

Agency 005 - SUPREME COURT

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Article II Section 1 of the Nebraska Constitution states that the powers of state government shall be divided into three branches, the legislative, the executive and the judicial.

Article V Section 1 of the Nebraska Constitution further states "The judicial power of the state shall be vested in a Supreme Court, an appellate court, district courts, county courts, in and for each county, with one or more judges for each county or with one judge for two or more counties, as the Legislature shall provide, and such other courts inferior to the Supreme Court as may be created by law."

VISION:

Equality before the Law

It is the goal of the Nebraska judicial branch to provide the citizens of Nebraska with an open, fair, efficient, and independent system for the advancement of justice under the law.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The Judicial Branch is designed to settle conflicts arising from the interpretation or application of the laws. In Nebraska, the laws are interpreted by a court system consisting of two levels: trial courts and appellate courts.

GOALS:

The goals of the Judicial Branch are outlined in the 2019-2021 Nebraska Supreme Court Strategic Agenda as a separate attachment and summarized below.

1. Providing Access to Swift, Fair Justice
2. Protecting Children and Vulnerable Adults
3. Addressing Community Safety
4. Being Accountable to the Public
5. Strengthening Communication with Citizens and Government
6. Regulating the Legal Profession

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Financial Data

	FY18 Actual	FY19 Approp	FY20 Request	FY20 Recomm	FY21 Request	FY21 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	168,804,486	187,043,520	195,308,399	191,098,427	197,898,304	193,464,772
Cash Fund	9,335,171	15,996,644	16,175,183	16,122,049	16,255,722	16,173,185
Federal Fund	985,363	712,959	735,445	722,690	750,383	730,548
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	179,125,020	203,753,123	212,219,027	207,943,166	214,904,409	210,368,505
Aid Funding						
General Fund	300,000	300,000	0	300,000	0	300,000
Cash Fund	791,460	820,000	770,000	770,000	770,000	770,000
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 Aid Funding	1,091,460	1,120,000	770,000	1,070,000	770,000	1,070,000
Total Funding						
General Fund	169,104,486	187,343,520	195,308,399	191,398,427	197,898,304	193,764,772
Cash Fund	10,126,631	16,816,644	16,945,183	16,892,049	17,025,722	16,943,185
Federal Fund	985,363	712,959	735,445	722,690	750,383	730,548
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	180,216,480	204,873,123	212,989,027	209,013,166	215,674,409	211,438,505