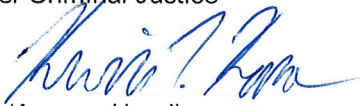


DCJ 30000

Agency Option Submission

Division of Criminal Justice


Signed (Agency Head)

Chief State's Attorney
Title

12/13/17
Date

Fund	Agency Priority	Adjustment Title	FY 2019 Amount	FY 2020 Amount
11000 - General Fund				
	1	Defer Filling Vacant Positions	0	0
	2	Move Unemployment Fraud Control Unit Funding and FTE's from CT-DOL Grant to DCJ's General Fund	260,039	267,445
	3	Move Drug Asset Forfeiture FTE's and funding from the Drug Asset Forfeiture Fund to DCJ's General Fund	150,555	154,444
	Total		410,594	421,889
12007 - Workers' Compensation Fund				
	1	Defer Filling Vacant Positions	0	0
	Total		0	0
Total			410,594	421,889

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11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type:

Reductions

Agency Title:

Defer Filling Vacant Positions

Agency Description:

94.4% of DCJ's FY 19 budget submittal is Personal Services ("PS"). Over the past few years, DCJ's permanent FTE position count has decreased by approximately 9% to 486 FTE's from 532 FTE's. In addition, at the end of Fiscal Year 16, DCJ had to lay-off approximately 45 per diem (non-permanent) employees, which DCJ relied heavily upon to carry out its statutory obligations.

To meet any reductions in our FY 19 appropriations, DCJ would have to defer filling any vacancies in FY 18 as well as any anticipated vacancies in FY 19. Currently, in FY 18 - we have 61 vacant positions. Factoring in our loss of 45 per diem positions to the current 61 vacancies - DCJ is down approximately 20% of its positions (45+61.)

The loss of these positions would have a negative impact not only on our ability to meet our statutory obligations, but also on revenue generated by the Division. On average, annually, the Division generates and deposits approximately \$18 million in revenues into the State's General Fund from the following programs; Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Bond Forfeitures and Infractions. In addition, the Division, on average, generates and deposits approximately \$2 million into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund and \$2 million into the Asset Forfeiture Funds. With the loss of so many FTE's, DCJ would not be able to fully staff these programs, as DCJ would have to use its limited resources to staff its primary prosecutorial function.

Agency Priority:

1

System ID:

8313

SID		Agency 2017
Financials		
10010 - Personal Services		0
Total Financials		0

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11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type:

Reallocations

Agency Title:

Move Unemployment Fraud Control Unit Funding and FTE's from CT-DOL Grant to DCJ's General Fund

Agency Description:

The Unemployment Compensation Fraud Unit receives referrals from the Connecticut Department of Labor, the Department of Social Services, the U.S. Attorney's Office, and local police departments regarding fraudulent claims for unemployment compensation benefits. Since its inception in May 2013 the Unit has recouped in excess of \$2,113,196 for the State of Connecticut, that includes monies collected not only before or at the time of conviction, but also, during probationary periods from persons convicted of crimes associated with unemployment fraud . This past year alone, the unit made a total of 38 arrests in the State of Connecticut and assisted federal authorities in the investigation and prosecution of individuals who were committing unemployment fraud in multiple jurisdictions, including the State of Connecticut -- the total amount of the intended fraud in one of the federal cases was \$1.2 million. In the twenty-nine cases that were disposed of in state court this year, the court ordered the individuals involved to make restitution in the amount of \$327,698. Restitution payments in the amount of \$213,005.08 were received this year. In addition to the monies recouped as a result of the direct investigation and prosecution of individual cases, additional monies have been repaid to the Department of Labor as a result of public awareness of the unit's activities. On multiple occasions, individuals who have learned of the unit's success have contacted the unit to offer restitution before they are prosecuted. The Unit was funded by an annual grant from the CT Department of Labor. During FY 18, DCJ was notified by CT-DOL that it will no longer be funding this program. DCJ would like to continue this very successful and important program by maintaining it in the General Fund. For Fiscal Year 2019, we are requesting an increase of three authorized FTE's and \$260,039.00 in appropriations (\$245,039.00 in PS and \$15,000.00 in OE).

Agency Priority:

2

System ID:

8340

SID		Agency 2017
Financials		
10010 - Personal Services		245,039
10020 - Other Expenses		15,000
Total Financials		260,039
Positions		
		3
Total Positions		3

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11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type:

Reallocations

Agency Title:

Move Drug Asset Forfeiture FTE's and funding from the Drug Asset Forfeiture Fund to DCJ's General Fund

Agency Description:

During FY 17, DCJ disbanded its Drug Asset Forfeiture (DAF) Unit due to budget reductions. The DAF Unit consisted of approximately 5 FTEs. Of the 5 FTEs, 2 were being paid out of DCJ's DAF Revolving Fund. It is expected that drug asset forfeiture collections will decrease as a result of the disbanding of the DAF. Accordingly, it is anticipated that there will not be enough funds in the Revolving Account to cover the salaries of the 2 FTEs. DCJ would like to move those 2 FTEs into its General Fund operations. Therefore, we are requesting an increase of 2 authorized FTEs in the General Fund as well as additional appropriations of \$150,555.00 for PS in the General Fund.

Agency Priority:

3

System ID:

8384

SID		Agency 2019
Financials		
10010 - Personal Services		150,555
Total Financials		150,555
Positions		
		2
Total Positions		2

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12007 - Workers' Compensation Fund

Adjustment Type:

Reductions

Agency Title:

Defer Filling Vacant Positions

Agency Description:

The Workers Compensation Fraud Control Unit is comprised of 4 FTEs and 98.5% of the Unit's Current Services Budget is comprised of personal services and fringe benefits. Any reduction in its FY 19 appropriations would negatively impact the Unit. It should be noted that the Unit is 100% funded by the Workers Compensation Fund, with no General Fund Appropriations.

Agency Priority:

1

System ID:

8386

SID		Agency 2017
Financials		
10010 - Personal Services		0
Total Financials		0