

Judiciary
FY22 - Mid-Year Status Report

Item #	Approp/ Allocation	Description	Amount / Fund Source	Comment	LFD Questions	Agency Comments
1	Alaska Court System / Trial Courts	Court System Parity with Department of Law	\$1,014.7 Gen Fund (UGF) 3 PFT Positions 3 PPT Positions	The legislature added positions and associated funding in the Trial Courts allocation in order to address the increase in caseloads that will likely result from the increase of new prosecutor staff, a total of 19 prosecution positions, within the Department of Law. The new positions will focus on sexual assault and sexual abuse crimes.	a) Has the caseload increased? b) How many positions have been filled? Please provide hire (or anticipated) hire dates.	a) We have yet to see an increased number of felony sex offenses filed with the court system. b) Two of the three PFT clerical positions have been hired (hire dates: 11/15/2021 and 12/27/2021). The third PFT clerical position is anticipated to be hired in February 2022. For judicial coverage, the court system must use judges appointed from a qualified pool of judges. Pro tem judges have been assisting with the management of caseloads during portions of FY22 and will continue to do so going forward.
2	Alaska Court System / Trial Courts	Transfer from Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities to Align Maintenance & Operations with Occupying Agency	\$1,243.8 Gen Fund (UGF)	Authority was transferred from the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) to the Trial Courts allocation to cover anticipated facility maintenance and operations costs of buildings.	Has the transfer covered facility maintenance and building operating costs?	For FY22, DOT&PF has agreed to only charge the Judiciary the precise amount that was appropriated for these agency-occupied facilities. Any increases in costs in future fiscal years will become the responsibility of the Judiciary which will be seeking either an increment through the regular budget process or supplemental funding as the impact of the cost increases are known.
3	Therapeutic Courts / Therapeutic Courts	Implement Recommendations from Alaska State Legislature Task Force	\$480.4 Gen Fund (UGF)	The Alaska State Legislature Task Force on Therapeutic Courts report included recommendations for three additional personnel: one new prosecutor, one new public defender, and one person to oversee and coordinate peer support groups for the various therapeutic court participants and graduates. This funding includes the cost of training and travel.	a) How many positions have been filled and when where the hire dates (or what are the anticipated hire dates)? b) What have been the training and travel costs to date and what is projected for the remainder of the fiscal year?	a) One of the three positions has been hired. A peer support coordinator was hired 10/01/2021. The public defender is anticipated to be hired in the spring or summer of 2022 and the recruitment and hiring for the attorney for the Department of Law has been delayed. b) There have been no costs for travel and training in FY22 and no costs are anticipated for the remainder of the fiscal year. Most of the training in FY22 has been virtual and at no cost. Travel and training costs are anticipated in FY23 for an annual National Association of Drug Court Professionals' Conference in FY23 (NADCP)