

# JUDICIARY

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2016 EXPENDITURE	FY 2017 APPROPRIATION	FY 2018 REQUEST	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2018
Supreme Court	\$ 5,380,949	\$ 5,937,906	\$ 6,703,655	\$ 5,937,906
Office of State Courts Administrator	27,540,049	32,742,620	37,162,932	32,644,068
Court of Appeals	11,778,183	12,117,833	13,161,966	12,117,833
Circuit Courts	148,872,713	158,813,678	188,264,965	158,807,886
Drug Courts	6,736,778	7,491,971	8,939,789	9,991,971
Commission on Retirement, Removal, and Discipline of Judges	247,917	253,517	270,955	253,517
Appellate Judicial Commission	7,659	7,741	7,741	7,741
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 200,564,248</b>	<b>\$ 217,365,266</b>	<b>\$ 254,512,003</b>	<b>\$ 219,760,922</b>
General Revenue Fund	182,550,645	188,055,057	225,146,030	190,450,713
Federal Funds	5,704,046	14,372,517	14,420,017	14,372,517
Third Party Liability Collections Fund	298,317	397,256	397,256	397,256
Statewide Court Automation Fund	4,454,989	5,250,489	5,250,489	5,250,489
Supreme Court Publications Revolving Fund	33,714	150,000	150,000	150,000
Missouri CASA Fund	75,411	100,000	100,000	100,000
Crime Victims' Compensation Fund	868,273	887,200	887,200	887,200
Circuit Courts Escrow Fund	2,235,560	2,524,249	2,524,249	2,524,249
Basic Civil Legal Services Fund	4,063,191	5,098,498	5,106,762	5,098,498
State Court Administration Revolving Fund	82,145	230,000	230,000	230,000
Domestic Relations Resolution Fund	197,957	300,000	300,000	300,000
<b>Total Full-time Equivalent Employees</b>	<b>3,235.01</b>	<b>3,423.05</b>	<b>3,526.63</b>	<b>3,423.05</b>
General Revenue Fund	3,153.18	3,211.30	3,376.88	3,274.30
Federal Funds	48.97	168.25	106.25	105.25
Other Funds	32.86	43.50	43.50	43.50

## DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

The Fiscal Year 2018 budget provides \$219.8 million for the Judiciary. The Judiciary ensures Missourians have a fair and accessible forum to adjudicate civil and criminal charges.

**JUDICIARY  
SUPREME COURT**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	FY 2016 EXPENDITURE	FY 2017 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2018
Judicial Proceedings and Review TOTAL	\$ 5,380,949	\$ 5,937,906	\$ 5,937,906
<b>PERSONAL SERVICE</b>			
General Revenue Fund	3,950,357	4,265,308	4,265,308
Federal Funds	159,656	510,189	510,189
<b>EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT</b>			
General Revenue Fund	1,237,222	1,012,409	1,012,409
Other Funds	32,580	149,700	149,700
<b>PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION</b>			
Other Funds	1,134	300	300
<b>TOTAL</b>			
General Revenue Fund	5,187,579	5,277,717	5,277,717
Federal Funds	159,656	510,189	510,189
Other Funds	33,714	150,000	150,000
<b>Total Full-time Equivalent Employees</b>	<b>63.66</b>	<b>83.00</b>	<b>83.00</b>
General Revenue Fund	60.57	75.00	75.00
Federal Funds	3.09	8.00	8.00

The Supreme Court has exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the validity of a treaty or statute of the United States or of a statute or provision of the Missouri Constitution; the construction of the state's revenue laws; the title to any state office; and, in all cases where the punishment imposed is death. In addition, the court may transfer cases from the Court of Appeals if: the cases involve questions of general interest or importance; the court thinks the existing law should be reexamined; the lower court opinion conflicts with prior opinions; or for other reasons provided by rule of the court. The Court of Appeals also may order a case transferred to the Supreme Court after opinion either by order of the Court of Appeals itself, or by the request of a dissenting court of appeals judge.

The Constitution authorizes the Court to establish Court practice and procedure rules and to temporarily transfer judicial personnel. In addition to its decision-making powers, the Supreme Court supervises all lower state courts (assisted by the Office of State Courts Administrator), licenses all lawyers practicing in Missouri, and disciplines those guilty of Rules of Professional Conduct violations.

**Fiscal Year 2018 Governor's Recommendations**

Continue funding at the current level.

