

Table of Contents

Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsperson

<i>Agency Profile</i>	1
Agency Expenditure Overview	2
Agency Financing by Fund	3
Agency Change Summary	4
<u>Additional Documents</u>	5
<i>Enacted Budget Changes</i>	5

AT A GLANCE

- The Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsperson was created in 2022
- The Office is tasked with supporting and advocating for youth in the foster care system

PURPOSE

The Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsperson was created during the 2022 legislative session. The authorizing legislation created an Ombudsperson appointed by the Governor, and created a board of stakeholders, including youth currently in the foster care system to oversee the work of the Ombudsperson. This law also specifies the Ombudsperson “may investigate decisions, acts, and other matters related to the health, safety, and welfare of youth in foster care to promote the highest attainable standards of competence, efficiency, and justice for youth who are in the care of the state.” The law also directs the office “shall provide outreach, resources, and assistance to youth in foster care by directly engaging with youth in residential treatment facilities, group homes, and family foster homes.”

BUDGET

As a newly established office, the Ombudsperson does not have historical spending. They do have a general fund appropriation of \$775 thousand in fiscal year 2023, and \$726 thousand general fund base in fiscal year 2024 and beyond. Currently, the only funds available to the agency are general fund appropriations, however, the Ombudsperson has statutory authority to seek public grants and accept private awards to carry out the duties of this office.

STRATEGIES

Strategies for the new office will be determined by the new Ombudsperson and board overseeing the work of the ombudsperson.

RESULTS

The results for the new office will be determined by the new Ombudsperson and board overseeing the work of the ombudsperson.

Minnesota Laws 2022, Chapter 63 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2022/0/Session+Law/Chapter/63/>) established the Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsperson.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24FY25		Enacted Budget FY24FY25	
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>								
1000 - General				675	726	726	842	759
Total				675	726	726	842	759
Biennial Change				675		777		926
Biennial % Change								
Enacted Budget Change from Base								149
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								10

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Enacted Budget	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1000 - General								
Direct Appropriation				675	726	726	842	759
Expenditures				675	726	726	842	759
Biennial Change in Expenditures				675		777		926
Biennial % Change in Expenditures								
Enacted Budget Change from Base								149
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								10

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2023 Appropriations	775	775	775	1,550
Base Adjustments				
Current Law Base Change		(49)	(49)	(98)
Forecast Base	775	726	726	1,452
Change Items				
Maintain Current Service Levels	(100)	116	33	149
Total Enacted Budget	675	842	759	1,601

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
--	------	------	------	---------------------	------	------	---------------------

Maintain Current Service Levels

This provision provides additional operating funds to maintain the current level of service delivery at the Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsperson.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	(100)	116	33	149	33	33	66
Expenditures	(100)	116	33	149	33	33	66