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# **Fiscal Year 2025 Executive Budget Review**

# **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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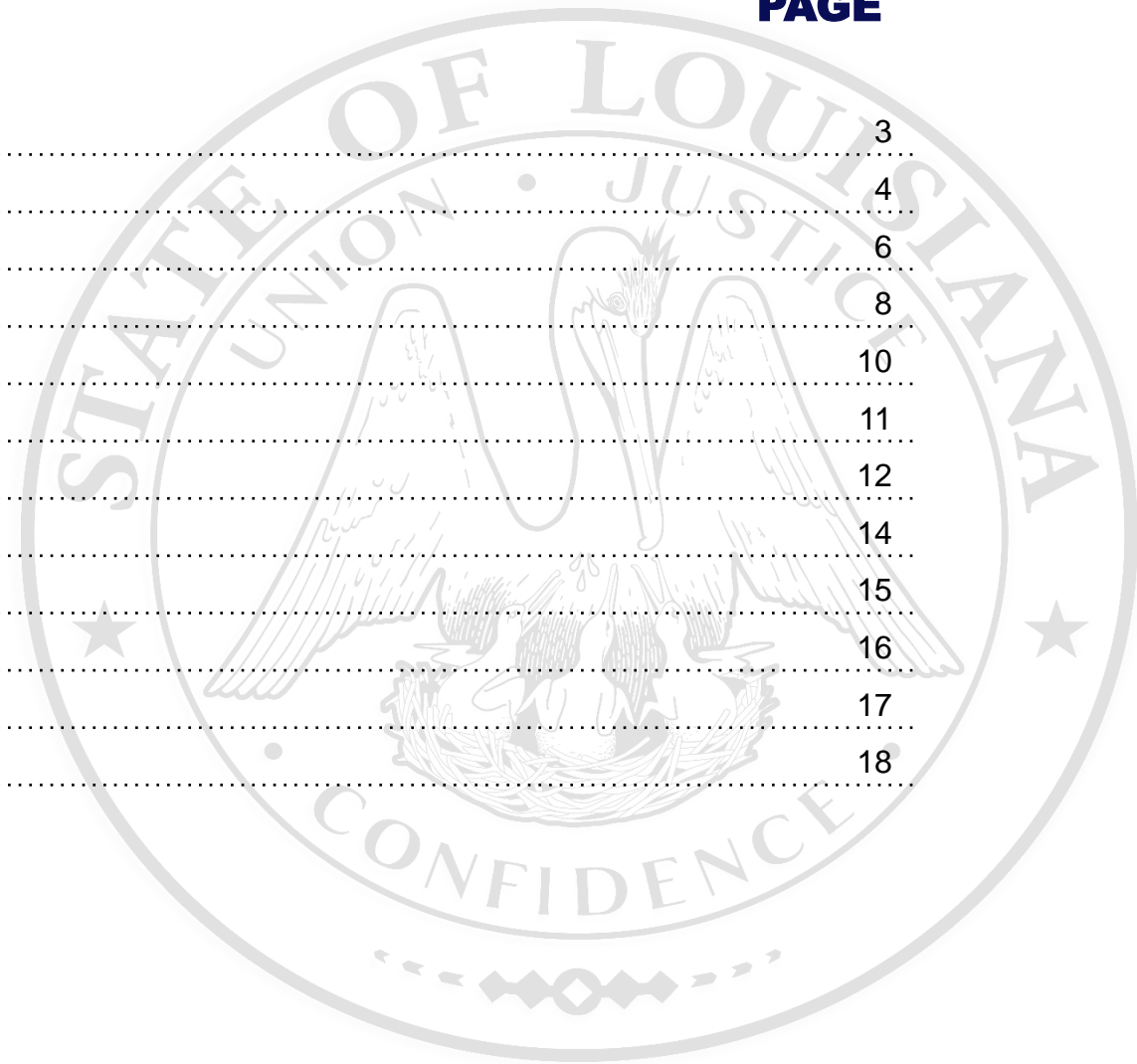
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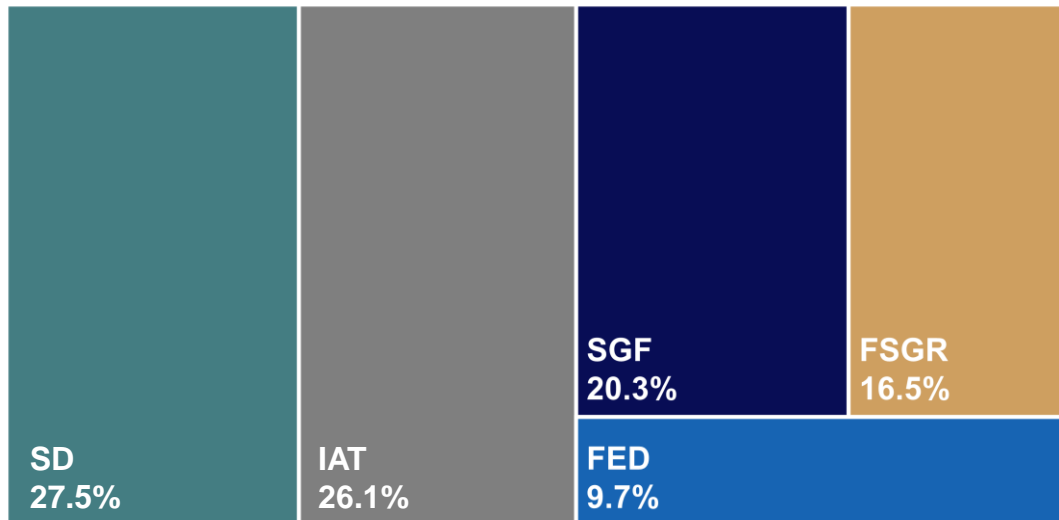
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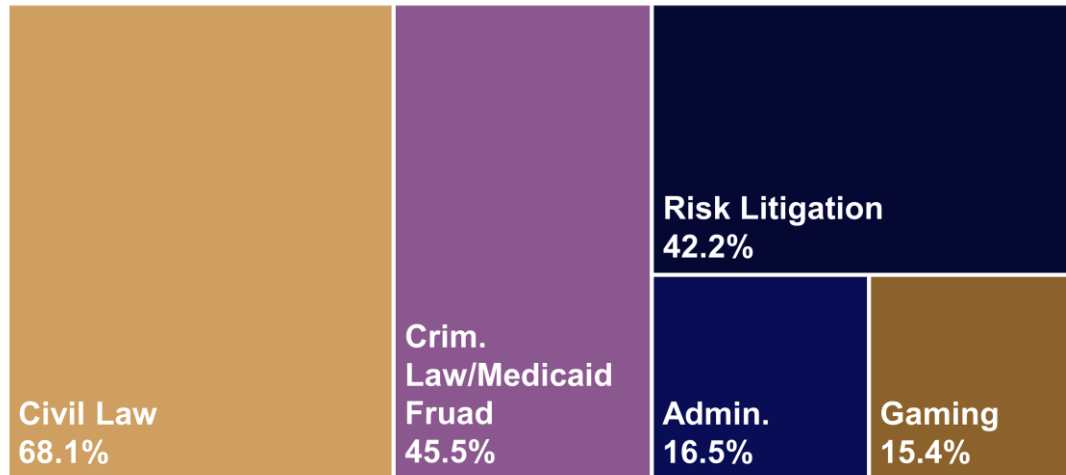
# FY 25 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

