

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

MISSION

The Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) maintains criminal history and statistical data for Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies, identifies criminals through fingerprints, provides training and management services to local police departments, conducts criminal justice research and analysis, and administers and distributes State and Federal funding to various entities within the criminal justice system.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The Division, located in Albany, is headed by a Commissioner who is appointed by the Governor. The Commissioner also serves as the Governor's Director of Criminal Justice, overseeing policy development and operations for all State criminal justice agencies and programs.

A workforce of 730 positions is recommended for 2003-04. Approximately 80 percent of these positions will be supported by State tax dollars, with the remaining financed by Federal grants.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

In 2003-04, approximately \$40 million in State tax dollars, and \$85.9 million in Federal funds will support the Division's State Operations budget. The Division's Aid to Localities program will distribute \$47 million in State tax dollars, and \$47.2 million in Federal funds to support various local criminal justice initiatives.

To assist the Division in processing fingerprints, funding is continued for the Statewide Automated Fingerprint System, which expedites digital access to information for local police departments, and ensures that State data is in compliance with Federal Bureau of Investigation standards, thereby linking New York to national databases and those of other states across the country.

Legislation to raise the fee for noncriminal fingerprint processing is proposed to fund necessary upgrades in the State's criminal justice technology. These upgrades will result in better communication among police agencies, ensure that individuals with criminal histories are not employed in certain sensitive jobs and provide for faster and more accurate identification of dangerous criminals upon their arrest.

This recommendation also continues funding to support New York's DNA Databank. With its expansion to include already convicted offenders serving time in State prison, or on parole or probation, the Databank immediately began to help solve more crimes and exonerate innocent people. As crime scene data is analyzed and compared to the DNA of known criminals, science will assist law enforcement, prosecutors and the judicial system in identifying, prosecuting and convicting our most dangerous criminal offenders.

The budget also recommends DCJS as a host agency for routine administrative functions of the Crime Victims Board and the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, similar to the previous successful initiative with the Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives and the State Commission of Correction. Most significantly, this arrangement will provide the Board and the Office with enhanced access to digital technology and expertise to better meet increasing demands for service.

A reduction in the overall funding level for local criminal justice programs reflects the State's significant investment in prison capacity and criminal justice technology improvements over the past eight years.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Recent events have created an obvious urgency to raise preparedness levels for potential terrorist incidents. Through 2002-03, \$26 million in Federal funding has supported efforts to prepare the State's emergency response plan and to conduct a statewide "needs and risk" assessment of logistical capabilities and vulnerabilities. These Federal funds are also being used to provide needed equipment and training for local government response personnel. Additional Federal funding is anticipated and will be used to further implement the State's plan.

IDENTIFICATION SERVICES

The Division identifies individuals through fingerprint comparison and provides criminal history records to authorized representatives of Federal, State and local criminal justice agencies and processes approximately 99 percent of New York City criminal fingerprints in under two hours. Modern technology provides speed and accuracy in fingerprint identification and allows police to solve crimes more quickly. The processing of criminal cases is tracked by computer beginning with the arrest and ending with the decision by a judge and/or jury. The Division also processes noncriminal fingerprint and name searches for certain employment, license and permit applications.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUPPORT

The Division provides technical support, training and funding to localities to support criminal justice functions such as law enforcement, prosecution, defense and crime laboratories. The Agency also provides financial aid to district attorneys prosecuting death penalty cases, maintains a DNA Identification Index and conducts extensive criminal justice statistical research and policy analysis, including the production of New York's Uniform Crime Reports.

