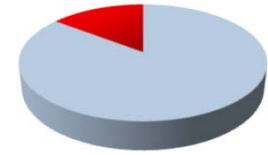


LANCASTER COUNTY
EXPENDITURES BY BUSINESS UNIT WITH ENCUMBRANCES

FY19 Request

- Salary & benefit - 85%
- Capital outlay - 0%
- Operating - 15%



FUND	General Fund	00011
BU	County Attorney	6520
UPDATED	5/14/2018	

Budget Summary	Current Year Budget FY18	FY19 Budget Request	% Change in Budget FY18 to FY19	Amount Over/(Under) FY18
Salaries & benefits	\$6,682,453	\$6,950,234	4.0%	
Operating & capital outlay - base	\$1,028,392	\$1,191,935	15.9%	\$163,543
Total Budget	\$7,710,845	\$8,142,169	5.6%	

Object #	Object Description	Prior Year FY17 Actuals	Prior Year FY17 Encumbrance Carryover	FY18 Current Year Budget	FY18 Current Year To-Date Actuals	FY18 Outstanding Encumbrances	FY19 Next Year Budget Request	% Change in Budget FY18 to FY19
61110	Official's Salary	152,360	0	154,757	115,508	0	157,852	2.0%
61150	Deputy's Salary	334,632	0	445,585	366,485	0	454,096	1.9%
61210	Regular Salary	4,171,847	0	4,328,831	3,539,682	0	4,526,630	4.6%
61250	Temporary Salary	18,622	0	0	12,139	0	38,500	n/a
61310	Overtime	187	0	0	94	0	0	n/a
61510	FICA Contributions	339,081	0	372,641	291,059	0	388,249	4.2%
61520	Retirement Contributions	337,711	0	357,618	288,076	0	370,326	3.6%
61530	Group Health Insurance	841,875	0	923,607	744,283	0	912,773	-1.2%
61540	Group Dental Insurance	35,176	0	36,491	30,146	0	36,082	-1.1%
61650	Long-Term Disability	13,958	0	15,773	12,197	0	16,326	3.5%
61660	Post-Employment Health Program	55,604	0	47,150	195,133	0	49,400	4.8%
63110	Office Supplies	39,888	0	33,000	27,123	0	33,000	0.0%
64150	Consulting Services	43,041	0	45,000	41,434	0	45,000	0.0%
64170	Equip Maintenance Agreements	407	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
64175	Comput Softwr Maint/License	0	0	0	0	0	16,000	n/a
64285	City Information Services	135,996	0	126,893	110,113	0	122,610	-3.4%
64286	VOIP Information Services	17,457	0	17,031	13,902	0	16,395	-3.7%
64288	GIS Information Services	9,819	0	0	8,429	0	7,562	n/a
64295	Other Misc Contracted Svs	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0.0%
64710	Meals	1,048	0	1,000	330	0	1,000	0.0%
64715	Lodging	3,246	0	1,000	581	0	3,000	200.0%
64720	Fares	0	0	0	1,047	0	0	n/a
64725	Mileage	3,742	0	2,800	1,186	0	2,800	0.0%
64730	Parking & Tolls	7	0	0	7	0	0	n/a
64735	Vehicle Rental	0	0	0	179	0	0	n/a
64810	Telephone - Local	677	0	800	180	0	210	-73.8%
64815	Telephone - Long Distance	74	0	60	0	0	0	-100.0%
64855	Postage	32,856	0	33,000	27,673	0	37,000	12.1%
64910	Printing	5,668	0	6,500	5,073	0	4,000	-38.5%
64915	Photocopying	19,592	0	22,000	20,441	0	26,000	18.2%
65110	Medical Services	322,557	0	280,000	351,568	0	400,000	42.9%
65145	Hospitalization	64,334	0	55,000	64,818	0	65,000	18.2%
65640	Witness fees	15,366	0	12,000	11,292	0	12,000	0.0%
65660	Memberships & Dues	18,598	0	18,875	18,806	0	18,875	0.0%
65665	Books & Subscriptions	4,621	0	5,000	5,135	0	5,000	0.0%
65670	Enrollment Fees & Tuition	1,784	0	500	1,583	0	1,500	200.0%
65680	Civil Fees	21,300	0	25,000	17,610	0	25,000	0.0%
65845	Other Misc Fees & Services	15,854	0	15,000	12,631	0	15,000	0.0%
65950	Officials' Bonds	0	0	0	0	0	100	n/a
65955	Employees' Bonds	2,195	0	1,700	1,830	0	1,700	0.0%
66220	Office Equipment R&M	321	0	0	176	0	0	n/a
66520	Building Rent	274,271	0	316,233	263,528	0	323,183	2.2%
67465	Furniture & Fixtures	2,054	5,023	0	0	0	0	n/a
Individual ledger		\$7,367,823	\$5,023	\$7,710,845	\$6,611,478	\$0	\$8,142,169	5.6%
Total Actuals plus Encumbrances			\$7,372,847			\$6,611,478		