## Total Funding = \$95,223,441

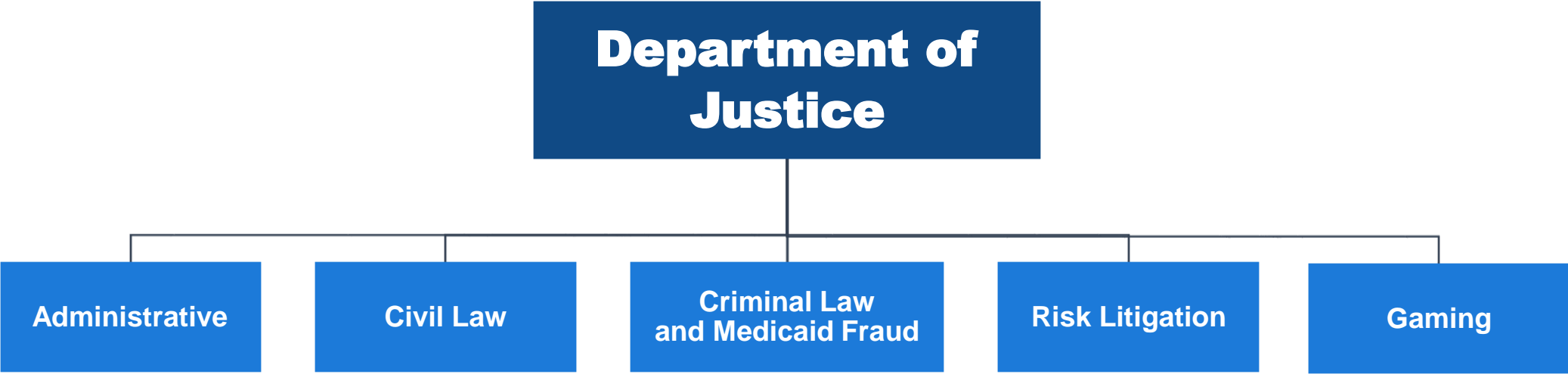
Means of Finance		
State General Fund	\$	19,322,648
Interagency Transfers		24,808,905
Fees & Self-generated		15,719,616
Statutory Dedications		26,161,513
Federal Funds		9,210,759
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>95,223,441</b>



