

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 2005-2006	Base Budget	Adjustments 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	108,694	4,200,000	0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	4,200,000
TOTAL BY EXPENSE ORGS	108,694	4,200,000	0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	4,200,000
PERSONAL SERVICES 0100	75,421	139,470	50,784	0	190,254	0	190,254	190,254
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES 0200	12,702	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CENT.SERV./DATA SERV. 0400	3,643	0	3,327	0	3,327	0	3,327	3,327
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES 0900	16,928	4,060,530	-54,111	0	4,006,419	0	4,006,419	4,006,419
TOTAL BY OBJECT SERIES	108,694	4,200,000	0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	4,200,000
GENERAL FUND G	108,694	4,200,000	0	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	108,694	4,200,000	0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	4,200,000
FULL TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
PART TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1

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EXPENSE ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

GUARDIAN AD LITEM

During the 2005 Session, the Legislature enacted House Bill 314—Guardians 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 was 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 Jeffrey 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, and the Board of Judicial Policy and Administration adopted, Rule 106 to the Uniform Rules for District Courts effective July 1, 2005. The rule includes standards for the legal representation and training requirements for attorney GALs seeking payment under the state-funded program. Attorney GALs are required to meet an initial training requirement of ten hours of child-related training accredited by the Wyoming State Bar. Each subsequent year thereafter attorneys must annually obtain five hours of approved training to continue their GAL accreditation.

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 Judge GAL 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. To that end, each county contracts with, and pays the services of, the individual GALs practicing within its boundaries.

The Supreme Court, in turn, reimburses the counties the proportional State share for GAL services pursuant to Memorandums of Understanding with each of the twenty-three counties. 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. A list of qualified GALs, segregated by county, appears on the websites of the Supreme Court and the Wyoming State Bar.

GAL training sessions are regularly presented. To minimize costs, sessions are often in co-sponsorship with the Children’s Justice Project. Following is a list of training sessions that have been presented since the program’s inception.

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Date	Conference	Location	Participants	CLE Hours
June 2005	2005 Guardian ad Litem Conference	Casper	94 participants Judges; Attorneys; UW law students; Public defenders; county attorneys	10
August 2005	Asking the Rights Questions: A Judicial Checklist to Ensure That the Educational Needs of Children and Youth in Foster Care Are Being Addressed	Video-conference (15 locations statewide)	103 Registrants CASA; County attorneys; Attorneys; Public defenders; AG's; Judge; UW law students	1.5
September 2005	Judicial Council/State Bar Convention	Casper	Approximately 25 judges Approximately 80 attorneys	4.5
November 2005	Kinship Care	Video-conference (14 locations)	66 Registrants Attorneys; County Attorneys; CASA; AG's	1.75
February 2006	Family Centered Practice and Family Partnerships	Via Video-conference (13 locations)	83 registrants Public defenders; CASA; Attorneys; County attorneys; Child advocates	1.25
April 2006	Regional Training: ASFA and Transitional Living	Cody	14 Attorneys	4
June 2006	2006 Annual GAL conference	Casper	86 Attorneys; Public defenders; County attorneys	9.5
June 2006	4 th Annual Governor's Roundtable on Wyoming Children and Families: Improving Foster Care Through the Eyes of the Child	Cheyenne	250	13.5
August 2006	Judicial Council/Wyoming State Bar Convention	Laramie	12 juvenile judges Approximately 80 attorneys for each session	3
October 2006	GAL Regional Conference: Putting Together the Team, Roles/Boundaries	Gillette	44 participants Attorneys; Caseworkers; MH counselor; Foster parent; CASA	4
December 2006	GAL Regional Conference: Putting Together the Team, Roles/Boundaries	Casper	36 participants Attorneys; DFS; CASA; UPLIFT	5

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April 2007	GAL Regional Conference	Thermopolis	42 participants Attorneys; County Attorneys; CASA; Caseworkers	5
June 4-6, 2007	2007 Annual CJP/GAL Conf	Casper	101 participants Attorneys; CASA; UW Law students; DFS	16.5
September 2007	Judicial Council/Wyoming State Bar Convention	Jackson		3
Nov 7, 2007	ASFA	Green River		

The GAL program currently includes 161 attorneys statewide. A listing of FY 07 expenditures and caseloads by county follows. Total FY 07 reimbursement requests have not been received from four counties.