**LANCASTER COUNTY
REVENUES BY BUSINESS UNIT**

FUND	General Fund	00011
BU	County Attorney	6520
LAST UPDATED	5/14/2018	

Object #	Object Description	Prior Year FY17 Actuals	Current Year Budget FY18	Current Year FY18 To-Date Actuals	Next Year FY19 Budget Request	% Change in Budget FY18 to FY19
54165	Justice Assistance	(133,427)	(170,000)	(14,510)	(170,000)	0.0%
54220	Domestic Violence Assistance	(48,505)	(49,096)	0	(49,096)	0.0%
54245	Welfare IV D Reimbursement	(1,478,734)	(1,000,000)	(1,271,830)	(1,000,000)	0.0%
54250	Welfare IV D Medicaid Reimb	0	0	(16,860)	0	n/a
54260	Federal Juvenile Justice	(104,500)	(104,500)	(78,375)	(104,500)	0.0%
55320	Sheriff's Fees	(1,183)	0	(795)	0	n/a
55896	Other Reimb & Refunds	(11,390)	0	(12,060)	0	n/a
58595	Other Miscellaneous Revenues	0	0	(279)	0	n/a
59310	Grant Transfers	(18,252)	(43,705)	(83,912)	(43,705)	0.0%
		(\$1,795,991)	(\$1,367,301)	(\$1,478,622)	(\$1,367,301)	0.0%

LANCASTER COUNTY
PERSONNEL SUMMARY FORM
 2018-2019 Budget

BUSINESS UNIT #: 11

BUSINESS UNIT NAME Lancaster County Attorney

CLASS	CLASS TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		PAY RANGE	SALARY AMOUNTS	
		FY17-18 BUDGETED	FY18-19 REQUESTED		FY17-18 BUDGET	FY18-19 REQUEST
	Law Clerk	3.5	3.5	38731-49612	121,662	157,653
	Operations Manager	1	1	63548=81394	80,410	82,395
	Client Services Associate	6	6	34833=44616	221,721	231,926
	Legal Secretary II	7	7	41568-52348	322,392	338,518
	Legal Secretary III	1	1	44616-57150	56,657	58,051
	Office Systems Specialist	1	1	53248-68205	67,442	137,698
	Paralegal I	11	11	44616-57150	565,262	589,905
	Paralegal II	8	8	49612-63548	489,622	440,977
	Deputy County Attorneys	30	30		2,403,663	2,489,507
	Chief Deputy Attorneys	3	3		445,585	454,096
	County Attorney	1	1		154,757	157,852
	TOTALS	72.5	72.5		4,929,173	5,138,578

