	\$38,375,767	\$38,392,900	\$39,142,900	\$39,682,300	0.00	0.00	\$76,785,800	\$78,825,200	\$2,039,400	2.66%
S	\$95,597,386	\$101,899,700	\$100,726,200	\$104,382,900	551.00	559.00	\$203,799,400	\$205,109,100	\$1,309,700	0.64%
PR	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700	0.00	0.00	\$465,400	\$465,400	\$0	0.00%

Agency Total by Program

	L	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700	0.00	0.00	\$465,400	\$465,400	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL 01		\$134,205,853	\$140,525,300	\$140,101,800	\$144,297,900	551.00	559.00	\$281,050,600	\$284,399,700	\$3,349,100	1.19%
	L	\$38,608,467	\$38,625,600	\$39,375,600	\$39,915,000	0.00	0.00	\$77,251,200	\$79,290,600	\$2,039,400	2.64%
	S	\$95,597,386	\$101,899,700	\$100,726,200	\$104,382,900	551.00	559.00	\$203,799,400	\$205,109,100	\$1,309,700	0.64%
COURT TOTAL		\$134,205,853	\$140,525,300	\$140,101,800	\$144,297,900	551.00	559.00	\$281,050,600	\$284,399,700	\$3,349,100	1.19%

Court Total by Decision Item

Decision Item	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$140,525,300	\$140,525,300	551.00	551.00
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	(\$3,322,100)	(\$3,322,100)	0.00	0.00
3010 Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs	(\$57,600)	(\$54,600)	0.00	0.00
4001 Ensuring Access to Justice By Strengthening Court System Security	\$750,000	\$750,000	0.00	0.00
4002 Ensuring Access to Justice Through the Addition of Circuit Court Branches	\$0	\$1,890,000	0.00	8.00
4007 Ensuring Access to Justice Through Attracting and Retaining a Qualified Workforce	\$2,193,400	\$4,496,500	0.00	0.00
7910 Central Services Adjustments	\$12,800	\$12,800	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$140,101,800	\$144,297,900	551.00	559.00

GPR Earned

Program: 01 - Court operations

Date: 10/2/2026

Revenue	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
Opening Balance	\$34,666,131	\$34,604,700	\$35,014,000	\$35,159,500
TOTAL	\$34,666,131	\$34,604,700	\$35,014,000	\$35,159,500

Program Revenue

Program: 01 - Court operations

SubProgram: -

Numeric Appropriation: 21 - Court interpreters

Revenue and Expenditures	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
Opening Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Penalty Surcharge	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700
Total Revenue	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700
Expenditures	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$0	\$0
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$0	\$0	\$232,700	\$232,700
Total Expenditures	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700	\$232,700
Closing Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Decision Item (DIN): 2000 - Adjusted Base Funding Level

NARRATIVE

Adjusted Base Funding Level

Decision Item by Line

Decision Item (DIN): 2000 - Adjusted Base Funding Level

Line Number	Expenditure Items	1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$71,435,600	\$71,435,600
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$1,089,000	\$1,089,000
05	Fringe Benefits	\$25,839,600	\$25,839,600
06	Supplies and Services	\$1,990,600	\$1,990,600
07	Permanent Property	\$1,544,900	\$1,544,900
08	Unallotted Reserve	\$0	\$0
09	Aids to Individuals & Organizations	\$0	\$0
10	Local Assistance	\$38,625,600	\$38,625,600
11	One-time Financing	\$0	\$0
12	Debt service	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0
16		\$0	\$0
17	TOTAL	\$140,525,300	\$140,525,300
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	551.00	551.00

Decision Item by Numeric

Program: 01 - Court operations

Decision Item (DIN): 2000 - Adjusted Base Funding Level

Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
01 - Circuit courts	\$101,899,700	\$101,899,700	551.00	551.00
05 - Circuit court costs	\$38,392,900	\$38,392,900	0.00	0.00
21 - Court interpreters	\$232,700	\$232,700	0.00	0.00
Program Sub Total	\$140,525,300	\$140,525,300	551.00	551.00
DIN 2000 - Adjusted Base Funding Level Total	\$140,525,300	\$140,525,300	551.00	551.00
Court Total	\$140,525,300	\$140,525,300	551.00	551.00