**JUDICIARY  
OFFICE OF STATE COURTS ADMINISTRATOR**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	FY 2016 EXPENDITURE	FY 2017 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2018
State Courts Administrator	\$ 12,348,429	\$ 12,552,001	\$ 12,553,449
Court Improvement Projects	9,263,674	13,127,563	13,127,563
Statewide Court Automation	4,454,989	5,250,489	5,250,489
Judicial Report	0	100,000	100,000
Judicial Training and Education Transfer	1,372,957	1,612,567	1,612,567
Jasper County Juvenile Detention Center	100,000	100,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 27,540,049</b>	<b>\$ 32,742,620</b>	<b>\$ 32,644,068</b>
<b>PERSONAL SERVICE</b>			
General Revenue Fund	6,408,730	6,845,891	6,845,891
Federal Funds	1,802,966	2,419,416	2,419,416
Other Funds	1,448,684	1,748,996	1,748,996
<b>EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT</b>			
General Revenue Fund	5,053,232	4,858,910	4,860,358
Federal Funds	2,943,237	5,533,649	5,533,649
Other Funds	3,988,044	4,545,968	4,545,968
<b>PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION</b>			
General Revenue Fund	1,472,957	1,487,567	1,387,567
Federal Funds	454,280	301,000	301,000
Other Funds	3,967,919	5,001,223	5,001,223
<b>TOTAL</b>			
General Revenue Fund	12,934,919	13,192,368	13,093,816
Federal Funds	5,200,483	8,254,065	8,254,065
Other Funds	9,404,647	11,296,187	11,296,187
<b>Total Full-time Equivalent Employees</b>			
General Revenue Fund	197.27	218.25	218.25
Federal Funds	129.95	136.00	136.00
Other Funds	40.17	46.25	46.25
Other Funds	27.15	36.00	36.00

The Office of State Courts Administrator fulfills the Supreme Court's administrative obligations. Staff provides technical assistance, statistical analysis, financial system analysis, continuing education, and automation support functions for the courts. The office assists in policy direction for the Statewide Judicial Information System and Missouri Court Automation, collects and analyzes caseload data from the courts, develops and operates appellate and circuit record-keeping systems, develops and operates administrative systems, prepares the judicial budget, and maintains the personnel system for the courts. The office processes payrolls for all state-paid circuit court employees and all other state expenditures of the Supreme Court and circuit courts. The office's fundamental goal is to build an integrated court system that renders geography largely irrelevant with greater efficiency, wider access, and enhanced accountability for the litigant.

**Fiscal Year 2018 Governor's Recommendations**

- \$1,448 reallocated from the Circuit Courts.
- (\$100,000) core reduction from the Fiscal Year 2017 appropriation level.

**JUDICIARY  
COURT OF APPEALS**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	FY 2016 EXPENDITURE	FY 2017 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2018
Court of Appeals - Western District	\$ 4,110,102	\$ 4,183,989	\$ 4,183,989
Court of Appeals - Eastern District	5,138,828	5,358,975	5,358,975
Court of Appeals - Southern District	<u>2,529,253</u>	<u>2,574,869</u>	<u>2,574,869</u>
TOTAL	\$ 11,778,183	\$ 12,117,833	\$ 12,117,833
PERSONAL SERVICE	10,440,952	11,060,900	11,060,900
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT	1,337,231	1,056,933	1,056,933
TOTAL			
General Revenue Fund	11,778,183	12,117,833	12,117,833
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	149.33	159.35	159.35
General Revenue Fund	149.33	159.35	159.35

Missouri's current appellate structure is a single Court of Appeals consisting of three districts. The Eastern District sits in St. Louis, the Western District in Kansas City, and the Southern District holds sessions in Springfield and Poplar Bluff. Statute sets the number of judges in each district: 14 in the Eastern District, 11 in the Western District, and 7 in the Southern District.

The Court of Appeals may issue and determine original remedial writs and has general appellate jurisdiction in all cases not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals may transfer cases not within the Supreme Court's exclusive jurisdiction to the Supreme Court when involving an important issue that should be decided by the state's highest court.

**Fiscal Year 2018 Governor's Recommendations**

Continue funding at the current level.

**JUDICIARY  
CIRCUIT COURTS**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	FY 2016 EXPENDITURE	FY 2017 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2018
Circuit Personnel	\$ 138,483,885	\$ 147,809,529	\$ 147,803,737
Circuit Court Administration	10,388,828	11,004,149	11,004,149
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 148,872,713</b>	<b>\$ 158,813,678</b>	<b>\$ 158,807,886</b>
<b>PERSONAL SERVICE</b>			
General Revenue Fund	132,126,432	138,500,710	138,500,710
Federal Funds	261,616	3,778,602	3,778,602
Other Funds	172,020	269,217	269,217
<b>EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT</b>			
General Revenue Fund	4,768,972	2,838,300	2,832,508
Federal Funds	39,288	1,798,661	1,798,661
Other Funds	162,527	270,600	270,600
<b>PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION</b>			
General Revenue Fund	8,762,206	8,374,900	8,374,900
Federal Funds	43,003	31,000	31,000
Other Funds	2,536,649	2,951,688	2,951,688
<b>TOTAL</b>			
General Revenue Fund	145,657,610	149,713,910	149,708,118
Federal Funds	343,907	5,608,263	5,608,263
Other Funds	2,871,196	3,491,505	3,491,505
<b>Total Full-time Equivalent Employees</b>			
General Revenue Fund	2,822.72	2,959.70	2,959.70
Federal Funds	2,811.30	2,838.20	2,901.20
Other Funds	5.71	114.00	51.00
Other Funds	5.71	7.50	7.50

