

**OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (0053)-2007-09 BIENNIUM**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**Mission**

The Attorney General's Office is a constitutionally established office that is charged with the responsibility of acting as the attorney for all state officials, departments, institutions and agencies. The Attorney General is also responsible for defending the state in federal courts, acting as legal representative of all state parties in litigation in which the state is involved, and for issuing legal opinions on constitutional or legal questions. The AG's Office also administers the Crime Victims Reparation Program, the Medicaid Fraud Program, Consumer Protection Division, and the Consumer Utilities Rate Advocacy Division.

**Total Biennial Budget**

The total budget for the Office of the Attorney General for the 2007-2009 biennium is \$20,821,156 the first year and \$20,960,511 the second year of the biennium.

**Funding Source**

Funded through the State Central Services Fund, special revenues (from funds transferred from State Administration of Justice Fund allocations), federal funds, and fund balances.

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

The Administration Appropriation funded by State Central Services for \$12,895,177 the first year and \$13,178,083 the second year which is an increase of \$2.2 million and \$2.3 million for seven new positions, salary increases, and increases in operating expenses, conference and travel expenses and professional fees.

The Crime Victims Reparations Program is used to compensate and assist victims of criminal acts. The appropriation is for \$3,826,994 the first year and \$3,837,815 the second year which is an increase over base level of \$7,634 and \$5,739 year two of the biennium. This is the required state match of 60% for this program which is funded through Special Revenues from the State Administration of Justice Fund.

Crime Victims Reparation Program - Federal appropriation pays for approximately 40% of the match for this program which is over \$1.4 million each year.

The Medicaid Fraud Division - State pays 25% of the costs for Medicaid Fraud Investigation through State Central Services. This appropriation is for \$528,071 the first year and \$539,037 the second year which is an increase over base level of \$41,808 year one and \$59,374 year two of the biennium.

The Medicaid Fraud Division - Federal pays 75% of the costs for Medicaid Fraud Investigation. The appropriation is for \$1.6 million each year which is an increase over base level of \$100,000 each year.

The Medicaid Fraud Division - Indirect Costs Appropriation is federally funded and is requested at \$290,000 each year of the biennium which is \$25,000 over base level. This appropriation provides federal funding where no state match is required.

There are two appropriations totaling \$200,000 to fund the Spyware Monitoring Program. \$100,000 from the Special Revenue-Spyware Monitoring Fund (2YK) and \$100,000 payable from general revenue (2YM) for monitoring and enforcement activities for spyware.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS:**

Total Positions for FY 2007-09 Biennium: 161

Total Positions for FY 2005-07 Biennium: 151

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

Attorney Fees. The disbursing officer of the appropriations shall deposit all monies received by the Office of Attorney General as attorney fees in the State Central Services Fund as direct revenues.

Carry Forward. Any balance of appropriation may be carried forward for the next fiscal year.

Transfer Provision. Authorized to transfer appropriation between line items in the Operations appropriation.