

Agency 11 - Attorney General

Statutory Authority:

The budget for the Attorney General's Office includes Budget Program Numbers 011, 290, 507, 508, and 575.

- Program 011 represents the budget for the Attorney General's salary and benefits.
- Program 290 represents the budget for State Settlement Cash and Trust Funds.
- Program 507 represents the budget for Interpretation and Application of Law.
- Program 508 represents the budget for School Finance Litigation costs.
- Program 575 represents the federal Byrne grants received by the Attorney General.

Vision Statement:

Mission Statement:

The agency is headed by the Attorney General, an independently elected constitutional officer, and is a diverse organization of over 100 highly specialized attorneys and support staff. The Attorney General is responsible for the representation of the state in all legal matters, both civil and criminal, where the state is named as a party or may have an interest in the outcome of the litigation or dispute. At any given time, the office has more than 2000 active cases in areas as diverse as prosecution of child abusers and major drug dealers, environmental protection enforcement, tort claims, water law, death penalty appeals, eminent domain, state constitutional law, consumer protection, automobile accidents, discipline of health care professionals, and inmate litigation.

Goals:

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	6,367,028	6,061,243	8,758,132	9,570,058	7,854,779	6,281,488
Cash Fund	507,836	726,730	980,037	1,340,563	903,267	651,386
Federal Fund	726,552	1,019,313	956,052	962,859	975,486	979,584
Revolving Fund	657,648	786,529	1,165,490	1,039,006	1,179,858	1,058,455
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	8,259,064	8,593,815	11,859,711	12,912,486	10,913,390	8,970,913

Agency 11 - Attorney General Program 011 - Attorney General's Salary

Program Objectives:

Program 011 includes the salary and benefits of the Attorney General, a position established by the Nebraska Constitution. The salary is set by statute by the Legislature. The Attorney General directs the Department of Justice, which is responsible for the general control and supervision of all legal actions and proceeding in which the state may be a party or be interested. The Attorney General has charge and control of all legal business of state departments which requires the services of attorney or counsel to protect the interests of the State. The current annual salary of the Attorney General is ninety-five thousand dollars.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	97,938	111,742	123,257	124,244	123,257	125,741
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	97,938	111,742	123,257	124,244	123,257	125,741

Performance Measures:

Agency 11 - Attorney General Program 290 - State Settlement Funds

Program Objectives:

Program 290 represents the budget program for paying all costs from the State Settlement Cash Fund. All settlement money received for the benefit of the state or the general welfare of its citizens that is credited to the State Settlement Cash Fund, as allowed by law, is subject to legislative review and shall be appropriated and expended for any allowable legal purposes as determined by the Legislature. In addition, the State Settlement Trust Fund includes unbudgeted settlement funds held by the State in a trust capacity where specific benefits accrue to specific individuals, organizations, or governments.

The Anti-Trust Division investigates specific allegations of fraud and illegal practices by a business which may violate state or certain federal laws.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	100,000	587,063	950,000	501,398	250,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	100,000	587,063	950,000	501,398	250,000

Performance Measures:

Agency 11 - Attorney General Program 507 - Interp & Appl Of Law

Program Objectives:

Umbrella Program Number 507 includes Program Classification Numbers 270, 271, 272, 273, and 274.

This umbrella program includes the appropriations for Administration, the Civil Bureau, the Criminal Bureau, the Legal Services Bureau, and the Public Protection Bureau.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	5,181,275	5,949,501	6,349,654	5,987,481	6,558,410	6,155,747
Cash Fund	507,836	626,730	392,974	390,563	401,869	401,386
Federal Fund	623,228	1,019,313	956,052	962,859	975,486	979,584
Revolving Fund	657,648	786,529	1,165,490	1,039,006	1,179,858	1,058,455
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6,969,987	8,382,073	8,864,170	8,379,909	9,115,623	8,595,172

Performance Measures:

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Program 508 - School Finance Litigation

Program Objectives:

Program 508 provides the budget for legal costs incurred by the State regarding school finance litigation.

Program objectives include: (1) Providing legal representation for state officials named as defendants in the legal actions filed by various parties contesting the constitutionality in areas relating to education; and (2) Funding the costs of the defense of legal actions filed by various parties, including costs associated with outside counsel, expert witnesses, discovery, and support staff.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	1,086,035	0	2,285,221	3,458,333	1,173,112	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,086,035	0	2,285,221	3,458,333	1,173,112	0

Performance Measures:

Agency 11 - Attorney General Program 575 - Byrne Grant Expenditure History

Program Objectives:

This program covers the expenditures of the federal Byrne grants received by the Attorney General's Office.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	1,780	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	103,324	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	105,104	0	0	0	0	0

Performance Measures: