

JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARING FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET



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ABOUT DIVISION FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED (DVI)

DVI's Mission

To provide educational, vocational, and technical support to empower and foster independence for Delawareans with visual impairments.



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DVI SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

CORE SERVICES

Education Services

- Itinerant educational model and Braille Instruction
- The cost of purchasing a single book in Braille can range from \$2,500 to \$25,000

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

- Individualized, comprehensive career preparation and placement

Independent Living Services/Older Individuals who are Blind Program (ILS/OIB)

- Maximize independence and aging in place



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SUPPORT SERVICES

Instructional Materials & Resource Center (IMRC)

- Production facility and library for accessible instructional materials for K-12 students

Orientation and Mobility (O&M)

- Instruction in traveling as independently as possible through home, school, community, or office environments

Assistive Technology (AT)

- Live or virtual AT support to maximize use of technology



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **COVID-19 Response**
- **New Partnership to Improve Access**
- **Released from Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee Review**



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LOOKING AHEAD

- **Accessibility**
- **Strategic Planning**
- **Vocational Rehabilitation**



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FY 2022 GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET

FY 2022 Governor's Recommended Budget (\$ in thousands)

	GF	ASF	NSF	Total
FTEs	52.4	0	18.6	71
Dollars (\$)	\$5,444.9	\$1,050.0	\$1,484.0	\$7,978.9

Budget Definitions:

GF – General Funds
ASF – Appropriated Special Funds
NSF – Non-Appropriated Special Funds
FTEs – Full Time Equivalent Positions



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