**Lancaster County
Employee Information
2018-2019 BUDGET**

Department Name Lancaster County Attorney

Identify the number of employees as of the beginning of the fiscal year and use what was used for budget purposes.	FY17-18 Budget	FY18-19 Request
Number of Full Time Equivalents (FTE's)	72.5	72.5
Breakdown of FTE's:		
Full Time	69	69
Part Time	3.5	3.5
Temporary	0	0
On Call	0	0
Positions not filled	2	2
Breakdown of Employees:		
Number within pay steps of pay plan (merit plus COLA)	39	41
Number at final step or no pay plan (COLA only)	33.5	32.0
Health Insurance Breakdown by Number of Employees:		
Single	25	27
2/4 Party	16	16
Family	18	19
Retirements:		
Number of Employees	3	Unknown
Cost of Payouts (Include Vacation and PEHP)	183,320	

LANCASTER COUNTY
REQUEST FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES & LEASES
2018-2019 BUDGET

BUSINESS UNIT #: 11

BUSINESS UNIT NAME: Lancaster County Attorney

DESCRIPTION	FUTURE IMPACT	BUDGET AMOUNT		
		OBJECT CODE		AMOUNT
		DESCRIPTION	#	
Medical Services - to provide Lancaster County with pathology services; coroners calls, autopsies, etc.	On going	65110		400,000
Body Transports; Blood/Alcohol testing DWI cases, rape and evaluation	On going	65145		65,000
Other Contracted Services - Prior Conviction Records, Appeals, DMV Records, Misc Expenses	On going	65845		15,000
Consulting Services - Court Reporting Services	On going	64150		45,000
	TOTAL			525,000

LANCASTER COUNTY
FEDERAL REVENUES
2018-19 BUDGET

BUSINESS UNIT: 6520

BUSINESS UNIT NAME: Lancaster County Attorney

Budgeted Amount FY2019	Federal Grantor/ Program Title/ CFDA Number	Business Unit	Revenue Account	Positions Funded by Grant	Grant Period	County Match
170,000	Justice Assistance Drug Program 16.738	6520	54165	Two Attorneys - Partial Funding	Ongoing	
49,096	Domestic Violence Assistance 16.588	6520	54220	One Attorney and One Paralegal, both Partial Funding	Ongoing	
66% of Welfare IV-D Program costs Est 1,000,000	93.563	6520	54245	Two Attorneys and 18 Staff Positions	Ongoing	34.00%
104,500	Federal Juvenile Justice 93.603	6520	54260	Two Attorneys - Partial Funding	Ongoing	
43,705	RESTORE 16.738	6520	59310	Legal Secretary	Ongoing	
1,367,301	TOTALS					

Microcomputer Estimate

05/16/2018

County Attorney	
Control #	170947

Funding Source	
Acronym:	JCO
Special Funding Source:	

Hardware	PART #	Purchase Price	Qty	Disposal Fee	Total
* HP ProDesk 600 G3 Tower Desktop i5-7500 3.4GHZ, 16Gb, 256GB SSD, Blu-Ray, Win10P, Wirless Kyb/Mouse	Y3E02AV	\$791.23	21	\$10.00	\$16,825.83
* HP E243 24-inch Widescreen LED Monitor	1FH47AA#ABA	\$160.00	13	\$4.50	\$2,138.50
HP Elite x2 1012 G2 i5-7300U 256GB SSD, 8GB RAM, W10P64, 12.3" 2736x1824, 3/3/0	1NL79UA#ABA	1,355.00	1	\$2.00	\$1,357.00
HP 9x5 Pickup and Return w/ ADP 3 Yr Warranty - 1012 upg from 3/3/0	U4428E	75.00	1		\$75.00
Shipping and Handling	S&H	\$0.00	1		\$0.00
Total Hardware Cost		\$2,381.23			\$20,396.33

