

AGENCY NAME:	Attorney General's Office		
AGENCY CODE:	E200	SECTION:	59



Fiscal Year 2024-25 Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

OPERATING REQUESTS <i>(FORM B1)</i>	For FY 2024-25, my agency is (mark "X"): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Requesting General Fund Appropriations. <input type="checkbox"/> Requesting Federal/Other Authorization. <input type="checkbox"/> Not requesting any changes.
NON-RECURRING REQUESTS <i>(FORM B2)</i>	For FY 2024-25, my agency is (mark "X"): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations. <input type="checkbox"/> Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization. <input type="checkbox"/> Not requesting any changes.
CAPITAL REQUESTS <i>(FORM C)</i>	For FY 2024-25, my agency is (mark "X"): <input type="checkbox"/> Requesting funding for Capital Projects. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not requesting any changes.
PROVISOS <i>(FORM D)</i>	For FY 2024-25, my agency is (mark "X"): <input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos. <input type="checkbox"/> Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not requesting any proviso changes.

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2024-25 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	<u>Agency Director</u>	<u>Board or Commission Chair</u>
SIGN/DATE:		
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Alan Wilson, Attorney General	

This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Executive Summary

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Agency Priority	Request Type	Title	General Dollars	Federal Dollars	Earmarked Dollars	Restricted Dollars	Total Dollars	General FTEs	Federal FTEs	Earmarked FTEs	Restricted FTEs	Total FTEs
1	B1 - Recurring	Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force	\$282,148	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$282,148	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
2	B1 - Recurring	State Grand Jury Forensic Auditor	\$132,937	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$132,937	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
3	B2 - Non-Recurring	Crime Victim Assistance SAVS Program – Supplemental Allocation	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B1 - Recurring	Fiscal Analyst-Administration	\$100,613	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,613	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
5	B1 - Recurring	Post Adjudication Attorney	\$149,211	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$149,211	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
6	B1 - Recurring	SGJ Clerk's Office Administrative Coordinator	\$110,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$110,200	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
7	B1 - Recurring	FTE Adjustments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.75	2.25	0.00	0.00	3.00
Subtotal:			\$15,775,109	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,775,109	6.75	2.25	0.00	0.00	9.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	1
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$282,148 Federal: \$0 Other: \$0 Total: \$282,148
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	2.00
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Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<p>The agency is requesting 2 new FTEs for our Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit, 1 Attorney III and 1 Investigator IV (forensic examiner).</p>
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF	<p>The agency is requesting 2 new FTEs for our Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit, 1 attorney III and 1 investigator IV (forensic examiner).</p>
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FUNDS

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Internet Crimes Against Children FTEs:
ICAC Section requests one additional attorney position and one forensic investigator position. As the ICAC Task Force has grown, arrests have increased virtually every year for at least the past ten years. Additionally, the amount of Cybertips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has risen 280% in five years. With more investigations and arrests, there are naturally more cases to prosecute. These cases can be highly technical and traditionally require more time to prepare for prosecutors. An additional Forensic Investigator would assist the section with its current case backlog, allowing the forensic team to quickly process and finalize cases for trial. With the increase in caseload and preparation necessary for these types of cases, additional staff are needed to ensure cases can be prosecuted promptly.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	2
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	State Grand Jury Forensic Auditor
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	<p>General: \$132,937</p> <p>Federal: \$0</p> <p>Other: \$0</p> <p>Total: \$132,937</p>
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NEW POSITIONS	1.00
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Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	The agency is requesting 1 senior auditor (forensic auditor) for State Grand Jury Unit. This request aligns with AAR goal 1.
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF	The agency is requesting 1 new FTE for our State Grand Jury Unit.
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FUNDS

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

State Grand Jury Forensic Auditor:

Due to SGJ's statutory requirements, the Office subpoenas and obtains large amounts of evidentiary data from bank records, money services business records, business records, email accounts, cell phone extractions, social media accounts, and other complex and large data. Since its formation, State Grand Jury Section has tripled its output and has been central to the investigation and prosecution of many high-profile cases. These partnerships include reducing criminal activity in prisons, prosecuting fentanyl trafficking, and prosecuting public corruption cases. As a result, requests for service from various state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies have increased. The increased demand for management and analysis of subpoenaed records and information has created a need for a forensic accountant or analyst to assist.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	4
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Fiscal Analyst-Administration
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$100,613 Federal: \$0 Other: \$0 Total: \$100,613
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NEW POSITIONS	1.00
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Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<p>The agency is requesting 1 new FTE for our Administration Division, accountant/fiscal analyst. AAR goal 8 will be supported by this program.</p>
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF	<p>The agency is requesting 1 new FTE for our Administration Division, accountant/fiscal analyst.</p>
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FUNDS