Missouri Constitution Article V, Section 1 establishes the 45 Missouri Circuit Courts with Chapter 478, RSMo, detailing the boundaries, circuit numbers, and geographic locations. The circuit court, the exclusive trial court in Missouri, is comprised of circuit judges, associate circuit judges, and municipal judges. Municipalities under 400,000 population may, and those over 400,000 must, make provision for judges to hear municipal ordinance violations. If such provision is not made, municipalities will file such cases before an associate circuit judge.

**Fiscal Year 2018 Governor's Recommendations**

- (\$4,344) core reduction for one-time expenditures.
- (\$1,448) reallocated to the Office of the State Courts Administrator.
- 63 staff for Circuit Court operations.
- (63) staff core reduction from the Fiscal Year 2017 appropriation level.

**JUDICIARY  
DRUG COURTS**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	FY 2016 EXPENDITURE	FY 2017 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2018
Drug Courts Transfer			
TOTAL	\$ 6,736,778	\$ 7,491,971	\$ 9,991,971
PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION			
General Revenue Fund	6,736,778	7,491,971	9,991,971
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00

The drug court program uses court authority to identify those offenders for whom costly incarceration is neither necessary nor an efficient allocation of scarce public resources. Based on the circumstance, judges divert defendants to drug court programs at various stages of the judicial process. Drug courts provide an additional tool to reduce the number of people entering the court and penal systems. Additionally, drug treatment programs decrease the negative consequences of drug abuse by reducing the number of additional cases filed involving family disputes, abuse and neglect, truancy, property crimes, and crimes of violence.

The Missouri Veterans' Treatment Courts are hybrid drug and mental health courts that use the drug court model to serve veterans struggling with addiction, serious mental illness, and/or co-occurring disorders. These courts use a coordinated response that involves cooperation and collaboration with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs health care networks, the Veterans' Benefits Administration, volunteer veteran mentors and veterans' family support organizations.

Any circuit may establish a drug court that combines judicial supervision, drug testing, and treatment of drug court participants. The Drug Court Coordinating Commission is composed of eight members: one member selected by the director of the Department of Corrections, one member selected by the director of the Department of Social Services, one member selected by the director of the Department of Mental Health, one member selected by the director of the Department of Public Safety, one member selected by the Office of State Courts Administrator, and three members selected by the Supreme Court. The commission is to evaluate, secure, coordinate, and allocate funding resources to the various drug courts around the state.

**Fiscal Year 2018 Governor's Recommendations**

- \$2,500,000 for Veterans' Courts and Drug Courts.

**JUDICIARY  
COMMISSION ON RETIREMENT, REMOVAL, AND DISCIPLINE OF JUDGES**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	FY 2016 EXPENDITURE	FY 2017 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2018
Commission on Retirement, Removal, and Discipline of Judges TOTAL	\$ 247,917	\$ 253,517	\$ 253,517
PERSONAL SERVICE	191,176	210,850	210,850
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT	56,741	42,667	42,667
TOTAL			
General Revenue Fund	247,917	253,517	253,517
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	2.03	2.75	2.75
General Revenue Fund	2.03	2.75	2.75

The Commission on Retirement, Removal, and Discipline of Judges receives and investigates all requests and suggestions concerning retirement for disability and all complaints concerning misconduct of judges, members of the judicial commissions, and members of this commission. The commission is composed of two citizens appointed by the Governor who are not members of the bar, two lawyers appointed by the governing body of the Missouri Bar, one judge of the Court of Appeals selected by a majority of the judges of the Court of Appeals, and one judge of the circuit courts selected by a majority of the circuit judges of this state.

**Fiscal Year 2018 Governor's Recommendations**

Continue funding at the current level.

**JUDICIARY  
APPELLATE JUDICIAL COMMISSION**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	FY 2016 EXPENDITURE	FY 2017 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2018
Appellate Judicial Commission TOTAL	\$ 7,659	\$ 7,741	\$ 7,741
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT General Revenue Fund	7,659	7,741	7,741
<b>Total Full-time Equivalent Employees</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

The Appellate Judicial Commission consists of a judge of the Supreme Court, one member of the bar from each appeals district, and one citizen not a member of the bar from each appeals district. The commission considers vacant judgeships of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

**Fiscal Year 2018 Governor's Recommendations**

Continue funding at the current level.