

Office of General Counsel

Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Presentation

EXECUTIVE OFFICES 2021-22 BUDGET PRESENTATION

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I. SUMMARY FINANCIAL DATA

(\$ Amounts in Thousands)

	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Available	2021-22 Budgeted
State Funds	\$5,673	\$5,529	\$5,838
Other Funds			
CLE Registration Fees	\$83	\$126	\$126
Reimbursement for Services	\$0	\$250	\$250
Settlement Cost Recovery	\$8	\$0	\$0
Total Other Funds	\$91	\$376	\$376
Total	\$5,764	\$5,905	\$6,214

II. DETAIL BY MAJOR OBJECT

(\$ Amounts in Thousands)

	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Available	2021-22 Budgeted	Change Budgeted vs. Available	Percent Change
PERSONNEL					
State Funds	\$4,504	\$4,159	\$4,716	\$557	13.39%
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Personnel	\$4,504	\$4,159	\$4,716	\$557	13.39%
OPERATING					
State Funds	\$1,008	\$1,370	\$1,122	(\$248)	-18.10%
Other Funds	\$91	\$376	\$376	\$0	0.00%
Total Operating	\$1,099	\$1,746	\$1,498	(\$248)	-14.20%
BUDGETARY RESERVE					
State Funds	\$161	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Budgetary Reserve	\$161	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL FUNDS					
State Funds	\$5,673	\$5,529	\$5,838	\$309	5.59%
Other Funds	\$91	\$376	\$376	\$0	0.00%
Total Funds	\$5,764	\$5,905	\$6,214	\$309	5.23%

III. HISTORY OF LAPSES

(\$ Amounts in Thousands)

	2018-19	2019-20	Estimated 2020-21
State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

IV. COMPLEMENT INFORMATION

	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	2021-22 Budgeted
Benefit Factor	87.46%	87.95%	62.05%
State Funded			
- Authorized	42	37	38
- Filled	41	34	na

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V. DERIVATION OF REQUEST/ LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Derivation of Request

(A) Personnel

All personnel costs were prepared on the complement planning layouts in the BPC system using instructions and factors provided by the Office of the Budget.

(B) Operating Expenses

Operating Funds will be used for continuing activities.

Legislative Citations: Act 164 of 1980

Additional Information

- (1) 2019-20 Obligations rolled forward to 2020-21
(\$ Amounts in Thousands)

Total	\$0
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- (2) 2020-21 Supplemental appropriation needs

The Office of General Counsel (10599) is not requesting a supplemental appropriation for the current fiscal year.

Date current appropriation will be exhausted: N/A

- (3) Prior FY appropriations waived pursuant to Act 146 of 1980, used to support the 2020-21 appropriation.

(\$ Amounts in Thousands)

Waiver is currently held in budgetary reserve and will be released for (personnel, unanticipated expenses, etc.) | |

State Funds	10599 (BP2019)	\$161	
Total		\$161	

VI. EXPLANATION OF CHANGES

(\$ Amounts in Thousands)

	State \$	Federal \$	Other \$	Total \$
PERSONNEL				
A. Contractual pay and mandatory benefit increases.	\$126	\$0	\$0	\$126
B. Addition of Chief Privacy Officer	\$212	\$0	\$0	\$212
C. Addition of vacant Dep Gen Counsel	\$219	\$0	\$0	\$219
Subtotal Personnel	\$557	\$0	\$0	\$557
OPERATING				
A. Operating reduction to offset personnel increase	(\$557)	\$0	\$0	(\$557)
B. To continue current program	\$309			\$309
Subtotal Operating	(\$248)	\$0	\$0	(\$248)
TOTAL	\$309	\$0	\$0	\$309

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PROGRAM STATEMENT

The Office of General Counsel provides legal advice to the Governor and the Cabinet, and supervises, coordinates and

Program: Legal Services

The General Counsel serves as the chief legal advisor to the Governor, heads the Office of General Counsel, and appoints deputies general counsel, chief counsel and assistant counsel to assist in the performance of the responsibilities of OGC. OGC represents the Commonwealth, the Governor, members of his Cabinet, and more than 30 agencies that conduct the business of the Commonwealth.

OGC renders legal advice and representation concerning matters and issues arising in connection with the operation of executive agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction. OGC reviews and approves for form and legality all Commonwealth deeds, leases, contracts, rules and regulations. OGC provides advice to the Governor on pending legislative matters and issues, and reviews for constitutionality and legality all legislation presented to the Governor for approval.

The Office of General Counsel is responsible for initiating appropriate actions or defending the Commonwealth when the Attorney General declines to initiate appropriate proceedings or delegates that responsibility to OGC. Upon request by the Governor, OGC also has the authority to intervene in any action by or against an agency under the Governor's jurisdiction.

The General Counsel administers the operations of the Juvenile Court Judges Commission and supervises the legal representation for this agency as well as that of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the Pennsylvania Commission for Women, the Governor's Advisory Commission on African-American Affairs, the Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs, the Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs, the Pennsylvania Health Insurance Exchange Authority, Pennsylvania Rural Development Council, the Patient Safety Authority, the Pennsylvania Higher Educational Facilities Authority, State Public School Building Authority, the State Board of Education, the Board of Pardons, and the Tax Equalization Division.

The General Counsel also serves as chair of the Board of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, and a member of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council, the Joint Committee on Documents, the Board of Property, the Local Government Records Committee, the Medical Advisory Board, the Executive Council of the Pennsylvania Justice Network (JNET), and serves in an ex officio capacity on the JNET Steering Committee.