

Agency Name: SUPREME COURT		Agency Number: 101				
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Description	Code	Base Budget	Standard Budget	Exception Request	Total Agency Request	Supreme Court Recommendation
ADMINISTRATION	0100	12,330,243	13,113,417	933,490	14,046,907	14,046,907
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMM	0200	21,001	21,001	0	21,001	21,001
LAW LIBRARY	0400	1,398,308	1,516,500	0	1,516,500	1,516,500
CIRCUIT COURTS	0500	28,842,804	30,601,379	60,510	30,661,889	30,661,889
COURT TECHNOLOGY	0600	8,905,601	6,679,512	3,234,256	9,913,768	9,913,768
JUDICIAL RETIREMENT	0700	2,313,196	2,163,196	0	2,163,196	2,163,196
BOARD OF JUDICIAL POLICY & ADM	0900	708,341	708,341	0	708,341	708,341
TOTAL BY APPROPRIATION ORG		54,519,494	54,803,346	4,228,256	59,031,602	59,031,602
PERSONAL SERVICES	0100	41,080,621	43,945,973	539,406	44,485,379	44,485,379
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	0200	9,817,915	7,486,056	3,290,360	10,776,416	10,776,416
CENTRAL. SERVICES/DATA SERV.	0400	194,258	155,107	0	155,107	155,107
GRANTS	0600	1,616,138	1,635,648	233,490	1,869,138	1,869,138
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	0900	1,810,562	1,580,562	165,000	1,745,562	1,745,562
TOTAL BY OBJECT SERIES		54,519,494	54,803,346	4,228,256	59,031,602	59,031,602
MEANS OF FUNDING						
GENERAL FUND	G	46,800,577	46,744,840	2,815,360	49,560,200	49,560,200
SPECIAL REVENUE	R	7,111,462	7,457,440	1,412,896	8,870,336	8,870,336
FEDERAL FUNDS	X	607,455	601,066	0	601,066	601,066
TOTAL BY FUNDING		54,519,494	54,803,346	4,228,256	59,031,602	59,031,602
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES						
FULL TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT		203	203	2	205	205
PART TIME EMPLOYEE COUNT		28	27	0	27	27
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES		231	230	2	232	232
TOTAL AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES		231	230	2	232	232

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The Supreme Court's budget consists of seven programs: Supreme Court Administration, Judicial Nominating Commission, Law Library, Circuit Courts, Court Technology, Judicial Retirement, and Board of Judicial Policy and Administration.

INTRODUCTION: WHAT THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT DOES

Under the Wyoming Constitution, the judicial power of the government of this state "shall be vested * * * in a supreme court, district courts, and such subordinate courts as the legislature may, by general law, establish and ordain from time to time." Wyo. Const. art. 5, § 1; Wyo. Const. art. 2, § 1. The Supreme Court has general appellate jurisdiction statewide in both civil and criminal cases; it also has "general superintending control over all inferior courts, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by law." Wyo. Const. art. 5, § 2. The Supreme Court has original jurisdiction in quo warranto and mandamus as to all state officers and in habeas corpus. Wyo. Const. art. 5, § 3. The Supreme Court also has power to issue writs of mandamus, review, prohibition, habeas corpus, certiorari, and other writs necessary and proper to the complete exercise of its appellate and revisory jurisdiction. Wyo. Const. art. 5, § 3. Five justices, one of whom serves as the chief justice, sit on the Supreme Court. Each justice serves an eight-year term and may hold successive terms upon retention by the statewide electorate. Wyo. Const. art. 5, § 4.

By statute, the Supreme Court manages and supervises the circuit court system created by the Legislature. W.S. 5-9-102. All 23 of the state's counties have elected to establish the circuit court system. W.S. 5-5-102 and 103. Twenty-four circuit judges and six full-time magistrates serve in these courts.

Statutes relating to the state's courts are found in W.S. 5-1-101 through 5-12-103. The statutes which specifically relate to the Supreme Court are found in W.S. 5-2-101 through 502. Of particular note, the Supreme Court has extensive rule-making authority, W.S. 5-2-113 through 119, including rules relating to the practice of law and procedures relating to review of decisions in cases originating in a municipal court or a circuit court. The Supreme Court also "superintend(s) and direct(s) all expenditures of money for the law library." W.S. 5-2-501.

As an independent, co-equal branch of state government, the judiciary exercises the state's judicial power to ensure to all of the state's citizens the protection of civil, political, and religious liberties secured by the state constitution. Wyo. Const. art. 1 and Preamble. The mission of the Supreme Court is to ensure that all courts exercise their respective judicial powers within the bounds of the state constitution and the laws of the state so that "(a)ll courts shall be open and every person for an injury done to person, reputation or property shall have justice administered without sale, denial or delay." Wyo. Const. art. 1, § 8.

