

**Department of Law
FY26 Midyear Status Report**

Item No.	Appropriation / Allocation	Description	Amount / Fund Source	LFD Questions
1	Criminal Division / Criminal Appeals/Special Litigation	CC: Replace Expiring Federal Grant for Sex and Violent Crimes Prosecutions	\$655.9 Gen Fund (UGF) Inc	The existing federal grant was set to expire on 9/30/25. Did that transpire and is there any opportunity for a new federal grant? Was the UGF received for three quarters of the fiscal year (10/1-6/30) and will additional UGF be needed for FY27 without establishment of a new federal grant?
Agency Response Yes, the existing federal grant expired on September 30, 2025. There is no current opportunity for a new federal grant. However, in anticipation of the expiration of the grant, the legislature elected to continue funding the work supported by the grant by establishing positions in the division's FY2026 operating budget. This UGF is needed for FY2027.				
2	Civil Division/ Deputy Attorney General's Office	Statehood Defense Sec64(a) Ch1 SLA2023 P150 L16 (HB39) (FY24-FY26)	\$2,067.7 Gen Fund (UGF) CarryFwd	With this being the only Statehood Defense funding remaining in the budget, how has it impacted the existing cases? What process is underway to close or reduce the number of active cases? Have there been any material legal impacts from the reduced funding? There also isn't any funding for Statehood Defense currently in the FY27 budget. Are the cases being totally closed out or will there be future requests for FY26 Supplemental funding or an amended FY27 request?
Agency Response This money will be fully expended by the end of FY2026. Due to the change in administration, we have had a number of cases either end or stays have been put in place halting the litigation while the new federal administration is deciding what it wants to do from a policy perspective. That said, there are still a number of cases ongoing, and we are already seeing new cases being filed that impact Alaska's interests. The parties that previously filed when ANWR 1002 was opened for drilling have filed again. We know there will be lawsuits over Ambler Road, the new "waters of the U.S." rule that will be finalized within the next year, the repeal of the Roadless Rule which is crucial to Southeast but also the Chugach National Forest, etc. Historically, Alaska has taken a very involved role to ensure its unique interests are represented. If we don't have the fiscal resources to support a high level of involvement, then the State's interests may not be adequately represented. The department is currently using the funds it has available to prioritize cases and ensure representation where necessary. The funding will become more difficult over the next couple of fiscal years as cases ramp up again if there is no additional funding provided.				

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3	Civil Division / Labor, Business & Corporations	GA: Costs Related to Labor Contract Negotiations and Arbitration Support (FY2025-FY2027)	\$1,000.0 Gen Fund (UGF) MultiYr	Is there a typical rate of expenditure of this funding historically over the multiple fiscal years? How much has been expended for FY25 and FY26 to date?
				<p>Agency Response</p> <p>The amount expended varies according to the number of contracts that have to be negotiated in a given year and the vacancies that exist. Our goal is to build up our internal team so that the reliance on outside resources is less. There will always be a need for some assistance but we are hoping to decrease the amount of that need. The total expenditure to date is \$36,434.32. In FY2026, we anticipate to expend up to \$300,000 to get us through this negotiation cycle.</p>
4	Capital Budget	Replace Case Management System	\$7,000.0 total; (\$3475.9 Reapprop; \$3,524.1 UGF)	<p>This project was originally requested as \$8 million for Phase 1 to replace the case management system for the Civil Division. How has this reduced amount impacted progress on Phase 1 implementation? What progress has been made and when is completion expected?</p> <p>Phase 2 was estimated for FY27 in the amount of \$5 million to integrate the Criminal Division into the new system already begun for the Civil Division creating a joint case management system. Is this still the plan?</p>
				<p>Agency Response</p> <p>Phase 1 implementation is underway, with work focused on foundational system components and core functionality. Progress to date includes planning and requirements refinement to complete the procurement. The Civil Division existing system is still at a very fragile and critical point that requires acquisition of a new system. Because funding is limited, we are focusing our main efforts on the Civil Division replacement and anticipate needing additional funding for this project in the future to ensure both the Civil and Criminal Divisions can move forward over time with what is needed for both systems. For now, we have put on hold getting an integrated system that works for both divisions.</p>