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JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Fiscal Analyst - Finance Department

Fiscal Analyst to assist with the large increase in the volume of payables and other financial operations that have incurred over the last 5 years. Since 2018, the agency has experienced a 30% increase in FTEs and an almost 400% increase in the overall budget managed by the agency. Due to the increase in FTEs, the agency's payables have significantly increased, placing a hardship on the agency's single payables analyst, who is responsible for processing payables for an agency of over 300 FTEs. The agency has received no additional Finance Department support for over 15 years. An additional FTE is critical to ensure the agency complies with all state and federal regulations.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	5
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Post Adjudication Attorney
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	<p>General: \$149,211</p> <p>Federal: \$0</p> <p>Other: \$0</p> <p>Total: \$149,211</p>
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NEW POSITIONS	1.00
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Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	The agency is requesting 1 new FTE for our Post Adjudication Division, attorney III.
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF	The agency is requesting 1 new FTE for our Post Adjudication Division, attorney III. AAR goal 1 is supported by this request.
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FUNDS

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JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Post Adjudication Attorney:

New appellate cases are beginning to trend upward and likely will normalize in the next few years. In addition, office-wide, the legal sections began handling post-conviction relief appeals cases in which no attorney previously handled or worked on these types of cases. The volume of cases is causing burnout in the appellate section and in other areas of the office assisting with case backlog. The agency needs one additional Attorney to assist with the case backlog and assist influx of cases steadily coming into the agency.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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AGENCY PRIORITY	6
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	SGJ Clerk's Office Administrative Coordinator
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	<p>General: \$110,200</p> <p>Federal: \$0</p> <p>Other: \$0</p> <p>Total: \$110,200</p>
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NEW POSITIONS	1.00
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Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<p>The agency is requesting 1 new FTE for our State Grand Jury Clerk's Office, administrative coordinator I. This position will support AAR goal 1.</p>
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF	<p>The agency is requesting 1 new FTE for our State Grand Jury Clerk's Office, administrative coordinator I.</p>
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FUNDS

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JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

State Grand Jury Clerk's Office FTE:

The Clerk's Office is requesting an additional FTE position to assist with the workload of the current staff. The position will also provide constant coverage for the section as visitors come by to make in-person bond payments. Currently, there is no electronic payment system available for use. The staff must travel throughout the state, sometimes resulting in a lack of coverage in the small section of three employees. Due to the SGJ section's exponential growth, the travel demands, and workload of the Clerk's Office staff members have significantly increased. This position will allow the section to have a constant presence in their section to assist visitors with their bond payments and questions.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	7
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	FTE Adjustments
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$0 Federal: \$0 Other: \$0 Total: \$0
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	3.00
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Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<p>The agency is also requesting 3 addition FTEs (2.25 Federal, .75 State) for our Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. This will support AAR goal 1.</p>
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF	<p>The agency is also requesting 3 addition FTEs (2.25 Federal, .75 State) for our Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.</p>
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FUNDS

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JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Medicaid Provider Fraud FTEs:
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit program (2.25 Federal, .75 State) – The Federal Medicaid Fraud Unit has received additional funding for their federal DHHS grant program and has been authorized to hire three additional positions. In order to carry out this function, the agency will need three additional FTEs this budget cycle. These recommendations originated with the audit carried out by the Federal Office of Inspector General which indicates the program is understaffed according to their level of work/demand. These positions are critical to ensure the program is sufficiently and timely reviewing, investigating and prosecuting Medicaid Fraud in the State. **These FTEs were requested in FY23-24 budget but were not appropriated. There is no state funding request associated with these FTE additions. The agency has received temporary FTE authorization in FY23-24 to move forward will fulfilling the grant requirements and filling these needed positions. The agency is requesting for them to be made permanent in FY24-25.**

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	3
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Crime Victim Assistance SAVS Program – Supplemental Allocation
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	\$15,000,000
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	This agency's request seeks \$15 million in state legislative funds to help offset ongoing federal cuts to victim services programs. This would bolster the SAVS program for one funding cycle and allow current subrecipient organizations to maintain their current levels of funding.
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	This agency's request seeks \$15 million in state legislative funds to help offset ongoing federal cuts to victim services programs. This would bolster the SAVS program for one funding cycle and allow current subrecipient organizations to maintain their current levels of funding.
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What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Crime Victim Assistance – Supplemental Allocation for Victim Services (SAVS):

Victims of crime rely on advocates, domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, and other services more than ever. The single greatest source of support for victims of crime programs are Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) subgrants, which cover all 46 counties. These federal funds have been cut 58% nationwide since FY18. As a result, victim services provided by county, municipal and non-profit agencies in South Carolina are being sharply reduced. This includes advocates who work one-on-one with crime victims as they recover.

