

**DHS-DIRECTOR'S OFFICE/CHIEF COUNSEL (716)  
FISCAL YEAR 2015**

**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 AUTHORIZED**

The total budget for FY2015 is \$13,772,859.

**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 (34%), federal funds (47%), and other funds (19%).

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

- The **Director's Office/Office of Chief Council's Operations** appropriation, funded by General, Federal and Other Revenues, provides a total Base Level appropriation of \$12,649,116 with \$1,123,743 change level requests for a total appropriation of \$13,772,859, which include:
  1. Regular Salaries increased by \$743,800 and Personal Services Matching increased by \$256,352 to support position transfers.
  2. Operating Expenses increased by \$123,591 to reorganize the Grievance Office.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total Positions for FY2014: 173

Total Positions for FY2015: 190

Increase(Decrease): 17

+17 Net Positions transferred by other Divisions

**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.