

Iowa Judicial Branch
FY 2020 Budget Request

Service	Item	Notes	Fund	FTE	Cost
Rural Courts Initiative					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen ties with rural communities Offer a full complement of services on a full-time basis Reengineer old business practices to make court services faster and more convenient Provide lowans high quality, consistent and convenient service in all 99 counties Accommodate those who may be unable to travel to court proceedings Ensure business is transacted in a safe and secure environment 	To fund Clerk of Court offices to 100% of workload formula requires 37 additional FTE's. Need to employ distributive processing of work to achieve minimum staffing of rural courthouses. Without statutory reforms to achieve distributive processing of workload, 22 FTE's are needed in addition to the 37.	The 37 FTEs are currently authorized but not funded. If distributive processing is used to bring the counties currently under 2.5 FTE's up to that level, no additional positions are needed. If, however, we are unable to facilitate changes needed for employing distributive processing, an additional 22 FTE's (additional cost of \$1,028,236) above the 100% staffing formula would be needed to bring all counties up to the 2.5 FTE minimum staffing level.	General Fund	37	\$ 1,585,198
Digital Opportunities					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deployment of video technology for remote appearances of parties, witnesses, interpreters, and court reporters Functionality improvements to the clerks application Updates and improvements to the juvenile court services application Text reminder notifications for defendants Standby system for web-facing servers and internet Customer service portal Upgraded storage system for documents and data Redundancy and recoverability infrastructure Integration of criminal justice systems 	Develop electronic search warrants to assist law enforcement		General Fund	1	\$ 65,590
	Move Help Desk for Iowa Courts Online in house - significant cost savings vs contractor, (\$121,754 vs. \$168,000)	Although cost of new positions will be offset by savings from eliminating contracted services, the money used to pay for the contacted services comes from the Technology Fund. An allocation from the General Fund is needed to cover the cost of the in-house positions.	General Fund	2	\$ 121,754
	Phased statewide expansion of VOIP Phone system (Woodbury, Clay, Cerro Gordo, and Pottawattamie)		General Fund		\$ 65,000
	Increase in General Fund appropriation to cover IT operating expenses currently being expensed from Enhanced Court Collections Fund and Court Tech & Modernization funds	These funds were intended for innovation and automation and are now being consumed by ongoing IT operating costs. The 5 year plan is to request an annual general fund appropriation in order to restore operating funding so that these funds can again be used to innovate	General Fund		\$ 2,167,830
	FTE to support video conferencing, digital recording		General Fund	1	\$ 65,590
				Subtotal	\$ 2,485,764
Access to Justice					
Provide lowans with the assistance and tools needed to obtain justice	Pilot District Self-Help Center (2 FTE - Center Coordinator and Staff Position)		General Fund	2	\$ 144,476
	Self-guided, online forms. 3 form packets developed (\$30,000 per form packet and \$18,000 maintenance)		General Fund		\$ 90,000
	Ongoing language translation of website, forms, and manuals		General Fund		\$ 125,000
				Subtotal	\$ 359,476

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Protect Iowa's Children					
Uniform statewide policies and practices for consistent delivery of services	Fund juvenile court to 95% of workload study (currently at 90%). This would fund 8 additional juvenile court officers and 3 juvenile court specialists.		General Fund	11	\$ 646,374
	Improved internal and external coordination of juvenile court, uniform policies that are consistently applied and data driven decision-making leading to better outcomes for all youth: Director of Juvenile Services FTE, Training and Quality Assurance FTE, and Data Analyst FTE		General Fund	3	\$ 250,849
				Subtotal	\$ 897,223
Address Stagnant Judicial Salaries					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Need to increase salaries to attract and retain quality judicial officers •Number of overall applicants and private practice applicants decreasing •21 (11%) of judges left the bench in FY 18 	4% salary increase for all judicial officers		General Fund		\$ 1,858,367
Problem Solving Courts					
Uniform statewide policies and practices for consistent delivery of services	Funding for previously authorized director position to oversee statewide problem solving courts.		General Fund	1	\$ 85,599
Capital					
Specific county courthouse capital requests involve construction of either new facilities or significant, long-term renewal improvements to existing facilities.	Johnson County		RIIF		\$ 98,800
	Dallas County		RIIF		\$ 58,370
	Floyd County		RIIF		\$ 36,450
	Judicial Building Maintenance (Cooling Tower, Boilers, Roof Replacement)		RIIF		\$ 550,000

State Revenue Growth 17-18 4.5%

Growth in Package for Judicial 4.5%