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AT A GLANCE

- Serves as Chief Legal Officer for the State of Minnesota.
- Defends State law when challenged in court.
- Provides legal representation to State agencies, boards, commissions, and officials.
- Helps Minnesotans afford their lives and live with dignity and respect by advocating for consumers and taking legal action on their behalf.
- Provides support to county attorneys in criminal matters.

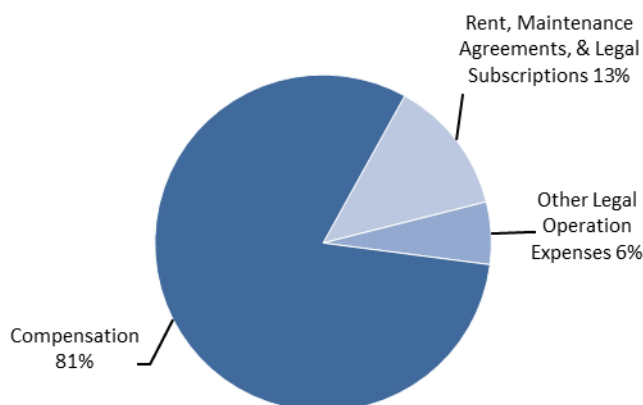
PURPOSE

The Attorney General is the State of Minnesota's Chief Legal Officer. The Attorney General's Office defends Minnesota laws when they face a legal challenge. The Office provides legal representation to more than 100 State agencies, boards, and commissions. The Office also protects the public by advocating for consumers and bringing legal action to help Minnesotans afford their lives and live with dignity and respect. The work of the Attorney General's Office helps to support the following statewide outcomes:

- State agencies, boards, and commissions deliver services to all Minnesotans fairly, effectively, and equitably.
- By reducing the cost of litigation and returning settlements to the State General Fund, the State of Minnesota has more resources to serve the needs of Minnesotans.
- All Minnesotans can afford their lives and live with dignity and respect.
- All Minnesotans benefit from an economy that works for everyone.
- All Minnesotans can afford and have easy access to high-quality, comprehensive healthcare, no matter where they live or how much they earn.
- All Minnesotans are healthy and live in healthy environments where natural resources are used sustainably.

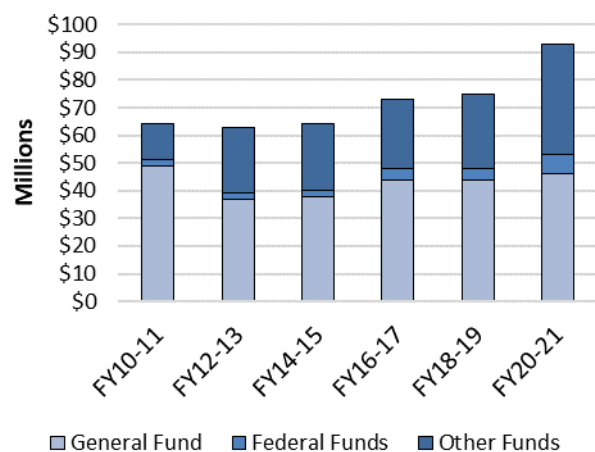
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2021 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

STRATEGIES

- Facilitate the enforcement of, and defend challenges to, duly enacted Minnesota laws.
- Deliver high-quality, efficient, and effective legal representation to State agencies, boards, commissions, and officials.
- Protect and save taxpayers' dollars by defending claims for monetary judgments against the State. Provide proactive legal advice to avoid lawsuits.
- Provide legal representation to State agencies and boards in various civil and administrative proceedings and obtain monetary payments as directed by the Minnesota Legislature.
- Use the full power granted the Attorney General under Minn. Stat. § 8.31 and other State laws to protect Minnesotans from unfair, discriminatory, or other unlawful practices in business, commerce, or trade.
- Directly advocate for consumers in disputes with business to put money directly in their pockets.
- Provide Minnesota counties and law enforcement agencies with assistance and expertise in serious criminal matters.
- Ensure that the public interest is protected in delivering legal services.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Enacted Budget	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>								
1000 - General	22,047	24,257	24,927	30,228	28,233	28,233	54,529	42,058
1201 - Health Related Boards	2,276	2,005	2,084	2,958	2,521	2,521	2,521	2,521
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	243	218	158	156	130	130	130	130
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	10,487	12,715	12,178	13,135	14,137	12,964	14,137	12,964
2800 - Environmental				290	145	145	145	145
2801 - Remediation				500	250	250	250	250
3000 - Federal	2,427	2,477	2,951	3,854	4,047	4,249	4,047	4,249
3010 - Coronavirus Relief	994	1,200						
3015 - ARP-State Fiscal Recovery			1,157	2,413				
6000 - Miscellaneous Agency	532	791	444	986				
Total	39,006	43,661	43,899	54,520	49,463	48,492	75,759	62,317
Biennial Change				15,752		(464)		39,657
Biennial % Change				19		(0)		40
Enacted Budget Change from Base								40,121
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								41

