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AT A GLANCE

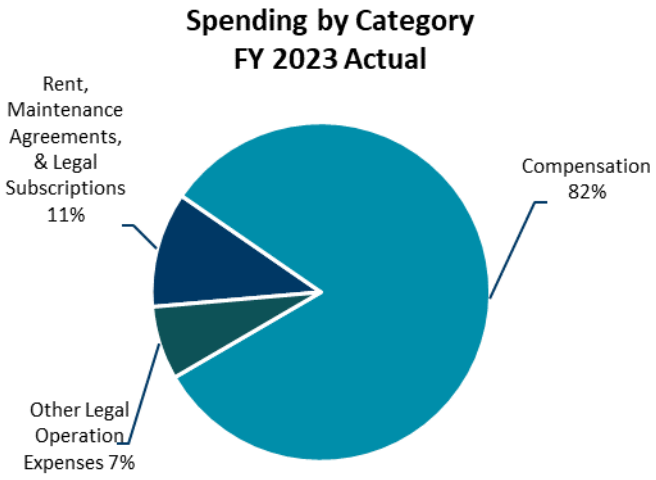
- Serves as Chief Legal Officer for the State of Minnesota.
- Defends State law when challenged in court.
- Provides legal representation to State agencies, boards, commissions, and officials.
- Helps Minnesotans afford their lives and live with dignity, safety, and respect by advocating for consumers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

PURPOSE

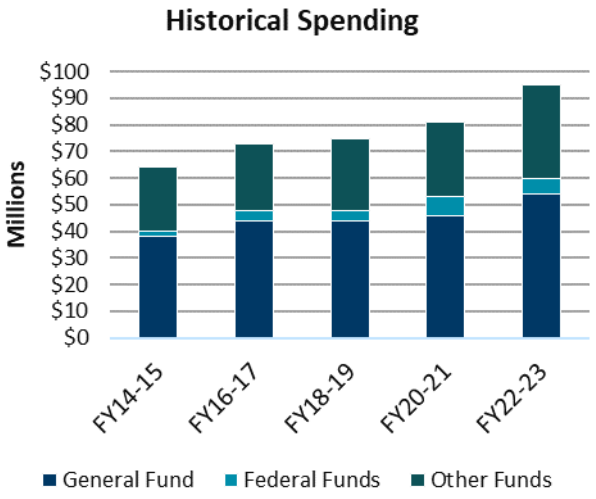
The Attorney General is the State of Minnesota's Chief Legal Officer. The Attorney General's Office defends Minnesota laws when they face a legal challenge. The Office provides legal representation to more than 100 State agencies, boards, and commissions. The Office also protects the public by advocating 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, safety and respect.
- All Minnesotans benefit from an economy that works for everyone.
- All Minnesotans can better afford their lives with access to high-quality, comprehensive healthcare, can live in healthier environments where natural resources are used sustainably, can be protected from fraud and deception in its many forms no matter where they live or how much they earn.

BUDGET



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



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 consumer's 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 FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26	Forecast Base FY27	Enacted Budget FY26	Enacted Budget FY27
Expenditures by Fund								
1000 - General	24,927	29,457	40,924	55,253	42,959	42,768	45,459	44,268
1201 - Health Related Boards	2,084	2,428	2,521	2,521	2,521	2,521	3,021	3,021
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	158	400	10,757	838	589	589	589	589
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	12,178	14,088	12,803	15,993	15,101	15,101	15,101	15,101
2800 - Environmental		31		290	145	145	145	145
2801 - Remediation				500	250	250	250	250
3000 - Federal	2,951	3,324	2,960	4,771	4,232	4,232	4,232	4,232
3015 - ARP-State Fiscal Recovery	1,157	2,122						
6000 - Miscellaneous Agency	444	573	2,134	2,937				
Total	**43,899**	**52,423**	**72,100**	**83,103**	**65,797**	**65,606**	**68,797**	**67,606**
Biennial Change				58,880		(23,800)		(18,800)
Biennial % Change				61		(15)		(12)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								5,000
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								4

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26	Forecast Base FY27	Enacted Budget FY26	Enacted Budget FY27
1000 - General								
Balance Forward In		3,771	0	13,093				
Direct Appropriation	28,698	26,457	54,887	42,160	42,959	42,768	45,459	44,268
Transfers In	5,520	1,902	2,947					
Transfers Out	5,520	1,902	3,817					
Cancellations		771						
Balance Forward Out	3,771		13,093					
Expenditures	**24,927**	**29,457**	**40,924**	**55,253**	**42,959**	**42,768**	**45,459**	**44,268**
Biennial Change in Expenditures				41,793		(10,450)		(6,450)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				77		(11)		(7)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								4,000
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								5
1201 - Health Related Boards								
Balance Forward In		437						
Direct Appropriation	2,521	2,521	2,521	2,521	2,521	2,521	3,021	3,021
Cancellations		530						
Balance Forward Out	437							
Expenditures	**2,084**	**2,428**	**2,521**	**2,521**	**2,521**	**2,521**	**3,021**	**3,021**
Biennial Change in Expenditures				530		0		1,000
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				12		0		20
Enacted Budget Change from Base								1,000
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								20
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue								
Balance Forward In	1,874	1,796	10,061	5,276	5,073	5,073	5,073	5,073
Receipts	79	512	4,974	635	589	589	589	589
Transfers In			1,000					
Transfers Out		2						
Balance Forward Out	1,796	1,906	5,278	5,073	5,073	5,073	5,073	5,073
Expenditures	**158**	**400**	**10,757**	**838**	**589**	**589**	**589**	**589**
Biennial Change in Expenditures				11,038		(10,417)		(10,417)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				1,981		(90)		(90)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26	Forecast Base FY27	Enacted Budget FY26	Enacted Budget FY27
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	1,056	1,772	1,018	892				
Receipts	12,857	13,228	12,806	15,101	15,101	15,101	15,101	15,101
Internal Billing Receipts	390	461	371	568	568	568	568	568
Transfers In	8,414	9,942	9,900					
Transfers Out	8,414	9,942	10,030					
Balance Forward Out	1,736	912	891					
Expenditures	**12,178**	**14,088**	**12,803**	**15,993**	**15,101**	**15,101**	**15,101**	**15,101**
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2,530		1,406		1,406
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				10		5		5
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		259						
Balance Forward Out	145		145					
Expenditures		**31**		**290**	**145**	**145**	**145**	**145**
Biennial Change in Expenditures				259		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