Decision Item by Fund Source

Decision Item (DIN): 2000 - Adjusted Base Funding Level

Source of Funds	Type	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
GPR	S	\$101,899,700	\$101,899,700	551.00	551.00
GPR	L	\$38,392,900	\$38,392,900	0.00	0.00
PR	L	\$232,700	\$232,700	0.00	0.00
DIN 2000 - Adjusted Base Funding Level Total		\$140,525,300	\$140,525,300	551.00	551.00
Court Total		\$140,525,300	\$140,525,300	551.00	551.00

Decision Item (DIN): 3003 - Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits

NARRATIVE

The Director requests full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits

Decision Item by Line

Decision Item (DIN): 3003 - Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits

Line Number	Expenditure Items	1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost
01	Permanent Position Salaries	(\$3,600,800)	(\$3,600,800)
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$0	\$0
05	Fringe Benefits	\$278,700	\$278,700
06	Supplies and Services	\$0	\$0
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unallotted Reserve	\$0	\$0
09	Aids to Individuals & Organizations	\$0	\$0
10	Local Assistance	\$0	\$0
11	One-time Financing	\$0	\$0
12	Debt service	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0
16		\$0	\$0
17	TOTAL	(\$3,322,100)	(\$3,322,100)
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Numeric

Program: 01 - Court operations

Decision Item (DIN): 3003 - Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits

Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
01 - Circuit courts	(\$3,322,100)	(\$3,322,100)	0.00	0.00
Program Sub Total	(\$3,322,100)	(\$3,322,100)	0.00	0.00
DIN 3003 - Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits Total	(\$3,322,100)	(\$3,322,100)	0.00	0.00
Court Total	(\$3,322,100)	(\$3,322,100)	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Fund Source

Decision Item (DIN): 3003 - Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits

Source of Funds	Type	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
GPR	S	(\$3,322,100)	(\$3,322,100)	0.00	0.00
DIN 3003 - Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits Total		(\$3,322,100)	(\$3,322,100)	0.00	0.00
Court Total		(\$3,322,100)	(\$3,322,100)	0.00	0.00

Decision Item (DIN): 3010 - Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs

NARRATIVE

The Director requests Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs

Decision Item by Line

Decision Item (DIN): 3010 - Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs

Line Number	Expenditure Items	1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$0	\$0
05	Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0
06	Supplies and Services	(\$57,600)	(\$54,600)
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unallotted Reserve	\$0	\$0
09	Aids to Individuals & Organizations	\$0	\$0
10	Local Assistance	\$0	\$0
11	One-time Financing	\$0	\$0
12	Debt service	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0
16		\$0	\$0
17	TOTAL	(\$57,600)	(\$54,600)
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Numeric**Program: 01 - Court operations****Decision Item (DIN): 3010 - Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs**

Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
01 - Circuit courts	(\$57,600)	(\$54,600)	0.00	0.00
Program Sub Total	(\$57,600)	(\$54,600)	0.00	0.00
DIN 3010 - Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs Total	(\$57,600)	(\$54,600)	0.00	0.00
Court Total	(\$57,600)	(\$54,600)	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Fund Source

Decision Item (DIN): 3010 - Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs

Source of Funds	Type	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
GPR	S	(\$57,600)	(\$54,600)	0.00	0.00
DIN 3010 - Full Funding of Lease and Directed Moves Costs Total		(\$57,600)	(\$54,600)	0.00	0.00
Court Total		(\$57,600)	(\$54,600)	0.00	0.00

Decision Item (DIN): 4001 - Ensuring Access to Justice By Strengthening Court System Security

NARRATIVE

The Director of State Courts and the Chief Justice request funding for a court security improvement grant program which would provide security infrastructure grants for counties. This request is part of the Comprehensive Judicial and Court Facility Security request which includes additional requests in the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Please see DIN 6001 in the Wisconsin Supreme Court budget request.

ISSUE PAPER

Please see DIN 6001 in the Supreme Court Budget Request for the issue paper related to this request.

STATUTORY LANGUAGE

Create a new biennial local assistance biennial appropriation s. 20. 625 (1)(d) for Court Security Improvement Grants.