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Enacted Budget	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1000 - General								
Balance Forward In		781		3,771				
Direct Appropriation	22,828	23,513	28,698	26,457	28,233	28,233	51,029	42,058
Transfers In	150	1,516	5,520	533				
Transfers Out	150	1,516	5,520	533				
Cancellations		37						
Balance Forward Out	781		3,771					
Expenditures	22,047	24,257	24,927	30,228	28,233	28,233	54,529	42,058
Biennial Change in Expenditures				8,852		1,311		41,432
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				19		2		75
Enacted Budget Change from Base								40,121
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								71

1201 - Health Related Boards

Balance Forward In		188		437				
Direct Appropriation	2,464	2,521	2,521	2,521	2,521	2,521	2,521	2,521
Cancellations		704						
Balance Forward Out	188		437					
Expenditures	2,276	2,005	2,084	2,958	2,521	2,521	2,521	2,521
Biennial Change in Expenditures				761		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				18		0		0
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	2,282	2,044	1,874	1,796	1,676	1,582	1,676	1,582
Receipts	7	48	79	36	36	36	36	36
Transfers Out	2							
Balance Forward Out	2,044	1,874	1,796	1,676	1,582	1,488	1,582	1,488
Expenditures	243	218	158	156	130	130	130	130
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(147)		(54)		(54)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(32)		(17)		(17)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25		Enacted Budget FY24 FY25	
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2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	995	2,258	1,056	1,736	1,442	146	1,442	146
Receipts	11,496	11,314	12,857	12,841	12,841	12,841	12,841	12,841
Internal Billing Receipts	368	379	390	439	439	439	439	439
Transfers In	8,905	9,237	8,414	7,098	9,384	9,384	9,384	9,384
Transfers Out	8,905	9,237	8,414	7,098	9,384	9,384	9,384	9,384
Balance Forward Out	2,005	858	1,736	1,442	146	23	146	23
Expenditures	10,487	12,715	12,178	13,135	14,137	12,964	14,137	12,964
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2,111		1,788		1,788
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				9		7		7
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

2800 - Environmental

Balance Forward In		145		145				
Direct Appropriation	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145
Cancellations		290						
Balance Forward Out	145		145					
Expenditures			290		145	145	145	145
Biennial Change in Expenditures				290		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures								
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

2801 - Remediation

Balance Forward In		250		250				
Direct Appropriation	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250
Cancellations		500						
Balance Forward Out	250		250					
Expenditures			500		250	250	250	250
Biennial Change in Expenditures				500		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures								

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25		Enacted Budget FY24 FY25	
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

3000 - Federal

Receipts	2,427	2,477	2,951	3,854	4,047	4,249	4,047	4,249
Expenditures	2,427	2,477	2,951	3,854	4,047	4,249	4,047	4,249
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,901		1,491		1,491
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				39		22		22
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

3010 - Coronavirus Relief

Direct Appropriation	994	1,200						
Expenditures	994	1,200						
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(2,194)		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(100)				
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

3015 - ARP-State Fiscal Recovery

Balance Forward In				2,413				
Direct Appropriation			3,571					
Balance Forward Out			2,413					
Expenditures			1,157	2,413				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3,570		(3,570)		(3,570)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						(100)		(100)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

6000 - Miscellaneous Agency

Balance Forward In	21,354	31,488	29,602	26,746	25,896	25,896	25,896	25,896
Receipts	10,666	8,114	1,217	161				
Transfers In			1,042					