Software	PART #	Purchase Cost	Qty	
Office 365 E3 Government Cloud (O365 G3) per user annual charge January 1	AAA-10842	\$128.64	1	\$128.64
Discount for 5 Months of Office 365 E3 Government Cloud (O365 G3)		-\$53.60	1	-\$53.60
Microsoft Office 2016 STD (License Only)	021-10559	\$241.00	4	\$964.00
Adobe Acrobat Std DC 2017 CLP5.0-L2 Universal English Single User Government (License)	65280416AC02A00	\$207.00	21	\$4,347.00
Roxio easy CD & DVD Burning software		\$19.71	21	\$413.91
* Microsoft Windows Server 2016 User License CAL - Select Level D	R18-05173	\$25.00	22	\$550.00
Shipping and Handling	S&H	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
Total Software Cost:		\$567.75		\$6,349.95

Total Hardware/Software Cost	\$26,746.28
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Estimated Installation Costs:	\$0.00
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Total System Cost:	\$26,746.28
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Microcomputer Estimate

05/11/2018

County Attorney	
Control #	170946

Funding Source	
Acronym:	CLC
Special Funding Source:	State Reimbursement

Hardware	PART #	Purchase Price	Qty	Disposal Fee	Total
* HP ProDesk 600 G3 Tower Desktop i5-7500 3.4GHZ, 16Gb, 256GB SSD, DVD+/-RW LSDL, Win10P, Wirless Kyb/Mouse	Y3E02AV	\$737.23	9	\$10.00	\$6,725.07
* HP E243 24-inch Widescreen LED Monitor	1FH47AA#ABA	\$160.00	2	\$4.50	\$329.00
HP LJ Pro M402n 40PPM Network, 80000 ppmmonth duty cycle	C5F93A#BGJ	\$247.48	1	\$3.30	\$250.78
HP PurchasEdge program Discount	discount	-\$50.00	1		-\$50.00
HP PurchasEdge program Discount	discount	-\$76.81	1		-\$76.81
Shipping and Handling	S&H	\$0.00	1		\$0.00
Total Hardware Cost		\$1,017.90			\$7,178.04

Software	PART #	Purchase Cost	Qty		
Microsoft Office 2016 STD (License Only)	021-10559	\$241.00	9		\$2,169.00
Shipping and Handling	S&H	\$0.00	1		\$0.00
Total Software Cost:		\$241.00			\$2,169.00

Total Hardware/Software Cost	\$9,347.04
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Estimated Installation Costs:	\$0.00
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Total System Cost:	\$9,347.04
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BUSINESS UNIT # 11

LANCASTER COUNTY
Request for Increase in Personnel or Services
FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

BUSINESS UNIT NAME: County Attorney

OBJECT CODE	OBJECT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	JUSTIFICATION OF NEED TO INCREASE PERSONNEL OR PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES
	Investigator (24 hours) Salary: 31,393 FICA: 2402 Pension: 2040 Health Ins: Dent Ins: PEHP: 325	36,160	An in-house investigator would assist the attorneys with: case review and follow-up investigation on criminal and civil cases; Grand Jury preparations and presentation; witness interviews; report summaries; synchronization and preparation of technological evidence; witness and evidence management at trial; and act as an office liaison with local, state and federal law enforcement.
TOTAL TO CONSIDER		36,160	
Do Not Include Increase in F.T.E.'S or Requests for Expansion of Services in Your Requested Budget or Supporting Schedules - These will be Considered Separately.			

