

| Agency Name: SUPREME COURT | | Agency Number: 101 | | | | |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
| | Base Budget | Standard Budget | Exception Request | Total Agency Request | Supreme Court Recommendation | |
| Description | Code | | | | | |
| ADMINISTRATION | 0100 | 11,932,727 | 12,218,743 | 211,500 | 12,430,243 | 12,430,243 |
| JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMM | 0200 | 15,001 | 15,001 | 6,000 | 21,001 | 21,001 |
| LAW LIBRARY | 0400 | 1,440,538 | 1,398,308 | 0 | 1,398,308 | 1,398,308 |
| CIRCUIT COURTS | 0500 | 27,228,317 | 28,685,842 | 156,962 | 28,842,804 | 28,842,804 |
| COURT TECHNOLOGY | 0600 | 13,870,501 | 6,376,201 | 4,029,400 | 10,405,601 | 10,405,601 |
| JUDICIAL RETIREMENT | 0700 | 1,745,059 | 2,313,196 | 0 | 2,313,196 | 2,313,196 |
| BOARD OF JUDICIAL POLICY & ADM | 0900 | 773,621 | 660,341 | 48,000 | 708,341 | 708,341 |
| TOTAL BY APPROPRIATION ORG | | 57,005,764 | 51,667,632 | 4,451,862 | 56,119,494 | 56,119,494 |
| PERSONAL SERVICES | 0100 | 38,518,035 | 40,965,108 | 115,513 | 41,080,621 | 41,080,621 |
| SUPPORTIVE SERVICES | 0200 | 8,116,516 | 7,366,566 | 2,451,349 | 9,817,915 | 9,817,915 |
| CENTRAL. SERVICES/DATA SERV. | 0400 | 252,463 | 194,258 | 0 | 194,258 | 194,258 |
| GRANTS | 0600 | 2,153,250 | 1,516,138 | 1,700,000 | 3,216,138 | 3,216,138 |
| CONTRACTUAL SERVICES | 0900 | 7,965,500 | 1,625,562 | 185,000 | 1,810,562 | 1,810,562 |
| TOTAL BY OBJECT SERIES | | 57,005,764 | 51,667,632 | 4,451,862 | 56,119,494 | 56,119,494 |
| MEANS OF FUNDING | | | | | | |
| GENERAL FUND | G | 49,502,261 | 44,048,715 | 4,251,862 | 48,300,577 | 48,300,577 |
| SPECIAL REVENUE | R | 6,928,347 | 7,011,462 | 200,000 | 7,211,462 | 7,211,462 |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | X | 575,156 | 607,455 | 0 | 607,455 | 607,455 |
| TOTAL BY FUNDING | | 57,005,764 | 51,667,632 | 4,451,862 | 56,119,494 | 56,119,494 |
| AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES | | | | | | |
| FULL TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT | | 199 | 198 | 5 | 203 | 203 |
| PART TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT | | 24 | 28 | 0 | 28 | 28 |
| AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES | | 223 | 226 | 5 | 231 | 231 |
| TOTAL AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES | | 223 | 226 | 5 | 231 | 231 |

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WYOMING SUPREME COURT – AGENCY 101

The Supreme Court's budget consists of seven programs: Supreme Court Administration, Judicial Nominating Commission, Law Library, Circuit Courts, Court Technology, Judicial Retirement, and Board of Judicial Policy and Administration.

INTRODUCTION: WHAT THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT DOES

Under the Wyoming Constitution, the judicial power of the government of this state "shall be vested * * * in a supreme court, district courts, and such subordinate courts as the legislature may, by general law, establish and ordain from time to time." Wyo. Const. art. 5, § 1; Wyo. Const. art. 2, § 1. The Supreme Court has general appellate jurisdiction statewide in both civil and criminal cases; it also has "general superintending control over all inferior courts, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by law." Wyo. Const. art. 5, § 2. The Supreme Court has original jurisdiction in quo warranto and mandamus as to all state officers and in habeas corpus. Wyo. Const. art. 5, § 3. The Supreme Court also has power to issue writs of mandamus, review, prohibition, habeas corpus, certiorari, and other writs necessary and proper to the complete exercise of its appellate and revisory jurisdiction. Wyo. Const. art. 5, § 3. Five justices, one of whom serves as the chief justice, sit on the Supreme Court. Each justice serves an eight-year term and may hold successive terms upon retention by the statewide electorate. Wyo. Const. art. 5, § 4.

By statute, the Supreme Court manages and supervises the circuit court system created by the Legislature. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 5-5-108. All 23 of the state's counties have elected to establish the circuit court system. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 5-5-102 through 103. Twenty-four circuit judges and six full-time magistrates serve in these courts.

Statutes relating to the state's courts are found in Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 5-1-101 through § 5-7-107. Those statutes, which specifically relate to the Supreme Court, are found in Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 5-2-101 through 501. Of particular note, the Supreme Court has extensive rule-making authority, Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 5-2-113 through 119, including rules relating to the practice of law and procedures relating to review of decisions in cases originating in a municipal court or a circuit court. The Supreme Court "superintend(s) and direct(s) all expenditures of money for the law library." Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 5-2-501.

