

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner CME49500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 21	Actual FY 22	Appropriation FY 23	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
General Fund	51	52	63	64	64	64	64

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 21	Actual FY 22	Appropriation FY 23	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
Personal Services	6,285,120	6,857,278	7,454,531	8,561,135	8,666,281	8,561,135	8,666,281
Other Expenses	1,286,754	1,630,527	1,878,987	2,104,257	2,104,257	2,104,257	2,104,257
Equipment	22,636	22,569	23,310	29,213	24,846	29,213	24,846
Other Current Expenses							
Medicolegal Investigations	21,992	22,150	22,150	22,150	22,150	22,150	22,150
Agency Total - General Fund	7,616,502	8,532,524	9,378,978	10,716,755	10,817,534	10,716,755	10,817,534
Additional Funds Available							
American Rescue Plan Act	-	-	860,667	-	-	-	-
Agency Grand Total	7,616,502	8,532,524	10,239,645	10,716,755	10,817,534	10,716,755	10,817,534

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Current Services

Provide Funding for Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	758,730	851,376	758,730	851,376	-	-
Total - General Fund	758,730	851,376	758,730	851,376	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides net funding of \$237.2 million in FY 24 and \$394 million in FY 25, across six appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$758,730 in FY 24 and \$851,376 in FY 25 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding to Reflect Caseload Increases

Personal Services	250,000	262,500	250,000	262,500	-	-
Other Expenses	225,270	225,270	225,270	225,270	-	-
Equipment	5,903	1,536	5,903	1,536	-	-
Total - General Fund	481,173	489,306	481,173	489,306	-	-
Positions - General Fund	1	1	1	1	-	-

Background

Currently, the average caseload for Medical Examiners is 321 cases per Medical Examiner. The *National Association of Medical Examiners* (NAME) accreditation standard is 325 cases per Medical Examiner.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

There was an autopsy caseload increase of approximately 7% (194 cases) between FY 20 and FY 21, and an autopsy caseload increase of approximately 5% (139 cases) between FY 21 and FY 22. This results in average autopsy caseload growth per fiscal year of approximately 6%. This caseload growth percentage was applied to project autopsy caseloads in FY 23, FY 24, and FY 25.

The cost for testing for postmortem genetic testing for hereditary cardiac diseases and epilepsy is approximately \$356 per case.

Governor

Provide funding of \$250,000 in FY 24 and \$262,500 in FY 25 to support the addition of one Medical Examiner, increasing the agency's total number of Medical Examiners from 10 to 11.

Related to autopsy caseload increases, provide funding of \$189,607 in FY 24 and FY 25 for Other Expenses account costs (e.g., transportation of bodies), and Equipment account costs of \$5,903 in FY 24 and \$1,536 in FY 25.

Provide funding of \$35,663 in both FY 24 and FY 25 for the Other Expenses account to support, in certain cases, postmortem genetic testing for hereditary cardiac diseases and epilepsy. The estimated number of additional cases in both FY 24 and FY 25 that will require this testing is 100.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Annualize Funding to Support Other Compensation Expenditures

Personal Services	361,570	361,570	361,570	361,570	-	-
Total - General Fund	361,570	361,570	361,570	361,570	-	-

Governor

Annualize funding of \$361,570 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to support on-call, shift differential, and overtime costs based on current compensation expenditures.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Remove Funding for 27th Payroll

Personal Services	(263,696)	(263,696)	(263,696)	(263,696)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(263,696)	(263,696)	(263,696)	(263,696)	-	-

Background

The FY 23 Revised Budget included a total of \$128,456,014 for an extra 27th pay period for six appropriated funds. There are usually 26 pay periods in a fiscal year, but every 11 years there is an additional 27th pay period.

Governor

Remove funding of \$263,969 in both FY 24 and FY 25 to reflect 26 pay periods in each fiscal year.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - GF	9,378,978	9,378,978	9,378,978	9,378,978	-	-
Current Services	1,337,777	1,438,556	1,337,777	1,438,556	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	10,716,755	10,817,534	10,716,755	10,817,534	-	-

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - GF	63	63	63	63	-	-
Current Services	1	1	1	1	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	64	64	64	64	-	-