Department	Division	Mandated by ...	Service	Basis of Estimate	Total Estimated Costs	Salaries & Benefits	Operating Costs	Contracted Services	Capital Outlay	Additional Staffing	Unresolved Issues	Total w/ Additional Staffing and Unresolved Issues	Total Estimated Revenue	Non-Mandated	Unfunded Mandates	
County Attorney	Civil	Nebraska Revised Statutes and case law.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Advise all county departments, agencies, elected officials, appointed department heads and employees on legal matters that arise out of their official duties. Provide legal representation to Lancaster County and its employees on all matters relating to the assessment of property for purposes of taxation, including the board of equalization and the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission. Represent Lancaster County on all matters relating to the levy and collection of all real and personal property taxes including tax exemptions, distress warrants, foreclosure, treasurer's deeds, tax sale certificates and bankruptcy proceedings. Defend on all litigation brought against the County, including tort claims, negligence cases, civil rights actions, workers' compensation cases, private foreclosures, employment law and appeals from the personnel policy board. Represent the County in civil litigation in the areas of eminent domain, damage to county property, collection of general assistance, contract claims and zoning and planning disputes. Provide legal advice and representation to the County in the areas of labor negotiations, employee benefits, pension plan administration, ADA and FMLA. Appear before Lancaster County Board, Lincoln/Lancaster County Board of Health, Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Lancaster County Mental Health Board and Personnel Policy Board to represent the interests of County and its agencies. 	The services are provided by attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of Nebraska. Three full time attorneys, one part time attorney and the Chief Deputy are assigned to the civil division to perform all of the listed services. One support staff position is shared with the other divisions in the office. Because of the broad scope of the legal services provided, considerable experience and knowledge is required to accomplish the work. Experience in the civil division is not what it was a few years ago. This presents challenges for the current staff on a frequent basis.	\$651,160	\$591,385	\$59,775			\$0.00			\$651,160		All services are mandated. The manner of providing the services is not always dictated by statute.	Most services provided are mandated by state laws and paid for by county tax dollars.
County Attorney	Child Support	Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 23, 42 and 43.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and enforce Orders for the support of children. Review and modify existing support orders. Obtain and enforce Orders for the collection of birthing expenses when requested by the State of Nebraska. Address concerns of both custodial parents and non-custodial parents as they arise. 	Two attorneys and 16 support staff monitor and enforce 11,654 active cases. The number of cases per attorney remains unacceptably high and may adversely impact collection efforts. Statistics kept by the State of Nebraska should be closely monitored.	\$1,668,482	\$1,465,351	\$203,131					\$1,668,482		All services are mandated by state law and/or a contract between the county and DHHS for child support enforcement services.	All mandated services are reimbursed 66 cents on the dollar by the State through the Federal IV-D Program.	
County Attorney	Juvenile	Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 23, Article 12 (County Attorneys); Neb. Rev. Stat/Chapter 43, Article 2 (Juvenile Code)	Enforce the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, and the laws of the State of Nebraska on behalf of, and for the health, safety, security and welfare of all of the people of Lancaster County and the State of Nebraska, particularly its children and families.	Six attorneys, one Chief Deputy, and three administrative staff manage the four courtrooms in the separate Juvenile Court for Lancaster County. Division attorneys are on call, outside normal business hours, 7 days a week/24 hours per day. The Division receives child abuse and neglect referrals from the State Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and all law enforcement agencies. In the pursuit of permanency for abused and neglected children, the Division may be asked to request Termination of Parental Rights. The Division receives referrals from all law enforcement agencies on juveniles under 18 who violate the criminal laws of the State of Nebraska. The Division receives truancy referrals from all schools responsible for educating students in Lancaster County, and is statutorily mandated to make reasonable efforts to refer juveniles and families to community-based resources. The Division receives requests from parents and caregivers of children in Lancaster County to petition the Court for assistance with children who are ungovernable or are otherwise experiencing mental health or behavioral issues. The