County	GALs	Projected	State Exp	County Exp	# Cases
Albany	15	\$59,598	\$14,252	\$3,563	15
Big Horn	16	\$44,093	\$37,221	\$9,305	29
Campbell	14	\$126,205	\$66,962	\$16,685	105
Carbon	12	\$68,194	\$43,626	\$10,907	80
Converse	18	\$56,466	\$44,370	\$11,092	52
Crook	12	\$19,537	\$8,993	\$2,248	7
Fremont	20	\$116,557	\$27,940	\$6,985	47
Goshen	13	\$53,640	\$19,638	\$4,909	45
Hot Springs	14	\$19,029	\$9,250	\$2,312	18
Johnson	12	\$22,535	\$5,013	\$1,253	14
Laramie	21	\$275,906	\$262,628	\$83,919	337
Lincoln	5	\$51,730			
Natrona	18	\$313,327	\$185,139	\$46,285	224
Niobrara	11	\$6,977	\$14,566	\$327	4
Park	14	\$93,470	\$79,531	\$19,883	61
Platte	14	\$43,797	\$17,069	\$4,267	37
Sheridan	10	\$122,119	\$38,722	\$9,681	29
Sublette	8	\$16,048	\$9,996	\$2,499	5
Sweetwater	5	\$170,432	\$9,588	\$2,397	57
Teton	11	\$40,363	\$30,848	\$24,784	20
Uinta	4	\$78,088	\$17,292	\$4,323	21
Washakie	10	\$28,495	\$6,400	\$1,600	26

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Weston 7	\$12,434 \$1,308 \$327 1
DFS—TPRs*	\$40,000
Totals	\$1,839,040.00 \$1,063,400.14 \$269,552.16 1234

*The DFS expenditure above listed represents an approximated program liability for reimbursement of GAL services in cases of termination of parental rights. Although such reimbursement is, by law, included within the program, the reimbursement will be requested upon completion of an internal audit.

In 21 counties, GALs are currently paid \$100 per hour. One county pays \$145 per hour, however, the state’s reimbursement is computed at the \$100 per hour rate. Any county contracting at a higher rate must pay that excess. In one instance, a county has contracted with a GAL on a set monthly fee. Cases not assigned to that attorney are paid at the \$100 per hour rate. Another county has modified its GAL contracts to cap the number of hours per month for full-time and part-time attorneys. Hours expended in excess of the cap are considered pro bono.

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

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 request \$190,254.

400 Series – Central Services/data Services: Funds in the 400 series provides telecommunications through the State Telecom office. Standard budget request \$3,327

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. Standard budget request \$4,006,419.

Total Standard Budget Request \$4,200,000

NO EXCEPTION BUDGET REQUEST

Total Program Budget Request \$4,200,000

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1		Ch. 17 Base to Standard Reconciliation			101		0300		0301		001		301	
Description		2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9				
Code		Actual Expenditures 2005-2006	Base Budget	Adjustments to Base	Agency Net to Zero/Other Changes	Standard Budget Col. 3+4+5	Exception Request	Total Agency Request		Supreme Court Recommendation				
EXPENDITURES														
SALARIES CLASSIFIED	0103	52,956	105,316	16,348	0	121,664	0	121,664		121,664				
EMPLOYER PD BENEFITS	0105	22,465	34,154	28,441	0	62,595	0	62,595		62,595				
EXTERNAL COST ADJ - SALARIES	0198	0	0	4,964	0	4,964	0	4,964		4,964				
EXTERNAL COST ADJ - BENEFITS	0199	0	0	1,032	0	1,032	0	1,032		1,032				
PERSONAL SERVICES	0100	75,421	139,470	50,784	0	190,254	0	190,254		190,254				
COMMUNICATION	0204	1,461	0	0	0	0	0	0		0				
DUES LICENSES REGISTRATIONS	0207	1,208	0	0	0	0	0	0		0				
TRAVEL IN STATE	0221	1,211	0	0	0	0	0	0		0				
TRAVEL OUT OF STATE	0222	1,166	0	0	0	0	0	0		0				
PERM ASSN VEHICLE	0223	466	0	0	0	0	0	0		0				
HOST TRAVEL REIMB	0227	526	0	0	0	0	0	0		0				
OFFICE SUPPL-PRINTING	0231	3,490	0	0	0	0	0	0		0				
DP REPRODUCE OTHER EQUIP	0242	2,983	0	0	0	0	0	0		0				
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	0252	190	0	0	0	0	0	0		0				
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	0200	12,702	0	0	0	0	0	0		0				
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	0420	3,643	0	3,327	0	3,327	0	3,327		3,327				
CENT. SERV./DATA SERV.	0400	3,643	0	3,327	0	3,327	0	3,327		3,327				
PROFESSIONAL FEES	0901	16,928	4,060,530	-54,111	0	4,006,419	0	4,006,419		4,006,419				
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0900	16,928	4,060,530	-54,111	0	4,006,419	0	4,006,419		4,006,419				
EXPENDITURE TOTALS		108,694	4,200,000	0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000		4,200,000				
MEANS OF FUNDING														
GENERAL FUND	1001	108,694	4,200,000	0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000		4,200,000				
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TOTAL FUNDING		108,694	4,200,000	0	0	4,200,000	0	4,200,000		4,200,000				
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES														
FULL TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT		0	1	0	0	1	0	1		1				
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES		0	1	0	0	1	0	1		1				
TOTAL AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES		0	1	0	0	1	0	1		1				