As an independent, co-equal branch of state government, the judiciary, headed by the Supreme Court, exercises the state's judicial power to ensure to all of the state's citizens the protection of civil, political, and religious liberties secured by the state constitution. Wyo. Const. art. 1 and Preamble. The mission of the Supreme Court is to ensure that all courts exercise their respective judicial powers within the bounds of the state constitution and the laws of the state not inconsistent therewith so that "(a)ll courts shall be open and every person for an injury done to person, reputation or property shall have justice administered without sale, denial or delay." Wyo. Const. art. 1, § 8.

In order to exercise its judicial powers, the Supreme Court must maintain a support staff of well qualified and adequately compensated employees to assist the five justices as they carry out their constitutional and statutory duties and responsibilities.

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The Supreme Court has a constitutional obligation to ensure that the state's courts at every jurisdictional level are sufficiently funded by the Legislature so as to ensure to the state's citizens uninterrupted access to the courts and expeditious and efficient delivery of justice. Operational expenses incurred in fulfilling the Supreme Court's constitutional obligation include, but are not limited to, salaries and benefits to employees, supplies, equipment (including the court computer automation system), furnishings, communications, travel, legal research materials of both print and electronic variety, circuit court magistrates, juror fees, continuing judicial education programs, and judicial administration programs including membership in the National Center for State Courts.

2015-2016 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

The Supreme Court's recommended 2015-2016 Biennial Budget Request is \$56,119,494. The following charts summarize the Supreme Court's budget request by program and expenditure category.

| <u>Program</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Percent</u> | <u>Expenditure Category</u> | <u>Percent of Entire Budget</u> |
|---|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Supreme Court Administration | \$12,430,243 | 22.15% | Personal Services (100) | 73 % |
| Judicial Nominating Commission | \$ 21,001 | .04% | Supportive Services (200) | 17 % |
| Law Library | \$ 1,398,308 | 2.49% | Central Services/Data Services (400) | 1 % |
| Circuit Courts | \$28,842,804 | 51.40% | Grants & Aid Payment (600) | 6 % |
| Court Technology | \$10,405,601 | 18.54% | Contractual Services (900) | 3 % |
| Judicial Retirement | \$ 2,313,196 | 4.12% | | |
| Board of Judicial Policy & Administration | <u>\$ 708,341</u> | <u>1.26%</u> | | |
| Total | \$56,119,494 | 100.00% | | |

Means of Funding

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| General fund | \$ 48,300,577 |
| Special Revenue | \$ 7,211,462 |
| Federal Funds | <u>\$ 607,455</u> |
| Total | \$ 56,119,494 |

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SUMMARY OF 2015-2016 EXCEPTION BUDGET REQUEST

The Supreme Court's 2015-2016 Standard Budget totaled \$51,667,632. The Court is submitting an exception budget request to increase the budget by \$4,451,862. The following is a summary of the exception budget requests.

ADMINISTRATION – PROGRAM 0100 – \$211,500

\$4,000 – Travel In State: To cover the cost of the state plane for use by the Justices.

\$7,500 – Office Furniture: To replace five executive chairs for the Justices in the Supreme Court courtroom. THIS IS A ONE-TIME REQUEST.

\$200,000 – Grants (Special Revenue): To expand the grant program of the Wyoming Center for Legal Aid.

\$0 – Four (4) permanent full-time employee positions in order to staff the Wyoming Center for Legal Aid.

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION – PROGRAM 0200 - \$6,000

\$6,000 – Travel In State: To cover the cost of increased travel for members of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

CIRCUIT COURTS – PROGRAM 0500 - \$156,962

\$77,862 – Salaries Classified: To fund the salary of an additional clerk position in the Natrona County Circuit Court.

\$18,379 – Employer Paid Benefits: To cover the cost of taxes and retirement benefits related to the position indicated above.

\$19,272 – Employer Health Ins Benefits: To cover the health insurance benefits related to the position indicated above.

\$41,449 – Equipment: Cost to replace copy machines and other equipment in the Circuit Courts of Big Horn, Campbell, Platte, Fremont, and Sublette Counties. THIS IS A ONE TIME REQUEST.

COURT TECHNOLOGY – PROGRAM 0600 – \$4,029,400

\$1,256,650 – Current and Ongoing Technology Operations: Cost for hardware for the Supreme, District, and Circuit Courts. THIS IS A ONE-TIME-REQUEST.

\$280,000 – Supreme Court Learning Center: \$220,000 for electronic equipment, and \$60,000 for labor and installation. THIS IS A ONE-TIME-REQUEST.

\$656,000 – Jury Management System: \$620,000 for licensing and setup, which is a ONE-TIME REQUEST, as well as \$36,000 for ongoing maintenance and support of the system.

\$36,750 – Circuit Court Judicial Appearance Network Enhancements: To cover the cost of video appearance capability, as well as support and maintenance, in 3 additional circuit courts. THIS IS A ONE-TIME REQUEST.

\$300,000 – Courtroom Technology Enhancements: To cover the cost of audio/visual equipment (\$175,000) and the setup/construction thereof (\$125,000) in courtrooms throughout the state. THIS IS A ONE-TIME REQUEST.

\$1,500,000 – Electronic Citation Grant Funding: To provide and manage a grant to Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police for the Electronic Citation Program. THIS IS A ONE-TIME REQUEST.

BOARD OF JUDICIAL POLICY & ADMINISTRATION – PROGRAM 0900 - \$48,000

\$48,000 – Dues/Licenses/Registration: To cover the cost of increased costs of State Bar memberships and Westlaw access.