

Agency 094 - COMMISSION ON PUBLIC ADVOCACY

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

All duties of the Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy are included in Neb. Rev. Stat. sections 7-201 to 210; 25-3001 to 3010; 29-2101; 29-3504; 29-3919 to 3930; 29-4116 to 4125; 33-107.01 and 33-107.02; 33-156; 49-617; and 81-1316.

VISION:

The Commission's vision is to effectively represent indigent defendants in first degree murder cases, other serious violent felony cases, and felony drug cases, because defendants have a constitutional right to effective assistance of counsel. Counties have an obligation to provide indigent defense services. The Commission's vision is to provide effective assistance of counsel at trial, on direct appeal, and in postconviction proceedings. The Commission's vision also includes providing advice and assistance to public defenders and court-appointed attorneys. All elements of the Commission's vision are part of continuing to provide all services at no cost to counties, reducing the counties' tax burden. The Commission is cash funded.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The Commission's chief mission is to provide quality legal services to indigent people charged with serious crimes. The Commission's mission also includes: providing civil legal services to low-income people; representing indigent inmates pursuant to the DNA Testing Act; and providing educational loan repayment assistance to lawyers employed in non-profit public legal service positions or in legal profession shortage areas, thereby assisting in meeting the need for competent attorneys in those positions and areas.

GOALS:

The Commission's primary goal is to continue to provide high-quality legal services to indigent people at no cost to counties and without reliance upon money from the general fund.

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Financial Data

	FY18 Actual	FY19 Approp	FY20 Request	FY20 Recomm	FY21 Request	FY21 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	1,128,969	1,327,351	1,356,948	1,356,358	1,376,223	1,376,406
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 Operations	1,128,969	1,327,351	1,356,948	1,356,358	1,376,223	1,376,406
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	2,376,495	3,842,355	3,842,355	3,842,355	3,842,355	3,842,355
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	2,376,495	3,842,355	3,842,355	3,842,355	3,842,355	3,842,355
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	3,505,463	5,169,706	5,199,303	5,198,713	5,218,578	5,218,761
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 Agency	3,505,463	5,169,706	5,199,303	5,198,713	5,218,578	5,218,761