In order to exercise its judicial powers, the Supreme Court must maintain a support staff of well qualified and adequately compensated employees to assist the five justices as they carry out their constitutional and statutory duties and responsibilities.

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The Supreme Court is obligated to ensure that the state's courts at every jurisdictional level are sufficiently funded to protect the state's citizens' right to access the courts and to provide for the expeditious and efficient delivery of justice. Operational expenses incurred in fulfilling the Supreme Court's constitutional obligations include, but are not limited to, salaries and benefits to employees, supplies, equipment (including a judicial branch computer automation system), furnishings, communications, travel, legal research materials of both print and electronic variety, circuit court magistrates, juror fees, continuing judicial education programs, and judicial administration programs including membership in the National Center for State Courts.

2017-2018 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

The Supreme Court's recommended 2017-2018 Biennial Budget Request is \$59,031,602. The following charts summarize the Supreme Court's budget request by program and expenditure category.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Expenditure Category</u>	<u>Percent of Entire Budget</u>
Supreme Court Administration	\$14,046,907	23.80%	Personal Services (100)	75 %
Judicial Nominating Commission	\$ 21,001	.04%	Supportive Services (200)	18 %
Law Library	\$ 1,516,500	2.57%	Central Services/Data Services (400)	1 %
Circuit Courts	\$30,661,889	51.94%	Grants & Aid Payment (600)	3 %
Court Technology	\$ 9,913,768	16.79%	Contractual Services (900)	3 %
Judicial Retirement	\$ 2,163,196	3.66%		
Board of Judicial Policy & Administration	<u>\$ 708,341</u>	<u>1.20%</u>		
Total	\$59,031,602	100.00%		

Means of Funding

General fund	\$ 49,560,200
Special Revenue	\$ 8,870,336
Federal Funds	<u>\$ 601,066</u>
Total	\$ 59,031,602

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SUMMARY OF 2017-2018 EXCEPTION BUDGET REQUEST

The Supreme Court's 2017-2018 Standard Budget totaled \$54,803,346. The Court is submitting an exception budget request to increase the budget by \$4,823,256. The following is a summary of the exception budget requests.

ADMINISTRATION – PROGRAM 0100 – \$933,490

\$233,490 – Grants (Special Revenue): To expand the grant program of the Wyoming Center for Legal Aid.

\$700,000 – Circuit Court Case Management System (Special Revenue): To cover a portion of the cost of upgrading the current Circuit Court case management system and to bring municipal courts which request inclusion into the same system. THIS IS A ONE TIME REQUEST.

CIRCUIT COURTS – PROGRAM 0500 - \$60,510

\$0 – Salaries Classified: To properly classify funding for temporary and seasonal employees in the circuit courts.

\$0 – Employer Paid Benefits: To pay employment benefits relating to the aforementioned temporary and seasonal employees.

\$24,000 – Permanently Assigned Vehicles: To purchase a vehicle for the traveling judge in the sixth judicial district. THIS IS A ONE TIME REQUEST.

\$13,296 – Permanently Assigned Vehicles: To cover monthly maintenance cost of the aforementioned vehicle.

\$23,214 – Equipment: Cost to replace copy machines in the Circuit Courts of Hot Springs, Campbell, and Niobrara Counties. THIS IS A ONE TIME REQUEST.

COURT TECHNOLOGY – PROGRAM 0600 – \$3,234,256

\$1,199,850 – Current and Ongoing Technology Operations: Cost for hardware and software for the Supreme, District, and Circuit Courts. THIS IS A ONE-TIME-REQUEST.

\$330,000 – Salaries Classified (Special Revenue): To fund two additional positions in court technology for the implementation and the management of the statewide electronic case management and electronic filing systems in all courts.

\$80,120 – Employer Paid Benefits (Special Revenue): To cover the cost of taxes and retirement benefits related to the positions indicated above.

\$69,286 – Employer Health Ins. Benefits (Special Revenue): To cover the cost of health insurance related to the positions indicated above.

\$800,000 – Circuit Court Case Management System (Special Revenue): To cover a portion of the cost of upgrading the current Circuit Court case management system and to bring municipal courts which request inclusion into the same system. THIS IS A ONE TIME REQUEST.

\$355,000 – Supreme Court Electronic Filing: To cover the cost of upgrading the electronic filing system in the Supreme Court.

\$300,000 – Courtroom Technology Enhancements: To cover the cost of audio/visual equipment and the setup/construction thereof in courtrooms throughout the state. THIS IS A ONE-TIME REQUEST.

\$100,000 – Supreme Court Learning Center: \$100,000 for electronic equipment, labor, and installation. THIS IS A ONE-TIME-REQUEST.