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26	Forecast Base FY27	Enacted Budget FY26	Enacted Budget FY27
Biennial % Change in Expenditures								
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

3000 - Federal

Balance Forward In		3		71				
Receipts	2,951	3,321	3,032	4,700	4,232	4,232	4,232	4,232
Balance Forward Out			71					
Expenditures	**2,951**	**3,324**	**2,960**	**4,771**	**4,232**	**4,232**	**4,232**	**4,232**
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,456		733		733
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				23		9		9
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

3015 - ARP-State Fiscal Recovery

Balance Forward In		2,413						
Direct Appropriation	3,571							
Cancellations		291						
Balance Forward Out	2,413							
Expenditures	**1,157**	**2,122**						
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(3,280)		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(100)				
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

6000 - Miscellaneous Agency

Balance Forward In	29,602	26,753	26,457	23,744	23,683	23,683	23,683	23,683
Receipts	1,217	5,670	2,662	2,876				
Transfers In	1,042		156					
Transfers Out	4,671	398	3,397					
Balance Forward Out	26,746	31,452	23,744	23,683	23,683	23,683	23,683	23,683
Expenditures	**444**	**573**	**2,134**	**2,937**				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				4,054		(5,071)		(5,071)

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26	Forecast Base FY27	Enacted Budget FY26	Enacted Budget FY27
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				398		(100)		(100)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2025 Appropriations	**42,160**	**42,160**	**42,160**	**84,320**
Base Adjustments				
Current Law Base Change		799	608	1,407
Forecast Base	**42,160**	**42,959**	**42,768**	**85,727**
Change Items				
Operating Adjustment		1,500	1,500	3,000
One-Time Adjustment		1,000		1,000
Total Enacted Budget	**42,160**	**45,459**	**44,268**	**89,727**
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
FY2025 Appropriations	**2,521**	**2,521**	**2,521**	**5,042**
Forecast Base	**2,521**	**2,521**	**2,521**	**5,042**
Change Items				
Health Related Boards Appropriation Increase		500	500	1,000
Total Enacted Budget	**2,521**	**3,021**	**3,021**	**6,042**
Fund: 2800 - Environmental				
FY2025 Appropriations	**145**	**145**	**145**	**290**
Forecast Base	**145**	**145**	**145**	**290**
Total Enacted Budget	**145**	**145**	**145**	**290**
Fund: 2801 - Remediation				
FY2025 Appropriations	**250**	**250**	**250**	**500**
Forecast Base	**250**	**250**	**250**	**500**
Total Enacted Budget	**250**	**250**	**250**	**500**
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	**838**	**589**	**589**	**1,178**
Forecast Base	**838**	**589**	**589**	**1,178**
Total Enacted Budget	**838**	**589**	**589**	**1,178**
Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	**15,993**	**15,101**	**15,101**	**30,202**
Forecast Base	**15,993**	**15,101**	**15,101**	**30,202**
Total Enacted Budget	**15,993**	**15,101**	**15,101**	**30,202**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
Fund: 3000 - Federal				
Planned Spending	4,771	4,232	4,232	8,464
Forecast Base	4,771	4,232	4,232	8,464
Total Enacted Budget	4,771	4,232	4,232	8,464
Fund: 6000 - Miscellaneous Agency				
Planned Spending	2,937			
Forecast Base	2,937			
Total Enacted Budget	2,937			
Revenue Change Summary				
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	635	589	589	1,178
Total Enacted Budget	635	589	589	1,178
Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	15,101	15,101	15,101	30,202
Total Enacted Budget	15,101	15,101	15,101	30,202
Fund: 3000 - Federal				
Forecast Revenues	4,700	4,232	4,232	8,464
Total Enacted Budget	4,700	4,232	4,232	8,464
Fund: 6000 - Miscellaneous Agency				
Forecast Revenues	2,876			
Total Enacted Budget	2,876			
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1000 - General				
Forecast Revenues	1,742	1,298	1,298	2,596
Total Enacted Budget	1,742	1,298	1,298	2,596

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27	FY28	FY29	Biennium 2028-29

Operating Adjustment

This operating adjustment is to help the Attorney General's Office address cost increases and to maintain the delivery of current services.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	**0**	**1,500**	**1,500**	**3,000**	**1,500**	**1,500**	**3,000**
Expenditures	0	1,500	1,500	3,000	1,500	1,500	3,000

One-Time Adjustment

This one-time operating increase for FY 2026 helps support the Attorney General's Office in its operations.

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

Health Related Boards Appropriation Increase

This increase to the Attorney General's Office from the health boards' account in the state government special revenue fund is for legal services provided by the Attorney General's Office for health boards.

1201 - Health Related Boards Fund Cost (Savings)	**0**	**500**	**500**	**1,000**	**500**	**500**	**1,000**
Expenditures	0	500	500	1,000	500	500	1,000