Decision Item by Line

Decision Item (DIN): 4001 - Ensuring Access to Justice By Strengthening Court System Security

Line Number	Expenditure Items	1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$0	\$0
05	Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0
06	Supplies and Services	\$0	\$0
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unallotted Reserve	\$0	\$0
09	Aids to Individuals & Organizations	\$0	\$0
10	Local Assistance	\$750,000	\$750,000
11	One-time Financing	\$0	\$0
12	Debt service	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0
16		\$0	\$0
17	TOTAL	\$750,000	\$750,000
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Numeric

Program: 01 - Court operations

Decision Item (DIN): 4001 - Ensuring Access to Justice By Strengthening Court System Security

Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
09 - Court Security Improvement Grant	\$750,000	\$750,000	0.00	0.00
Program Sub Total	\$750,000	\$750,000	0.00	0.00
DIN 4001 - Ensuring Access to Justice By Strengthening Court System Security Total	\$750,000	\$750,000	0.00	0.00
Court Total	\$750,000	\$750,000	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Fund Source

Decision Item (DIN): 4001 - Ensuring Access to Justice By Strengthening Court System Security

Source of Funds	Type	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
GPR	L	\$750,000	\$750,000	0.00	0.00
DIN 4001 - Ensuring Access to Justice By Strengthening Court System Security Total		\$750,000	\$750,000	0.00	0.00
Court Total		\$750,000	\$750,000	0.00	0.00

Decision Item (DIN): 4002 - Ensuring Access to Justice Through the Addition of Circuit Court Branches

NARRATIVE

The Director of State Courts, in conjunction with the Committee of Chief Judges, requests funding and position authority in fiscal year 2028-29 for four additional circuit court branches on August 1, 2028 in Brown, Pierce, Trempealeau, and Shawano/Menominee counties, and for four additional circuit court branches on August 1, 2029 for Brown, Kenosha, Washington, and La Crosse counties. Please see DIN 6002 in the Supreme Court budget request for additional funding relating to this request.

Memorandum

State of Wisconsin
Director of State Courts



DATE: October 5, 2026

TO: State Budget Office

FROM: Audrey K. Skwierawski, Director of State Courts
608-266-6828

SUBJECT: Biennial Budget Proposal — Circuit Court Branches

Executive Summary

The Director of State Courts, in conjunction with the Committee of Chief Judges, requests four new circuit court branches, effective August 1, 2028 in Brown, Pierce, Trempealeau, and Shawano/Menominee counties. In addition, Director and the Committee of Chief Judges requests that four more additional circuit court branches be added effective August 1, 2029 in Brown, Kenosha, Washington, and La Crosse counties. The Director requests \$1,918,100 GPR and 8.0 FTE in FY28-29 and \$44,000 PR in FY28-29 to support the additional four branches in the FY27-29 biennium.

I. Problem Statement

In 2026, Wisconsin released the results of a Judicial Needs Assessment Study from the National Center for State Courts, which demonstrated a quantifiable, aggregated statewide need for an additional 30.9 judicial officers based on case filings and case weights. 47 counties had more workload than available judicial officer resources. The Judicial Needs Assessment identifies the judicial officer need on a county-by-county basis, although the quantitative need is a key but not solely determinate factor in the placement of additional circuit court branches. Other factors beyond judicial workload that need to be considered include whether the county receiving an additional branch has the Supreme Court rule compliant courtroom space and is able to make the county required county financial expenditures related to adding a circuit court branch.

Judicial workload is also impacted by case complexity, attorneys shortages, staffing limitations, and other justice system pressures. Justice system partner agency's budget requests will address some of these factors and play a role in determining a reasonable request for additional circuit court branches.

A lack of adequate circuit court judicial resources contributes to delays in disposition of cases. This delays access to justice for victims, defendants, and the community negatively impacting public safety. This can be demonstrated in the median days to disposition increasing from 2014 to 2024 from 93 to 161 in misdemeanor cases and 157 to 252 days in felony cases. While external factors such as attorney shortages and a significant increase in digital discovery have an impact, particularly in the amount of average time for a court to handle a case, personnel resources in the justice system have been greater for prosecutors and public defenders than for circuit courts since 2019. In that time, 101 additional assistant district

attorney and 36 public defender positions have been approved by the Legislature compared to 24 positions for circuit courts through the creation of 12 circuit court branches.

