

JUDICIAL BRANCH



DISTRICT COURTS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Appropriations Committee
FROM: District Court Judge's Budget Review Committee
RE: Wyoming District Court Budgets for the 2009-2010 Biennium

The District Court Budget Review Committee consists of three district judges; Dennis L. Sanderson, John R. Perry, and John C. Brooks. The committee reviewed the 2009-2010 budget requests for each of the district courts and approved exception budget requests as indicated below.

All standard budgets are approved as submitted.

Exception budget requests:

Agency 122 JD2A

Code 0203-Utilities	Requested \$ 7,200	Recommend Approval	\$ 7,200
Code 0222-Out of State Travel	Requested \$ 2,000	Recommend Approval	\$ 2,000
Code 0241-Office Equipment	Requested \$ 11,635	Recommend Approval	\$ 11,635
Code 0901-Professional Fees	Requested \$ 3,000	Recommend Approval	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
		Total Approved	\$ 23,835

Agency 123 JD2B

Code 0222-Out of State Travel	Requested \$ 1,500	Recommend Approval	\$ 1,500
Code 0241-Office Equipment	Requested \$ 4,195	Recommend Approval	<u>\$ 4,195</u>
		Total Approved	\$ 5,695

Agency 124 JD3B

Code 0221-In State Travel	Requested \$ 3,000	Recommend Approval	\$ 3,000
Code 0231-Office Supplies/Printing	Requested \$ 1,000	Recommend Approval	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
		Total Approved	\$ 4,000

Agency 125 JD3A

Code 0207-Dues/Licenses/Registration	Requested \$ 1,000	Recommend Approval	\$ 1,000
Code 0231-Office Supplies/Printing	Requested \$ 2,500	Recommend Approval	\$ 2,500
Code 0236-Educ/Recreational Supplies	Requested \$ 3,000	Recommend Approval	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
		Total Approved	\$ 6,500

Agency 127 JD5A

Code 0222-Out of State Travel	Requested \$ 2,000	Recommend Approval	\$ 2,000
Code 0241-Office Equipment	Requested \$ 1,000	Recommend Approval	\$ 1,000
Code 0243-Perm Assigned Vehicle	Requested \$ 5,000	Recommend Approval	\$ 5,000
Code 0905-Contractual Travel	Requested \$ 3,000	Recommend Approval	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
		Total Approved	\$ 11,000

Agency 127 JD5A-Water Litigation

Code 0901-Professional Fees	Requested \$ 25,000	Recommend Approval	\$ 25,000
Code 0903-Special Projects	Requested \$ 51,000	Recommend Approval	<u>\$ 51,000</u>
		Total Approved	\$ 76,000

Agency 127 JD5A-Family Court Program Total	Requested \$ 158,407	See Footnote 1	\$158,407
Agency 132 JD9A Code 0204-Communications	Requested \$ 10,800	Recommend Approval	\$ 10,800
Agency 133 JD8A Code 0203-Utilities	Requested \$ 8,200	Recommend Approval	\$ 8,200
Code 0223-Perm Assigned Vehicle	Requested \$ 9,000	Recommend Approval	\$ 9,000
Code 0231-Office Supplies/Printing	Requested \$ 1,000	Recommend Approval	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
		Total Approved	\$18,200
Agency 134 JD9B Code 0103-Transcription Fees	Requested \$15,000	Recommend Approval	\$ 15,000
Code 0105-Benfits on Transcript fees	Requested \$ 1,148	Recommend Approval	\$ 1,148
Code 0204-Communications	Requested \$10,800	Recommend Approval	\$ 10,800
Code 0901-Professional Fees	Requested \$ 3,000	Recommend Approval	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
		Total Approved	\$ 29,948
Agency 134 JD9B-Family Court Program Total	Requested \$ 158,407	See Footnote 1	\$158,407
Agency 136 JD8B Code 0204-Communications	Requested \$ 2,000	Recommend Approval	\$ 2,000
Code 0223-Perm Assigned Vehicle	Requested \$ 6,000	Recommend Approval	\$ 6,000
Code 0231-Supplies/Printing	Requested \$ 1,000	Recommend Approval	\$ 1,000
Code 0236-Educ/Rec Supplies	Requested \$ 1,000	Recommend Approval	\$ 1,000
Code 0901-Professional Fees	Requested \$ 2,000	Recommend Approval	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
		Total Approved	\$12,000
Agency 138 JD3C Code 0103-Transcript Fees	Requested \$ 5,000	Recommend Approval	\$ 5,000
Code 0241-Office Equipment	Requested \$ 8,390	Recommend Approval	<u>\$ 8,390</u>
		Total Approved	\$13,390
Agency 139 JD7C Code 0103-Transcript Fees	Requested \$25,000	Recommend Approval	<u>\$25,000</u>
		Total Approved	\$25,000
Agency 140 JD6C Code 0103-Law Clerk (reclassification)	Requested \$ 46,420	Recommend Approval	\$ 46,420
Code 0105-Employer Benefits	Requested \$ 9,646	Recommend Approval	\$ 9,646
Code 0231-Office Supplies/Printing	Requested \$ 3,000	Recommend Approval	\$ 3,000
Code 0252-Equipment Rental	Requested \$ 1,360	Recommend Approval	<u>\$ 1,360</u>
		Total Approved	\$ 60,426
Total Exception Budget Requested	\$ 613,608	Recommend Approval	\$613,608

Total Standard Budget Request	\$18,498,824
Total Exception Budget Request	\$ 613,608
Total Exception Budget Not Recommended	(\$ 0)
Recommended 2007-2008 Budget	\$19,112,432

1. The Budget Review Committee urges you to consider this budget request only as a pilot project to study the programs' effectiveness and to learn of any problems that such programs may have.

There is a division among the members of the District Judges' Conference as to whether courts should be directly involved in the rehabilitative process. Some of the judges deeply believe that projects such as this turn the judiciary into executive department officers by making them social workers. Other judges deeply believe that the therapeutic courts are the modern trend being implemented across the country and are the best way to address family-related legal issues.