In July 2021, Congress passed the VOCA Fix Act, which aims to increase the federal Crime Victims Trust Fund and hopefully result in restored allocations to the states in the future. Until that time, the foundational victim services supported by the VOCA program will continue to diminish unless supplemented by state legislative funds.

This request seeks funding to support the VOCA program for one year by supplementing federal grant funds that pass through the SC Office of the Attorney General to organizations providing direct services to victims.

In 2022, our Office was fortunate enough to receive \$10 million in one-time funding from the state legislature. This funding allowed our office to create a new grant funding program, Supplemental Allocation for Victims Services (SAVS). SAVS mirrors the VOCA program almost identically and has enabled our office to avoid any further cuts to subrecipient organizations. Unfortunately, however, without a further influx of funding from the legislature we expect this program to exhaust its funding by 2024, causing substantial cuts to victim's service agencies throughout the state.

This request seeks \$15 million in state legislative funds to help offset ongoing federal cuts to victims' services. This would bolster the SAVS program for one funding cycle and allow current subrecipient organizations to maintain their current levels of funding.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION CONTINGENCY PLAN

TITLE	3% Cost Reductions
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AMOUNT	\$784,956
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What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	Temporary personnel
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How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	All temporary personnel may be impacted.
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What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?

SUMMARY	Reducing personnel could impact time required for case review, trial preparation, and other administrative operations.
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Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.

**AGENCY COST
SAVINGS PLANS**

A 3% reduction to the general fund appropriation would negatively impact current non-FTE, temporary, and contract positions. These positions include staff attorneys and support personnel. Reducing these positions could potentially impact time required for case review, trial preparation, and other administrative operations.

What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?

Agency Name:	Attorney General's Office		
Agency Code:	E200	Section:	59

FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE	Revisions to the State Medicaid Fraud Control Regulations
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	Please see summary section.
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What is the expected savings to South Carolina's businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Repeal or revision of regulations.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

METHOD OF CALCULATION	Review and analysis of the current Medicaid Fraud statutes in the State of SC and other State Medicaid Fraud Units.
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Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES	N/A
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Which fees or fines does the agency intend to reduce? What was the fine or fee revenue for the previous fiscal year? What was the associated program expenditure for the previous fiscal year? What is the enabling authority for the issuance of the fee or fine?

REDUCTION OF REGULATION	SC Code § 43-7-90 , SC Code § 43-35-10 , SC Code § 43-7-60
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Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?

SUMMARY	<p>Proposed amendments to §43-7-60 would include a clarification to the definition of a provider to include services provided through Managed Care Organizations and penalties to reflect the amounts of fraudulent claims, similar to property crime statutes.</p> <p>-There is great interest by our taxpayers in combating fraud in the Medicaid program, and this updated statute would allow us to more effectively combat fraud. The current statute requires us to charge one count for each false claim, which is not in the best interest of judicial economy. A statute where we can aggregate the false claims into one charge will be much more efficient. This update also reflects the current Medicaid environment, with services being provided through Managed Care Organizations and not just the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.</p> <p>Proposed amendments to §43-7-90 would allow us to use subpoenas in our investigations.</p> <p>-Much of the evidence uncovered during our investigations is stored in another state or in the cloud, so the ability to use a subpoena is paramount to our continued fight against fraud. Additionally, it is burdensome and an additional cost to taxpayers for our investigators to have to travel to the county where the fraud occurred in order to have a search warrant issued by a magistrate. This is a much more efficient use of time and resources.</p> <p>Proposed amendments to §43-35-10 would prohibit the unauthorized videotaping or recording of vulnerable adults.</p> <p>-It is in the best interest of the people of South Carolina to protect our vulnerable adult population from harassment and abuse, and this amendment would close a perceived loophole in the Omnibus Adult Protection Act allowing unauthorized recording of these</p>
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individuals.

Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?