

Agency Name: SUPREME COURT Approp. Org. Name: ADMINISTRATION Expense Org. Name: WCLA		Wyoming On-Line Financial System Code			
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Description		2015-2016	2015-2016	Revised	Recommended
Code		Appropriation	Supplemental Request	2015-2016	Approval
				Appropriation	
EXPENDITURES					
SALARIES CLASSIFIED	0103	490,000	0	490,000	490,000
EMPLOYER PD BENEFITS	0105	115,519	0	115,519	115,519
EMPOYER HEALTH INS BENEFITS	0196	120,774	0	120,774	120,774
EXTERNAL COST ADJ - BENEFITS	0199	0	0	0	0
PERSONAL SERVICES	0100	726,293	0	726,293	726,293
EQUIPMENT REP & MNTC	0202	3,000	0	3,000	3,000
UTILITIES	0203	3,500	0	3,500	3,500
COMMUNICATION	0204	3,000	0	3,000	3,000
DUES-LICENSES-REGIST	0207	8,000	0	8,000	8,000
MISCELLANEOUS	0210	1,150	0	1,150	1,150
TRAVEL IN STATE	0221	31,000	0	31,000	31,000
TRAVEL OUT OF STATE	0222	6,360	0	6,360	6,360
OFFICE SUPPL-PRINTING	0231	10,000	0	10,000	10,000
EDUCA-RECREATNL SUPP	0236	5,000	0	5,000	5,000
INTANGIBLE ASSET	0240	0	0	0	0
OFFICE EQUIP-FURNISH	0241	0	0	0	0
DP REPRODUCT OTH EQ	0242	0	0	0	0
FOOD SERVICE EQUIP	0244	0	0	0	0
INSURANCE-BOND PREMS	0254	5,000	0	5,000	5,000
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	0200	76,010	0	76,010	76,010
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	0420	7,919	0	7,919	7,919
CENT. SERV./DATA SERV.	0400	7,919	0	7,919	7,919
GRANTS	0626	1,501,888	100,000	1,601,888	1,601,888
GRANTS & AID PAYMENT	0600	1,501,888	100,000	1,601,888	1,601,888
PROFESSIONAL FEES	0901	200,000	0	200,000	200,000
SPECIAL PROJ & SVCS	0903	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0900	200,000	0	200,000	200,000
EXPENDITURE TOTALS		2,512,110	100,000	2,612,110	2,612,110
MEANS OF FUNDING					
ACCESS TO JUSTICE	3311	2,512,110	100,000	2,612,110	2,612,110
SPECIAL REVENUE	R	2,512,110	100,000	2,612,110	2,612,110
TOTAL FUNDING		2,512,110	100,000	2,612,110	2,612,110
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES					
FULL TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT		4	0	4	4
PART TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT		0	0	0	0
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES		4	0	4	4
TOTAL AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES		4	0	4	4

Agency Name: Supreme Court	Agency Number: 101
Approp. Org. Name: Administration	Division Number: 0100
Expense Org. Name: Wyoming Center for Legal Aid	Unit Number: 0120

EXPENSE ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

WYOMING CENTER FOR LEGAL AID – STANDARD BUDGET REQUEST

The Wyoming Center for Legal Aid (Center) is a Judicial Branch entity authorized and funded by the Wyoming Civil Legal Services Act, Wyo. Stat. §§ 5-2-121 et. seq. The legislative effort was spearheaded by the Access to Justice Commission, chaired by Chief Justice E. James Burke. The Act provided for an increase in court filing fees of \$10 which are deposited into a special revenue fund for civil legal services for financially eligible citizens throughout the state. As of July 2014, the fund had accumulated approximately \$3.3 million. Of this, \$2,512,110 has been appropriated for the current biennium. The Act charges the Center with developing a statewide program for improving access to justice and providing civil legal services to Wyoming’s low-income population. The Center is dedicated to helping income-eligible individuals in Wyoming connect with legal resources and find ways to address their legal needs.

