



Department of Justice (DOJ) (15-01-00)
Fiscal Year 2022 Governor's Recommended Budget Summary

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	NSF	ASF	GF	ASF	GF	NSF	ASF	GF	ASF	GF
Fiscal Year 2021 Budget (Base Budget)	46.1	72.6	339.3	\$11,953.4	\$39,723.4					
Fiscal Year 2021 Personnel Contingency					\$191.3					
Tobacco Master Settlement Revenue				(\$0.2)						
Requests										
Annualization of FY21 Positions				\$113.1						
Additional spending authority to annualize three months of personnel costs for Deputy Attorney General (DAG) and Paralegal positions received in Fiscal Year 2021.										
Criminal DAG - Misdemeanor Trial Unit (MTU)			1.0		\$136.9					
Additional DAG position and funding for the MTU in New Castle County to provide more individualized case attention and assessment, better serve victims and defendants in need of treatment and diversion, cover bail hearings in Justice of Peace Courts and assist with recruiting efforts.										
Administrative Specialist III - Division of Civil Rights and Public Trust (DCRPT)								1.0		\$46.7
Additional Administrative Specialist III position and funding for the DCRPT. In recent years, legislation has elevated the Civil Rights and Public Trust unit to a permanent division of the DOJ without the additional support staff needed to assist with constituent calls and complaints, case-tracking, and other administrative needs.										
Establishment of a Human Trafficking Team			3.0		\$330.9					
Additional DAG and Paralegal positions and funding for establishing a specialized Human Trafficking team for a more focused approach to reducing human trafficking and expand efforts to ensure victims are identified and receive critical services, and the traffickers are brought to justice. The team would also provide regular training and instruction to law enforcement agencies by raising awareness and improving human trafficking investigations.										
Family DAG - Juvenile Delinquency and Truancy Unit								1.0		\$136.9
Additional DAG position and funding for the Juvenile Delinquency and Truancy Unit in Kent and/or Sussex counties due to increased workload and difficulties ensuring coverage of court schedules due to limited staff resources.										



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<p>DCRPT DAG - Police Use of Force Additional DAG position and funding for the DCRPT to focus on police use of force matters in response to the community demand for greater oversight. DCRPT has worked to expand its review of police use of force beyond instances of deadly force to include incidents that result in serious injury to the individual, which has increased the division's workload due to the time and efforts involved in investigations.</p> <p>Consumer Protection Unit (CPU) DAG - Elder Abuse Additional DAG position and spending authority for the CPU to focus on senior exploitation matters. Presently, the Fraud & Consumer Protection Division has to prioritize attorney resources between senior protection issues and other consumer and investor protection issues. The division has experienced an overall increase in workload due to an amended Delaware Securities Act, increased referrals to the Fraud & Consumer Protection Division and the DOJ's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, and the national trend of increasing efforts to combat fraud and scams targeted at older consumers.</p> <p>Investor Protection Unit (IPU) DAG - Investor Protection Additional DAG position and spending authority for the IPU to oversee and prosecute investor protection cases. The IPU anticipates a surge in cases due to advancements in financial technology (fintech), frauds related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and rises in investment fraud cases that historically correlated with a declining or uncertain economy.</p> <p>CPU DAG - Data Privacy Additional DAG position and spending authority for the CPU to focus and develop expertise related to internet, social media, and data privacy concerns. The CPU does not have a DAG dedicated to review and independently investigate notifications of data breaches received under Delaware's Computer Security Breaches Act. An additional deputy would ensure that the CPU can continue to be responsive to consumer concerns, investigate and address complaints, and allow the CPU to participate with other states to investigate and manage national and international enforcement issues.</p>								1.0		\$136.9	
							1.0				\$139.4
							1.0				\$136.1
							1.0				\$139.4



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<p>Criminal DAG - Special Victims Unit (SVU) - Sussex County Additional DAG position and funding for the SVU in Sussex County to investigate and prosecute sex crime cases. The addition of a third DAG to this unit will allow the Sussex SVU to investigate and prosecute child abuse cases where it is alleged serious physical injury occurred. Current deputies have a high caseload due to the intensive, highly technical, and sensitive nature of these cases.</p>								1.0		\$136.9
<p>Criminal DAG - Homicide and Firearms - Kent County Additional DAG position and funding for the Criminal Division in Kent County to investigate and prosecute homicide or firearm cases. These investigations and prosecutions are complicated, time-consuming cases and are becoming increasingly difficult as the caseload increases.</p>								1.0		\$136.9
<p>Deputy Attorneys General and Paralegals - Body-Worn Cameras Additional NSF positions to begin allocating personnel and resources necessary to accommodate law enforcement agencies adopting body-worn cameras (BWCs) statewide. The adoption of BWCs by law enforcement agencies statewide will significantly impact DOJ prosecutors' workload and support staff. Currently, 23 of 48 law enforcement agencies in Delaware use BWCs, and prosecutors and paralegals struggle to review the available footage, redaction efforts, and the ability to provide it in discovery to defense attorneys in a timely fashion.</p>						22.0				
<p>One-Time Funding Items Operational Equipment Additional funding for office furniture, computer technology, and software expenses related to the GF requests for additional positions.</p>										\$12.5
<p>Other Adjustments DCRPT DAG Position - Senate Bill 96 Additional 1.0 FTE, DAG position to reflect the passage of Senate Bill 96 of the 150th General Assembly relating to the creation of the DCRPT and establishment of a director for the division.</p>			1.0							



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Transfer of 2.0 FTEs from DHSS to DOJ - Section 11 Request Reallocate 2.0 FTEs, DAG V (BP# 3499 & 3974) positions from the Department of Health and Social Services, Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities, Hospital for the Chronically Ill (35-14-20) to Legal, Department of Justice (15-01-01) to address critical workforce needs related to the Group Violence Intervention (GVI) project.			2.0							
Transfer and Switch Fund from Judicial to DOJ Reallocate and Switch Fund 1.0 FTE, Judicial Case Processor II (BP# 96880) position from Judicial, Supreme Court, Reg - Arms of the Court (02-01-40) to Legal, Department of Justice (15-01-01) NSF to GF to reflect Delaware State Clearinghouse Committee approval and address critical workforce needs.			1.0							
Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended Budget	46.1	72.6	347.3	\$12,066.3	\$40,382.5	22.0	3.0	5.0	\$414.9	\$606.8
<i>Increase/Decrease</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>\$112.9</i>	<i>\$659.1</i>					
<i>% Increase/Decrease</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>2.4%</i>	<i>0.9%</i>	<i>1.7%</i>					
<i>% Increase/Decrease without Personnel Contingency</i>					<i>1.2%</i>					

Additional One-Time Supplemental Items (HB 106)	
Operational Equipment Additional funding for office furniture, computer technology, and software expenses related to the requests for a DAG for the MTU in New Castle County and the establishment of a specialized Human Trafficking team.	\$10.0
Total Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended One-Time Funding	\$10.0