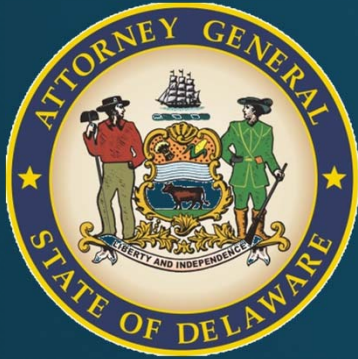




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Department of Justice FY22 Budget Request

DOJ Highlights

- Criminal and Family Division pursuing justice through video and limited in person court appearances
- Civil Division assistance with State of Emergency and Executive Orders
- Fraud Division continuation of Opioid Litigation and new complaints related to price gouging, COVID fraud
- DCRPT expansion of use of force and election security
- Admin Division IT , Operations and HR support



DOJ Personnel

- 90.7% of GF spending is personnel
- 252 attorneys
- 67 paralegals
- 75 admins
- 31 victim service specialists & social workers
- 43 investigators
- 77 other staff



FY22 Budget Request

- FY21 Budget: \$39,723.4 GF
 \$11,953.4 ASF
- FY22 Request: \$40,999.3 GF
 \$12,481.4 ASF



Bail Hearings DAG

- Concerning bail decisions involving violent felonies (gun crimes and domestic violence)
- Bail hearings are crucial to ensure public safety
- Prevent defendants who are not a risk to others from being held unnecessarily
- COVID-19 crisis has demonstrated that centralized bail hearings are possible
- FY22 Request: 1.0 FTE, \$139.4 GF



Civil Rights & Public Trust Admin

- Office was created in 2015
- SB 96 signed in April 2020 created Division
- 3 Deputy Attorneys General
- No dedicated administrative support
- FY22 Request: 1.0 FTE, \$49.2 GF



Positions for Human Trafficking

- Human Trafficking is a nationwide problem
- Currently have resources spread across the Department
- Human Trafficking case requires non-traditional prosecution approaches
- Dedicated resources will provide for 100% attention
- Requests are:
 - Criminal DAG
 - Criminal Paralegal
 - Civil DAG
- FY22 Request: 3.0 FTEs, \$338.4 GF



Juvenile Case DAG

- Only 3 full-time DAGs to handle juvenile cases in Kent and Sussex
- Juvenile cases move faster than cases in other courts
- AG, Family Division focus is on diversion and resolutions to minimize involvement in justice system
- Would provide additional coverage for Kent and Sussex court calendars and allow additional time for determining case resolutions
- FY22 Request: 1.0 FTE, \$139.4 GF



Civil Rights and Public Trust - Use of Force DAG

- Use of Force at the forefront of criminal justice reform
 - Expansion of police use of force review
 - Review of all reports involving serious physical injury
 - Provide greater transparency to the public
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- FY22 Request: 1.0 FTE, \$139.4 GF



Elder Abuse DAG

- Elder abuse is identified priority area of the Fraud Division
- 2018 law for financial professionals to report suspicion of senior exploitation to DOJ
- Medicaid Fraud outreach leading to referrals
- Senior scams via phone, mail and internet
- FY22 Request: 1.0 FTE, \$139.4 ASF



Investor Protection DAG

- Increased workload from financial technology “fintech”, senior protection matters, and pandemic-related fraud
- Expect a rise in investor complaints due to economic decline
- Regulatory developments require IPU to adapt quickly
- New technologies and new fraud techniques do not replace old ones
- FY22 Request: 1.0 FTE, \$139.4 ASF



Data Privacy DAG

- Fraud Division focus on internet, social media and data privacy issues
- No DAG solely dedicated to review of Delaware data breaches
- Generally reliant on expertise from other states in multistate investigations
- FY22 Request: 1.0 FTE, \$139.4 GF



Special Victim Unit DAG

- Advancing technology and increasing complexity of cases
- No DAG assigned in Sussex to child abuse investigations and prosecutions
- Highly technically, medical record intensive, sensitive cases
- FY22 Request: 1.0 FTE, \$139.4 GF



Homicide and Firearms DAG

- Uncooperative witnesses, lack of traditional forensic evidence, and exponentially more evidence derived from technology
- Experience is essential when assessing the constitutionality and admissibility of digital evidence
- DAGs prosecuting homicide and shooting cases need to focus on these cases and nothing else
- FY22 Request: 1.0 FTE, \$139.4 GF



Body Worn Camera Expansion

- National/Global implementation of BWCs
- Statewide implementation of BWCs will significantly impact the workload of DOJ prosecutors and support staff
- In 2019, NCCPD alone generated 41,250 hours of BWC footage
- Deputies must review and independently assess every case they prosecute
- Requests are:
 - 10 Criminal DAGs
 - 12 Criminal Paralegals
- FY22 Request: 22.0 FTEs



Passthrough Requests

- Critical part of domestic violence services in Delaware
- People's Place II (K&S) – 3 shelters, hotline, victim counseling, counseling to children, treatment for offenders
- Child Inc. (NCC) – shelter, hotline, victim counseling, counseling to children, treatment for offenders
- FY22 Recommendation: People's Place -\$876,015
Child Inc. - \$837,690



