

DHS-DIRECTOR'S OFFICE/CHIEF COUNSEL (716) - FISCAL YEAR 2011

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Director's Office is responsible for the overall coordination of the Department of Human Services and to ensure that state and federal policies are carried out. The Office of Chief Counsel operates within the Director's Office and is responsible for providing legal services to all Divisions, investigative services regarding employee misconduct and recipient fraud in program areas such as TANF, Medicaid, Food Stamps, and child nutrition, audit services for the Department's various programs, and an appeals and hearings function for grievances made by providers and clients.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation for Fiscal Year 2011 is \$13,281,829.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The Director's Office/Office of Chief Counsel is funded from a mix of sources that include General Revenue, Federal, and Other funds. The appropriation is funded by general revenue (35%), federal funds (41%), and other funds (24%).

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OVER FY2010**

- The Director's Office/Office of Chief Council's Administration appropriation, funded by General and Federal Revenues, provides for a total appropriation of \$13,281,829, with change levels of:
  1. Operating Expenses increased by \$12,000 for wireless service, network services, rent, mileage, fuel, office supplies, data processing supplies and software/licenses.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total Authorized Positions for FY 2011: 188

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Increase(Decrease): 0

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

- PURCHASE OF EVIDENCE: The Chief Counsel can transfer up to \$12,000 to a bank account to be used to purchase evidence in the course of fraud investigations within the Food Stamp program.