The challenge faced by the Center is to increase legal services and resources to eligible individuals. This is the highest priority of the Center. The Center recognizes that meeting the significant needs of the income eligible requires much more than just hiring a few more lawyers to represent clients. A greater number of individuals can be served through cooperation with existing legal aid providers and establishment of new and innovative delivery methods of legal services. The Center therefore focuses on the coordination and expansion of existing services, developing new partnering relationships in underserved areas, and creating the infrastructure and capacity necessary to make legal resources both available and user-friendly to thousands of needy individuals in a centralized location or process.

The Center can have the greatest impact by leveraging resources among existing providers, supporting and funding new, community-centered legal service organizations, expanding information and resources for pro se litigants, and addressing barriers to the justice system faced by the low-income population of Wyoming.

As contemplated by the Act, the Center is rapidly becoming the “hub” for the civil legal aid community. The Center has used the experience of its staff to assist other legal aid programs and providers in Wyoming in developing efficient intake processes, implementing a statewide hotline, and providing other assistance to Wyoming’s legal aid programs. Through these collaborative efforts, the Center is in a better position to facilitate and coordinate statewide legal services.

Notable accomplishments over the past two years include the launching of Wyoming’s central legal information and resource website (www.legalhelpwy.org), collaborating to develop and fund a toll-free legal advice and intake hotline, creating a partnership to provide a full-time legal aid attorney housed at the Sweetwater County Family Justice Center in Rock Springs, and creating a partnership to provide a full-time legal aid attorney located at the Council of Community Services in Gillette.

Directly due to the Center’s funds, full-time legal aid attorneys are now in Rock Springs and Gillette, two areas of the state that previously had no services. The Center’s funds have also enabled new and existing legal service providers to expand legal services to many individuals that would have otherwise been without the services of an attorney. In total, through the Center and Center funded programs, nearly 3,500 individuals received some form of legal assistance during the 2014 fiscal year.

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STANDARD BUDGET REQUEST NARRATIVE

NOTE: The current balance of the special revenue fund is approximately \$3.3 million. Of that balance, \$2,512,110 has been allocated to be spent during the 2015-2016 Biennium.

100 Series – Personal Services: The 100 series funds are used to provide salaries and benefits for the four full-time employees of the Center.

200 Series – Supportive Services: The 200 series funds are used to provide the day-to-day operations of the Center. This includes postage, office supplies and furnishings, travel expenses, and dues or membership fees for professional organizations. In-state travel includes one trip to each of the nine judicial districts each year. It will also cover any travel expenses incurred by Board members. Out-of-state travel provides for staff to attend conferences as deemed necessary.

400 Series – Central Services/Data Services: The 400 series funds are used to cover services provided by Department of Administration and Information such as telecommunications and equipment repair services.

600 Series – The 600 series funds are used by the Wyoming Center for Legal Aid to grant funds to other entities that promote the Center’s goals. The grants provide funding to new and existing legal service providers to enable them to reach a larger population of eligible individuals.

900 Series – Contractual Services: The 900 series funds are used to contract for a variety of services including technology development and support and other professional services as needed.

Total Standard Budget Request \$2,512,110

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EXCEPTION BUDGET REQUEST

\$100,000 – Grants 0626: The Center requests \$100,000 to fund additional grants to programs or organizations furthering the vision and mission of the Center. The Center has found that leveraging resources among existing and new service providers to expand coverage is an efficient and effective method to accomplish the Center’s objectives. The balance accumulated within the special revenue fund will support the additional requested grant funds. This request is for additional spending authority to utilize existing special revenue funds and does not impact the general fund.

The Center’s mission to establish and maintain a statewide delivery system for civil legal aid is made possible, in part, through our partnerships with community organizations and the network of legal aid programs that we fund. Through these partnerships, the Center’s current grants have greatly expanded services to underserved areas of Wyoming, such as Rock Springs and Gillette.

Even after this significant expansion, there are still areas of the state, such as the Bighorn Basin, that lack basic access to a legal aid attorney. Additional funds would allow for the expansion of services to underserved areas of the state. The funds would also be used to continue to create innovative delivery models to serve low-income individuals and further expand legal services throughout Wyoming.

Total Exception Budget Request	\$ 100,000
Total Program Budget Request	\$2,612,110

Note: Special Revenue Funds. Requesting spending authority. This request does not impact the general fund.