In addition, the Agency acts as the State Planning Agency for the receipt and processing of Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funding. These funds support programs addressing youth who are at risk of criminal and/or delinquent behavior. The Division also administers other Federal programs including Anti-Drug Abuse funds which support a statewide anti-drug strategy of prosecution and preventive enforcement efforts, Violence Against Women funds which focus on prosecution, law enforcement and victim services related to domestic violence and Law Enforcement funds which provide assistance to local police departments.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2002-03	Appropriations Recommended 2003-04	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2003-04
State Operations	97,910,000	135,081,000	37,171,000	125,087,400
Aid To Localities	122,480,845	99,257,000	(23,223,845)	201,076,900
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	220,390,845	234,338,000	13,947,155	326,164,300

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ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)			
Program	2002-03 Estimated FTEs 03/31/03	2003-04 Estimated FTEs 03/31/04	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	68	64	(4)
Funding and Program Assistance			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	132	132	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	2	4	2
Justice Systems			
General Fund	43	42	(1)
Operation and Systems			
General Fund	429	425	(4)
Public Safety			
General Fund	60	60	0
Fiduciary Funds	3	3	0
Total	737	730	(7)

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Fund Type	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
General Fund	42,642,000	40,037,000	(2,605,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	53,818,000	85,894,000	32,076,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	300,000	8,000,000	7,700,000
Fiduciary Funds	1,150,000	1,150,000	0
Total	97,910,000	135,081,000	37,171,000

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Program	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
Administration			
General Fund	13,884,000	12,487,000	(1,397,000)
Funding and Program Assistance			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	48,718,000	78,394,000	29,676,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	300,000	300,000	0
Fiduciary Funds	200,000	200,000	0
Justice Systems			
General Fund	2,461,000	2,279,000	(182,000)
Operation and Systems			
General Fund	22,996,000	22,049,000	(947,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,100,000	7,500,000	2,400,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	0	7,700,000	7,700,000
Public Safety			
General Fund	3,301,000	3,222,000	(79,000)
Fiduciary Funds	950,000	950,000	0
Total	97,910,000	135,081,000	37,171,000

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2003-04 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	3,760,000	(543,000)	3,721,000	(543,000)
Justice Systems	2,130,000	(153,000)	2,121,000	(153,000)
Operation and Systems	15,958,000	(1,073,000)	15,876,000	(1,073,000)
Public Safety	2,844,000	(73,000)	2,800,000	(73,000)
Total	<u>24,692,000</u>	<u>(1,842,000)</u>	<u>24,518,000</u>	<u>(1,842,000)</u>

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	5,000	0	34,000	0
Justice Systems	0	0	9,000	0
Operation and Systems	0	0	82,000	0
Public Safety	0	0	44,000	0
Total	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>169,000</u>	<u>0</u>

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2003-04 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	8,727,000	(854,000)	349,000	(45,000)
Justice Systems	149,000	(29,000)	20,000	(6,000)
Operation and Systems	6,091,000	126,000	66,000	(49,000)
Public Safety	378,000	(6,000)	87,000	(15,000)
Total	<u>15,345,000</u>	<u>(763,000)</u>	<u>522,000</u>	<u>(115,000)</u>

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	271,000	0	4,777,000	(809,000)
Justice Systems	23,000	0	97,000	(23,000)
Operation and Systems	25,000	0	5,950,000	175,000
Public Safety	215,000	0	12,000	9,000
Total	<u>534,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,836,000</u>	<u>(648,000)</u>

Program	Equipment		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	1,159,000	0	2,171,000	0
Justice Systems	9,000	0	0	0
Operation and Systems	50,000	0	0	0
Public Safety	64,000	0	0	0
Total	<u>1,282,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,171,000</u>	<u>0</u>

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STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2003-04 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Funding and Program Assistance	78,894,000	29,676,000	500,000	0
Operation and Systems	15,200,000	10,100,000	0	0
Public Safety	950,000	0	0	0
Total	95,044,000	39,776,000	500,000	0

Program	Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change
Funding and Program Assistance	78,394,000	29,676,000
Operation and Systems	15,200,000	10,100,000
Public Safety	950,000	0
Total	94,544,000	39,776,000

AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Fund Type	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
General Fund	66,985,845	47,006,000	(19,979,845)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	48,395,000	47,151,000	(1,244,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	7,100,000	5,100,000	(2,000,000)
Total	122,480,845	99,257,000	(23,223,845)

AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Program	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
Funding and Program Assistance			
General Fund	58,602,000	47,006,000	(11,596,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	48,395,000	47,151,000	(1,244,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	7,100,000	5,100,000	(2,000,000)
Community Projects			
General Fund	8,383,845	0	(8,383,845)
Total	122,480,845	99,257,000	(23,223,845)