

C - Appropriation Organization Summary

Agency Name: SUPREME COURT Approp. Org. Name: GUARDIAN AD LITEM		Agency Number: 101 Approp. Org. Number: 0300						
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Description	Actual Expenditures 2003-2004	Base Budget	Budget Division or Agency Adj's to Base	Agency Net to Zero/Other Changes	Standard Budget Col. 3+4+5	Exception Request	Total Agency Request	Supreme Court Recommendation
GUARDIAN AD LITEM 0301-001-301	0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	4,200,000
TOTAL BY EXPENSE ORGS	0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	4,200,000
PERSONAL SERVICES 0100	0	0	139,470	0	139,470	0	139,470	139,470
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES 0200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CENT.SERV./DATA SERV. 0400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES 0900	0	0	4,060,530	0	4,060,530	0	4,060,530	4,060,530
TOTAL BY OBJECT SERIES	0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	4,200,000
GENERAL FUND G	0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	4,200,000
SPECIAL REVENUE R	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL BY FUNDS	0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	4,200,000
FULL TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
PART TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1

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Expense Org. Name: Guardian Ad Litem	EORG Number: 0301

EXPENSE ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

GUARDIAN AD LITEM

During the 2005 session, the Legislature enacted House Bill 314 – Guardian ad Litem, which established a state funded Guardian ad Litem program “to reimburse attorneys providing legal representation as guardians ad litem in child protection cases under W.S. 14-3-101 through 14-3-440, of children in need of supervision cases under W.S. 14-6-401 through 14-6-440, or termination of parental rights actions brought as a result of a child protection or a children in need of supervision action.”

Implementation of this bill has been a joint effort on the part of the District Judges’ Judicial Conference, the Board of Judicial Policy and Administration and the Wyoming Supreme Court. The District Judges’ Judicial Conference established a three-judge GAL Subcommittee to serve as an advisory committee. Members of the GAL Subcommittee are Judge Jeffery Donnell from the Second Judicial District, Judge Gary Hartman from the Fifth Judicial District and Judge Norman Young from the Ninth Judicial District.

As required by the bill, the District Judges’ Judicial Conference recommended rules to the Board of Judicial Policy and Administration. Those rules, which were adopted by the Board, went into effect July 1, 2005. The rule includes standards for the legal representation and training requirements for attorney GALs seeking payment under the state funded program.

Under the rule, attorney GALs are required to meet an initial training requirement of ten hours of child related training accredited by the Wyoming State Bar. The initial ten hours of training must have been earned after July 1, 2003. Attorney GALs who were handling ongoing cases as of July 1, 2005, were given until December 31, 2005, to meet the requirement, in order to be reimbursed under the GAL bill. In addition, attorney GALs are required to annually obtain five hours of continuing legal education that enhances an attorney’s knowledge of child representation issues.

The Wyoming Supreme Court was delegated the responsibility for implementing the administrative portion of the bill and in that capacity, the Supreme Court worked with the District Judges Subcommittee and the counties to establish a reimbursement program. As required by law, the program was established as a matching program, with participating counties covering 25 percent of the state’s share.

The law requires the Supreme Court to enter into agreements with the individual counties participating in the program. The implementation of this section was handled through Memorandums of Understanding with the counties. To date, twenty-three counties have entered into agreements. The parties to the MOUs are the Wyoming Supreme Court, the District Court Judges’ Conference, and the boards of county commissioners in the individual counties. During the initial implementation of the bill, each county was given the opportunity to participate in this matching program.

At the time this budget narrative was prepared, the state funded GAL program included 99 qualified GALs. The list of qualified GALs appears on the Supreme Court’s web site and on the Wyoming State Bar’s web site.

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During the first four months of the program, the Supreme Court offered the following continuing education continuing legal education programs for attorney GALs:

DATE	TRAINING	LOCATION	CREDIT
1. June 28-29, 2005	Guardian Ad Litem Conference	Casper	10 hours
2. August 23, 2005	Video Conference on Asking Questions to Ensure the Educational Needs of Children in Foster Care Are Addressed	15 sites	1.5 hours
3. September 7 2005	Methamphetamine Effects on Children and Families	Casper	1.5 hours
4. September 7, 2005	Biological, Psychological and Social Effects and Treatment of Methamphetamine Addiction	Casper	3 hours

94 attorneys attended the June training, 103 registered for the August video conference and 80 attended the September training. Additional continuing legal education opportunities are planned for the remainder of Calendar Year 2005.

The appropriation for the GAL program covers the cost of one position on the Supreme Court’s staff, training for attorney GALs and the reimbursements to the counties.

STANDARD BUDGET REQUEST

100 Series – Personal Services: Funds in the 100 series provides for salary and benefits for one full-time position. This position is in charge of maintaining data for qualified GAL’s, the number of open cases for each GAL, the reimbursement to counties for GAL services, the amount of monies expended for reimbursements and the amounts of matching monies from participating counties. Standard Budget

900 Series – Contractual Services: Funds in the 900 Series are to provide reimbursement to the Wyoming Counties who have chosen to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Wyoming Supreme Court.

Total Standard Budget Request \$4,200,000

NO EXCEPTION BUDGET REQUEST

Total Program Budget Request \$4,200,000

Agency Name: SUPREME COURT Approp. Org. Name: GUARDIAN AD LITEM Expense Org. Name: GUARDIAN AD LITEM		Wyoming On-Line Financial System Code							APPR UNIT
1		Ch. 17 Base to Standard Reconciliation			101 0300 0301 001				301
Description	Code	2 Actual Expenditures 2003-2004	3 Base Budget	4 Budget Division or Agency Adj's to Base	5 Agency Net to Zero/Other Changes	6 Standard Budget Col. 3+4+5	7 Exception Request	8 Total Agency Request	9 Supreme Court Recommendation
EXPENDITURES									
SALARIES CLASSIFIED	0103	0	0	105,316	0	105,316	0	105,316	105,316
EMPLOYER PD BENEFITS	0105	0	0	34,154	0	34,154	0	34,154	34,154
EXTERNAL COST ADJ - SALARIES	0198	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EXTERNAL COST ADJ - BENEFITS	0199	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERSONAL SERVICES	0100	0	0	139,470	0	139,470	0	139,470	139,470
COMMUNICATION	0204	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL IN STATE	0221	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OFFICE SUPPL-PRINTING	0231	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	0200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROFESSIONAL FEES	0901	0	0	4,060,530	0	4,060,530	0	4,060,530	4,060,530
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0900	0	0	4,060,530	0	4,060,530	0	4,060,530	4,060,530
EXPENDITURE TOTALS		0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	4,200,000
MEANS OF FUNDING									
GENERAL FUND	1001	0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	4,200,000
GENERAL FUND	G	0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	4,200,000
TOTAL FUNDING		0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	4,200,000
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES									
FULL TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT		0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
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TOTAL AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES		0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1