

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Financial Summary

Expenditures, Current Budget, and Agency Requests

Budget Classes / Fund Sources	FY 2001 Expenditures	FY 2002 Expenditures	FY 2003 Current Budget	FY 2004 Agency Requests		
				Adjusted Base	Enhancements	Totals
Personal Services - Staff		\$16,276,654	\$19,164,805	\$19,030,526		\$19,030,526
Personal Services - Elected Officials		5,208,287	5,766,807	5,642,157		5,642,157
Personal Services - Combined	\$20,155,002					
Regular Operating Expenses	2,055,217	2,064,638	2,749,434	2,807,940		2,807,940
Travel - Staff		29,714	140,000	139,500		139,500
Travel - Elected Officials			3,500	3,500		3,500
Travel - Combined	57,161					
Equipment	724,941	280,017	1,299,000	1,309,000		1,309,000
Computer Charges	245,314	333,037	364,700	223,700		223,700
Real Estate Rentals	3,680	3,680	7,500	7,500		7,500
Telecommunications	434,988	606,193	698,000	698,000		698,000
Per Diem and Fees - Elected Officials		3,672,296	3,376,511	3,605,903		3,605,903
Per Diem and Fees - Staff		61,043	115,303	149,857		149,857
Per Diem and Fees - Combined	3,496,973					
Per Diem Differential						
Contracts - Elected Officials		683,796	830,000	745,000		745,000
Contracts - Staff		27,880	95,000	95,000		95,000
Photography	77,878	66,217	105,000	105,000		105,000
Expense Reimbursement Allowance	1,302,166	1,230,808	1,652,000	1,652,000		1,652,000
Total Funds	\$28,553,320	\$30,544,260	\$36,367,560	\$36,214,583		\$36,214,583
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$28,553,320	\$30,544,260	\$36,367,560	\$36,214,583		\$36,214,583

The budget request for the General Assembly has been included in the Governor's recommendation in estimating the total financial needs of the state for FY 2004.

EXPLANATION OF REQUEST: The General Assembly requests a decrease of \$152,977 for operations in FY 2004.

DESCRIPTION: The Constitution provides that the legislative power of the state shall be vested in the General Assembly, which consists of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The General Assembly convenes in regular session annually on the second Monday in January. With two exceptions, all bills may originate in either the Senate or the House of Representatives, but all bills must be passed by both branches and signed by the Governor before becoming law. The exceptions are bills raising revenue and bills that appropriate money, which can originate only in the House. In the event of the Governor's veto of any bill during a session, the bill can be overridden by a two-thirds majority vote in both houses.

REQUESTED APPROPRIATION: The General Assembly is the budget unit for which the following State Fund Appropriation for FY 2004 is requested: \$36,214,583.