Division administers the establishment of child support on behalf of children in out-of-home placement. All attorneys annually comply with state-law mandated hours of continuing legal education. Nebraska Revised Statutes section 28-729 mandates that the County Attorney, with the assistance of the Child Advocacy Center, assemble and manage a multidisciplinary, child abuse and neglect investigation team. Current attorney and administrative staff levels are appropriate and sufficient to manage the existing caseload and additional demands of the Division. Demands on the County Attorney's Juvenile Division continue to increase as Courts, Law Enforcement, State Agencies (HHS and Probation), and community-based disciplines innovate and implement strategies to serve children in our community. (See Box 15) The attorneys prepare briefs and argue appeals filed in their cases in the Nebraska Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.	\$1,146,510	\$1,041,328	\$105,182					\$1,146,510		The Juvenile Division works closely, extensively, and cooperatively with the Court, HHS, State Probation, law enforcement agencies, schools, and multiple community-based human-services agencies (eg. CenterPointe, Cedars, Child Guidance Center, Voices of Hope, Region 5 Human Services) in an effort to comprehensively fulfill its fundamental mission of providing complete, reliable, and professional assistance to children and families in the community. This effort includes, but is not limited to, implementation of and participation in the following: Family Drug Court, Juvenile Drug Court, Truancy Court Diversion, Supreme Court Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, Lancaster County Steering Committee, HHS Alternative Response, Child Abuse and Neglect Intake Summary Review, Early Assessment/Diversion/Intensive Diversion, Pre-Adjudication Services, Lincoln Police Department Project RESTORE, Lincoln Police Department Gang Response, Crisis Response Coalition/Suicide Prevention, Probation/HHS Crossover Youth Initiative, Disproportionate Minority Contact data collection, Racial and Ethnic Disparities Committee, Lincoln Public Schools SMART teams (16 schools), Grant Administration assistance, Legislative monitoring. The above-mentioned programs, initiatives, and activities are hybrid "non-mandated" and yet intrinsically "mandated" services. As an attorney, an elected official, and an advocate for children and families in Lancaster County, it is the County Attorney's duty and responsibility to work with the Court and other community leaders, in all ways possible, to execute the laws of the State as effectively and efficiently as possible. Children and families in the Lancaster County community are daily affected by drug dependency, domestic violence, physical and sexual abuse, sub-standard living conditions, and homelessness. The County Attorney dedicates itself to participation in smart, pro-active, evidence-based programs and initiatives in order to responsibly address the needs of children and families in the community, and execute its sworn duty. (See Boxes 3 and 4).		
County Attorney	Criminal	Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 23, Article 12, Chapters 28, 29, 60 and 77.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing investigations and prosecuting all of the felonies that occur in Lancaster County. Reviewing investigations and prosecuting all domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault cases that occur in Lancaster County, whether felony or misdemeanor. Reviewing investigations and prosecuting all of the Class I and Class II misdemeanors that occur anywhere in Lancaster County. Those are the two most serious classes of misdemeanors. Reviewing investigations and prosecuting all crimes that occur on property owned by the University of Nebraska or the state. Reviewing investigations and prosecuting all crimes submitted by state agencies. Reviewing investigations and prosecuting all of the traffic infractions that occur outside the city of Lincoln. <p>The investigations are submitted by the Lincoln Police Department, the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, the Nebraska State Patrol, the Lancaster County Drug Task Force, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department, the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Nebraska Game and Parks, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Insurance, DHHS and various federal agencies such as the FBI, ICE, ATF and the DEA.