With receipt of the Judicial Needs Assessment, the Committee of Chief Judges and the Supreme Court Finance committee have identified a priority of adding eight circuit court branches in the 2027-29 biennium. The Committee of Chief Judges recommends that the request include four enumerated branches be added effective August 1, 2028 in Brown, Pierce, Trempealeau, and Shawano/Menominee counties. The Committee also recommends that 4 additional branches be added effective August 1, 2029 in Brown, Kenosha, Washington, and La Crosse counties. The committee suggests including a provision that allows the Director of State Courts to redesignate any of the enumerated placements to an alternate county if one of the enumerated counties is not able to reasonably demonstrate within a year of the effective date of the new circuit court branch taking effect that it has or will have the physical space and necessary county fiscal and personnel investments available by the time the new judge begins their term. Language regarding placement at the Director's discretion, as well as position authority, can be adopted from 2019 Wisconsin Act 184.

II. Fiscal Summary

2027-29 Circuit Court Request (Rounded Up)

	FY28	FY29 ^[1]
	Total Yr 1	Total Yr 2
Personnel Costs	\$0	\$1,224,500
CCAP Costs	\$0	\$43,962
Other Supplies and Services Costs	\$0	\$154,538
CCSP Payments	\$0	\$539,400
Total Circuit Courts Request	\$0	\$1,962,100

^[1] FY2029 Judge and Court Reporter salaries based on positions filled 11 months

III. Statutory Language Change

Amend Wis. Stat. § 753.06 to identify placement of the additional circuit court branches, effective August 1, 2028 in Brown, Pierce, Trempealeau, and Shawano/Menominee Counties. In addition, effective August 1, 2029, additional branches shall be enumerated in Brown, Kenosha, Washington, and La Crosse counties.

Further, add language to allow the Director to request sufficient position authority and funding in the 29-31 biennium to fund the branches to be added on August 1, 2029.

Finally, add language to allow the Director of State Courts to redesignate any of the enumerated placements to an alternate county if one of the enumerated counties is not able to reasonably demonstrate within a year of the effective date of the new circuit court branch taking effect that it has or will have the physical space and necessary county fiscal and personnel investments available by the time the new judgeship term begins.

STATUTORY LANGUAGE

Amend Wis. Stat. § 753.06 to identify placement of the additional circuit court branches, effective August 1, 2028 in Brown, Pierce, Trempealeau, and Shawano/Menominee Counties. In addition, effective August 1, 2029, additional branches shall be enumerated in Brown, Kenosha, Washington, and La Crosse counties.

Further, add language to allow the Director to request sufficient position authority and funding in the 29-31 biennium to fund the branches to be added on August 1, 2029.

Finally, add language to allow the Director of State Courts to redesignate any of the enumerated placements to an alternate county if one of the enumerated counties is not able to reasonably demonstrate within a year of the effective date of the new circuit court branch taking effect that it has or will have the physical space and necessary county fiscal and personnel investments available by the time the new judgeship term begins.

Decision Item by Line

Decision Item (DIN): 4002 - Ensuring Access to Justice Through the Addition of Circuit Court Branches

Line Number	Expenditure Items	1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$0	\$877,000
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$0	\$10,900
05	Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$337,500
06	Supplies and Services	\$0	\$9,800
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unallotted Reserve	\$0	\$0
09	Aids to Individuals & Organizations	\$0	\$0
10	Local Assistance	\$0	\$539,400
11	One-time Financing	\$0	\$115,400
12	Debt service	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0
16		\$0	\$0
17	TOTAL	\$0	\$1,890,000
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	0.00	8.00

Decision Item by Numeric

Program: 01 - Court operations

Decision Item (DIN): 4002 - Ensuring Access to Justice Through the Addition of Circuit Court Branches

Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
01 - Circuit courts	\$0	\$1,350,600	0.00	8.00
05 - Circuit court costs	\$0	\$539,400	0.00	0.00
Program Sub Total	\$0	\$1,890,000	0.00	8.00
DIN 4002 - Ensuring Access to Justice Through the Addition of Circuit Court Branches Total	\$0	\$1,890,000	0.00	8.00
Court Total	\$0	\$1,890,000	0.00	8.00

Decision Item by Fund Source

Decision Item (DIN): 4002 - Ensuring Access to Justice Through the Addition of Circuit Court Branches

