

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

CME49500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	63	64	64	64	64	64	64

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	8,203,195	8,270,818	8,666,281	9,036,394	9,036,394	9,036,394	9,036,394
Other Expenses	1,654,378	1,868,866	2,104,257	2,479,935	2,479,935	2,479,935	2,479,935
Equipment	21,231	29,213	24,846	24,846	24,846	24,846	24,846
Other Current Expenses							
Medicolegal Investigations	21,250	21,298	22,150	22,150	22,150	22,150	22,150
Agency Total - General Fund	9,900,054	10,190,195	10,817,534	11,563,325	11,563,325	11,563,325	11,563,325

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	370,113	370,113	370,113	370,113	-	-
Total - General Fund	370,113	370,113	370,113	370,113	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$370,113 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Contracted Security Services

Other Expenses	306,465	306,465	306,465	306,465	-	-
Total - General Fund	306,465	306,465	306,465	306,465	-	-

Background

Currently, there is no designated funding for premises security services. The agency contracts security services for one 24 hours a day, seven days a week staff position in the agency lobby. The proposed funding is the FY 24 expense paid for these services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$306,465 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for contracted security services.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Provide Funding for IT Maintenance and Toxicology Contract Increases

Other Expenses	69,213	69,213	69,213	69,213	-	-
Total - General Fund	69,213	69,213	69,213	69,213	-	-

Background

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner uses case management software (the Electronic Death Registry System) which allows for collaborative use between this agency and the Department of Public Health. The software requires IT maintenance for continued use.

The agency contracts for lab services for certain postmortem toxicology tests. The costs of two tests have increased in FY 25, under the current contract: (1) the OCME-4 Expanded Test cost increased by \$20 per test, from \$200 to \$220, with a total projected cost increase of \$40,000; and (2) the OCME-1 Expanded Test cost rose \$7 per test, from \$142 to \$149, with a total projected cost increase of \$3,500.

Governor

Provide funding of \$69,213 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for IT maintenance costs (\$25,713 annually) and toxicology contract increases (\$43,500 annually).

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	10,817,534	10,817,534	10,817,534	10,817,534	-	-
Current Services	745,791	745,791	745,791	745,791	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	11,563,325	11,563,325	11,563,325	11,563,325	-	-