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25		Enacted Budget FY24 FY25	
Transfers Out		9,210	4,671	25				
Balance Forward Out	31,488	29,602	26,746	25,896	25,896	25,896	25,896	25,896
Expenditures	532	791	444	986				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				107		(1,430)		(1,430)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				8		(100)		(100)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2023 Appropriations	26,188	26,188	26,188	52,376
Base Adjustments				
Current Law Base Change	269	2,045	2,045	4,090
Approved Transfer Between Appropriation		0	0	0
Forecast Base	26,457	28,233	28,233	56,466
Change Items				
One-Time Operating Adjustment		8,971		8,971
Operating Budget Adjustment		12,676	12,676	25,352
Prescription Drug Affordability Act		549	549	1,098
Report on Technology Impact to Minnesotans		142	142	284
Adult Use Cannabis		358	358	716
Election Procedure Changes		100	100	200
Total Enacted Budget	26,457	51,029	42,058	93,087
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
FY2023 Appropriations	2,521	2,521	2,521	5,042
Forecast Base	2,521	2,521	2,521	5,042
Total Enacted Budget	2,521	2,521	2,521	5,042
Fund: 2800 - Environmental				
FY2023 Appropriations	145	145	145	290
Forecast Base	145	145	145	290
Total Enacted Budget	145	145	145	290
Fund: 2801 - Remediation				
FY2023 Appropriations	250	250	250	500
Forecast Base	250	250	250	500
Total Enacted Budget	250	250	250	500
Dedicated				
Fund: 1000 - General				
Change Items				
Enhanced Anti-Trust, Non-Profit Oversight		2,500		2,500
Transfer to Consumer Litigation Account		1,000		1,000
Total Enacted Budget		3,500		3,500
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
Planned Spending	156	130	130	260
Forecast Base	156	130	130	260
Total Enacted Budget	156	130	130	260
Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	13,135	14,137	12,964	27,101
Forecast Base	13,135	14,137	12,964	27,101
Total Enacted Budget	13,135	14,137	12,964	27,101
Fund: 3000 - Federal				
Planned Spending	3,854	4,047	4,249	8,296
Forecast Base	3,854	4,047	4,249	8,296
Total Enacted Budget	3,854	4,047	4,249	8,296
Fund: 6000 - Miscellaneous Agency				
Planned Spending	986			
Forecast Base	986			
Total Enacted Budget	986			
Revenue Change Summary				
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	36	36	36	72
Total Enacted Budget	36	36	36	72
Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	12,841	12,841	12,841	25,682
Total Enacted Budget	12,841	12,841	12,841	25,682
Fund: 3000 - Federal				
Forecast Revenues	3,854	4,047	4,249	8,296
Total Enacted Budget	3,854	4,047	4,249	8,296
Fund: 6000 - Miscellaneous Agency				
Forecast Revenues	161			
Total Enacted Budget	161			
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1000 - General				

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
Forecast Revenues	770	770	770	1,540
Change Items				
Prescription Drug Affordability Act		73	73	146
Total Enacted Budget	770	843	843	1,686

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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One-Time Operating Adjustment

This funding will provide for the following needs at the Attorney General's Office (AGO): office renovation; hybrid work technology and equipment; cloud modernization, eDiscovery & cybersecurity technology, and law library modernization.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	8,971	0	8,971	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	8,971	0	8,971	0	0	0

Operating Budget Adjustment

This funding will allow the AGO to attract and retain the best talent, to ensure sufficient administrative as well as legal staff to fulfill the Office's duties to serve Minnesotans, and to modernize its information technology infrastructure.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	12,676	12,676	25,352	12,676	12,676	25,352
Expenditures	0	12,676	12,676	25,352	12,676	12,676	25,352

Enhanced Anti-Trust, Non-Profit Oversight

This funding will allow the AGO to focus more effort on anti-trust cases and oversight of non-profit organizations.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	2,500	0	2,500	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	2,500	0	2,500	0	0	0

Transfer to Consumer Litigation Account

This funding will be dedicated to multi-state consumer-related litigation work done by the AGO.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0

Prescription Drug Affordability Act

This funding will allow the AGO to carry out its responsibilities for enforcing the provisions of the Prescription Drug Affordability Act (Laws 2023, Chapter 57).

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	476	476	952	476	476	952
Revenues	0	73	73	146	73	73	146
Expenditures	0	549	549	1,098	549	549	1,098

Report on Technology Impact to Minnesotans

The AGO will use this funding to create a report on the effect of new and emerging technologies on the well-being of Minnesotans. The report will evaluate the impact of technology companies and their products on mental health and well-being, with a focus on children. It will also discuss proposed and enacted consumer protection laws related to technology companies in other jurisdictions and include policy recommendations.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	142	142	284	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	142	142	284	0	0	0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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Adult Use Cannabis

This provision provides funding for the safe and responsible legalization of cannabis for adults in Minnesota. It allows for the monitoring and regulation of cannabis cultivation, processing, and sales. The provision also includes measures to promote public health, public safety, criminal justice, and economic growth. The funding appropriated to the AGO will allow the office to carry out its responsibilities related to this policy change.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	358	358	716	358	358	716
Expenditures	0	358	358	716	358	358	716

Election Procedure Changes

The AGO will use this funding to implement policies enacted in 2023 Laws, Chapter 34. This legislation created a series of changes to the laws governing voter registration, election administration, election security, and campaign finance and disclosure law.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	100	100	200	100	100	200
Expenditures	0	100	100	200	100	100	200