Source of Funds	Type	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
GPR	S	\$0	\$1,350,600	0.00	8.00
GPR	L	\$0	\$539,400	0.00	0.00
DIN 4002 - Ensuring Access to Justice Through the Addition of Circuit Court Branches Total		\$0	\$1,890,000	0.00	8.00
Court Total		\$0	\$1,890,000	0.00	8.00

Decision Item (DIN): 4007 - Ensuring Access to Justice Through Attracting and Retaining a Qualified Workforce

NARRATIVE

The Director of State Courts requests funding for discretionary merit and equity parity adjustments for non-judicial administrative staff of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. In addition, the Director requests the inclusion in the 2027-29 State of Wisconsin Compensation Plan for a five percent adjustment general wage adjustment in fiscal year 2027-28 and an additional general wage adjustment of five percent in fiscal 2028-29 for judicial officers, supported by funding in the sum sufficient appropriations for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Circuit Court. Please see DIN 5007 in the Court of Appeals Budget Request and DIN 6007 in the Supreme Court Budget Request for additional funding relating to this request.

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Please see DIN 6007 in the Supreme Court Budget Request for the issue paper related to this request.

Decision Item by Line

Decision Item (DIN): 4007 - Ensuring Access to Justice Through Attracting and Retaining a Qualified Workforce

Line Number	Expenditure Items	1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$2,193,400	\$4,496,500
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$0	\$0
05	Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0
06	Supplies and Services	\$0	\$0
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unallotted Reserve	\$0	\$0
09	Aids to Individuals & Organizations	\$0	\$0
10	Local Assistance	\$0	\$0
11	One-time Financing	\$0	\$0
12	Debt service	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0
16		\$0	\$0
17	TOTAL	\$2,193,400	\$4,496,500
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Numeric

Program: 01 - Court operations

Decision Item (DIN): 4007 - Ensuring Access to Justice Through Attracting and Retaining a Qualified Workforce

Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
01 - Circuit courts	\$2,193,400	\$4,496,500	0.00	0.00
Program Sub Total	\$2,193,400	\$4,496,500	0.00	0.00
DIN 4007 - Ensuring Access to Justice Through Attracting and Retaining a Qualified Workforce Total	\$2,193,400	\$4,496,500	0.00	0.00
Court Total	\$2,193,400	\$4,496,500	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Fund Source

Decision Item (DIN): 4007 - Ensuring Access to Justice Through Attracting and Retaining a Qualified Workforce

Source of Funds	Type	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
GPR	S	\$2,193,400	\$4,496,500	0.00	0.00
DIN 4007 - Ensuring Access to Justice Through Attracting and Retaining a Qualified Workforce Total		\$2,193,400	\$4,496,500	0.00	0.00
Court Total		\$2,193,400	\$4,496,500	0.00	0.00

Decision Item (DIN): 7910 - Central Services Adjustments**NARRATIVE**

The Director of State Courts requests additional funding to support increased Department of Administration assessments for central services. These statewide assessments fund enterprise administrative services that support court system operations.

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These adjustments reflect changes in DOA Allocated Central Services assessments in fiscal years 2022-23 through 2024-25.

Decision Item by Line

Decision Item (DIN): 7910 - Central Services Adjustments

Line Number	Expenditure Items	1st Year Cost	2nd Year Cost
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$0	\$0
05	Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0
06	Supplies and Services	\$12,800	\$12,800
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unallotted Reserve	\$0	\$0
09	Aids to Individuals & Organizations	\$0	\$0
10	Local Assistance	\$0	\$0
11	One-time Financing	\$0	\$0
12	Debt service	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0
16		\$0	\$0
17	TOTAL	\$12,800	\$12,800
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Numeric

Program: 01 - Court operations

Decision Item (DIN): 7910 - Central Services Adjustments

Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
01 - Circuit courts	\$12,800	\$12,800	0.00	0.00
Program Sub Total	\$12,800	\$12,800	0.00	0.00
DIN 7910 - Central Services Adjustments Total	\$12,800	\$12,800	0.00	0.00
Court Total	\$12,800	\$12,800	0.00	0.00

Decision Item by Fund Source

Decision Item (DIN): 7910 - Central Services Adjustments

Source of Funds	Type	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
GPR	S	\$12,800	\$12,800	0.00	0.00
DIN 7910 - Central Services Adjustments Total		\$12,800	\$12,800	0.00	0.00
Court Total		\$12,800	\$12,800	0.00	0.00