</p>	The Criminal Division consists of 18 full-time prosecutors in the County and District courts. The Chief Deputy and the County Attorney also prosecute criminal cases. A University of Nebraska College of Law professor and the students in the criminal law clinic also handle some criminal cases. Ten staff members, consisting of paralegals, legal secretaries and client service associates, are assigned full-time to the Criminal Division. Three other staff members and the six law clerks spend a considerable amount of their time on criminal matters, although they also perform functions for other divisions within the office. In 2017 this office filed over 2,500 felony, 4,500 misdemeanor and over 7,000 traffic/infraction cases. There are 8 district courtrooms and 7 county courtrooms where these matters are handled. Utilizing a vertical prosecution approach, the attorneys review reports, make charging decisions and recommend bond provisions on new cases submitted daily by law enforcement agencies. Once a case is filed, prosecutors communicate with officers to conduct follow-up investigations, contact witnesses and review property items. The court case work begins immediately with arraignments and bond review hearings often followed by docket calls, preliminary hearings, suppression hearings and pretrial motions. Legal research, lengthy interviews with witnesses and law enforcement officers, consultation with expert witnesses and plea negotiations often precede trial. The trials are either to a judge or a jury; the latter more than doubling the amount of time to prepare and try the case. All of the attorneys are assigned routine duties like daily arraignments, on a rotating basis. All of the criminal attorneys are on various 'call lists' for after-hour or week-end inquiries or assistance with search warrants requested by law enforcement. Every Saturday, Sunday and holiday, a prosecutor comes to the office to meet with a judge to review probable cause affidavits for individuals recently arrested. Prosecutors in the office brief and argue interlocutory appeals heard by the Nebraska Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. The Chief Deputy and County Attorney brief and argue post-conviction appeals heard by the District Court. State statutes require county attorneys and deputy county attorneys to complete 20 hours of CLE training each year. This is ten more hours than the requirement for all other attorneys.	\$4,046,138	\$3,254,397	\$791,741					\$4,046,138		State statutes do not mandate a pre-trial diversion program. Our attorneys assist Community Corrections in determining eligibility and we participate in appeals when a defendant is either not allowed into the program or protests a termination. State statutes do not mandate that counties create and operate specialty courts. Our Adult Drug Court and Veteran's Treatment Court are both fashioned to reduce recidivism for those populations. Our prosecutors frequently assist law enforcement agencies in training officers on criminal law issues such as search and seizure and obtaining confessions. Due to their expertise the prosecutors testify at the Legislature and assist staff in drafting legislation.		
County Attorney	Admin	Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapters, 23, 28 and 29.	<p>The County Attorney is an elected official. By statute, a Chief Deputy is appointed to act in the absence of the County Attorney. The office leadership also includes an Office Manager and the chief deputies for civil and juvenile. We are the third largest law firm in town, behind the Nebraska Attorney General's Office and the Cline, Williams firm. The County Attorney, the Chief Deputy and the chiefs of civil and juvenile all handle active case dockets in the respective courts.</p> <p>By statute the County Attorney is the County Coroner. The function involves decision making about autopsies, allowing organ retrievals and criminal investigations. It involves the on-line completion of death certificates and cremation certificates. It involves discussions with family members and insurance companies.</p> <p>The County Attorney and Chief Deputy field telephone calls and inquires from law enforcement almost every day and night. Law enforcement officers are required to investigate the death of anyone dying 'unattended'. An autopsy may be ordered if the cause or manner of death are not readily apparent or if the treating physician is unwilling to sign the death certificate. Autopsies are required for infants and children. In 2017 we authorized about 225 autopsies and were consulted on 1,680 coroner cases. Consultation can be as simple as one telephone call to us from law enforcement to several hours of review of the reports. The ordinary cost per autopsy is \$1,500-\$2,000.</p> <p>The statutes require the County Attorney to conduct grand jury investigations when individuals die 'in custody.' Examples range from persons who die of natural causes in jail or prison to individuals who are killed in an officer involved shooting. We conduct 10-15 grand juries each year. The officer involved shooting cases involve substantial preparation and consultation with experts.</p> <p>The Chief Deputy prepares jury lists for the eight District Courts on a monthly basis. That requires a rather labor-intensive, detailed review of the 500 or so felony cases which are ready for trial.</p> <p>Other administrative functions involve interviewing job applicants, hiring employees and the disciplining involved with employee misconduct. Caseload assignments and training new attorneys are an on-going function. Public appearances, talks to clubs and classes are all part of the job description for the management team.</p>	No basis of estimate or unfunded mandate for this category	\$629,879	\$597,773	\$32,106					\$629,879				
TOTALS BY DEPARTMENT					\$8,142,169	\$6,950,234	\$1,191,935	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$8,142,169	\$0			