



## STATE COURT ADMINISTRATION

Iowa Judicial Branch Building  
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TODD NUCCIO  
State Court Administrator

April 24, 2019

Dear Colleagues:

Please be advised that the FY20 budget bill for the judicial branch has now been approved by the Iowa House of Representatives and the Iowa Senate. It goes to the Governor next for signature or veto. The funding level allocated within the budget bill is \$181.1 million, which is \$3.6 million more than our current FY19 appropriation. The budget bill also specifies that all judicial officers shall receive a 2% salary increase (\$929,184) out of the \$3.6 million being allocated.

As you may recall, our original request totaled \$7.2 million in new funding in order to accomplish six initiatives (Rural Courts, Digital Opportunities, Access to Justice, Protect Iowa's Children, Address Stagnant Judicial Salaries and Problem Solving Courts). Unfortunately, a number of these initiatives will not be able to move forward because our allocation came in short by \$3.6 million. The supreme court will now make final decisions regarding the allocation of the remaining \$2.7 million (after the 2% increase for judicial officers).

There are a couple other matters that you might find noteworthy. First, I am pleased to report that we received full funding of our juror and witness fund at \$3.1 million. Second, we were successful in securing a one-time allocation of \$193,620 for furniture and equipment related to capital improvements being made in Johnson, Dallas and Floyd counties.

Please find the opportunity to thank the legislators in your area for the support they have offered. It is important that we continue to build our relationships with these individuals, so we can make even greater progress in the next legislative session. Thank you also for the hard work and professionalism you display every day that helps generate the goodwill for the requests we advance.

Caitlin Jarzen, Director of Governmental Affairs, will be preparing a legislative summary once the session has adjourned and the governor has signed/vetoed legislation. Stay tuned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Nuccio", written in a cursive style.

Todd Nuccio