Program Funding & Authorized Positions			
		<i>Amount</i>	<i>Positions</i>
Administrative	\$	8,372,733	63
Civil Law		34,541,563	80
Crim. Law/Medicaid Fraud		23,083,661	156
Risk Litigation		21,401,647	172
Gaming		7,823,837	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>95,223,441</b>	<b>525</b>



# DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



# DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

## Office of Attorney General

### Administrative

- Consists of the Executive Office and Administrative Services
- Collections Section collects defaulted student loans and assists 28 boards, agencies, and commissions on collections

### Criminal Law and Medicaid Fraud

- Conducts or assists in criminal prosecutions
- Provides legal services in the areas of extradition, appeals, and habeas corpus proceedings
- Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
- Investigations Section provides services related to Cyber Crime Unit, Fugitive Apprehension, Special Investigation, trial assistance, and the Sexual Predator Apprehension Team

### Civil Law

- Contains the Civil Division and the Public Protection Division
- Includes attorneys assigned to various state departments for the defense of state agencies in civil claims
- Writes legal opinions
- Enforcement of the Tobacco Master Settlement agreement

### Risk Litigation

- Provides legal representation for the state in civil rights, general liability, medical malpractice, road hazards, workers' compensation, and transportation

### Gaming

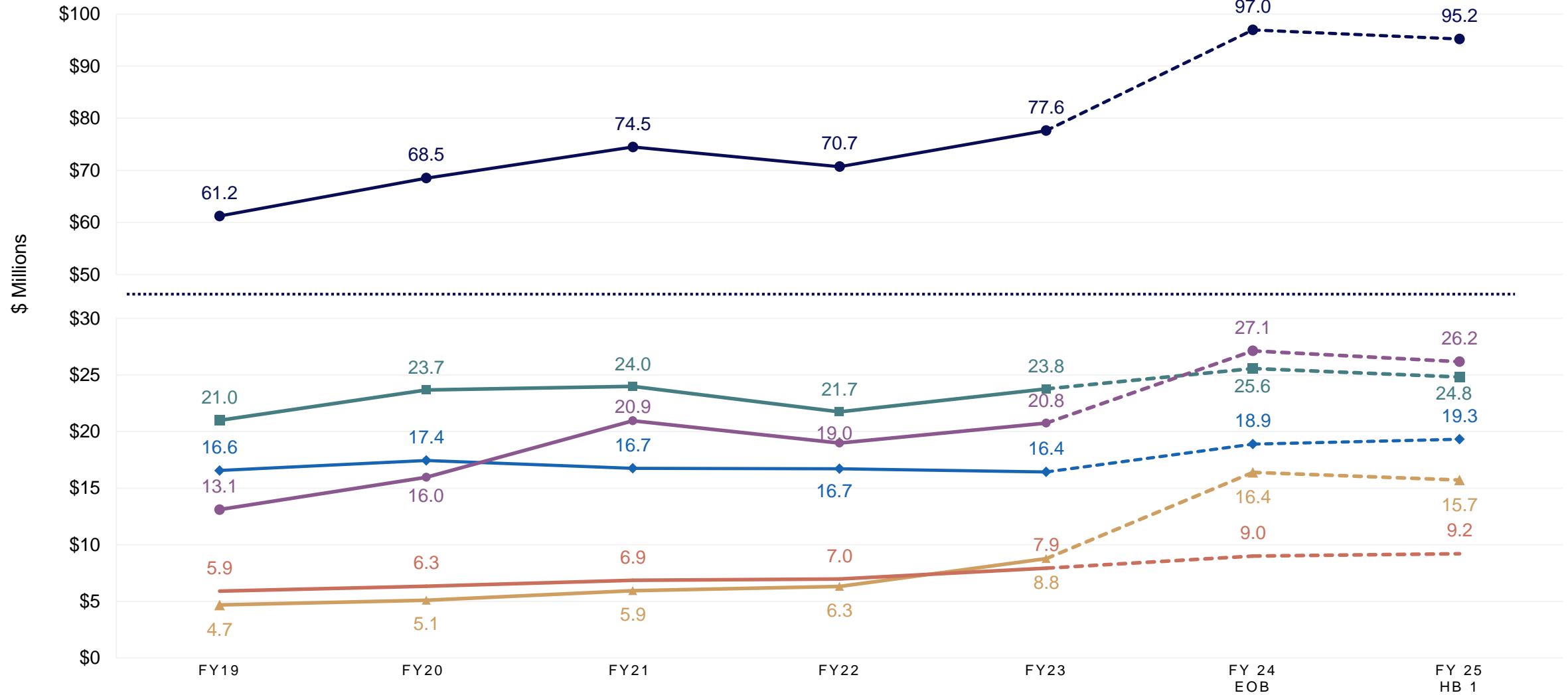
- Provides representation to the La. Gaming Control Board, the La. Lottery Corporation, the State Racing Commission, state police and the Dept. of Revenue

# HISTORICAL SPENDING

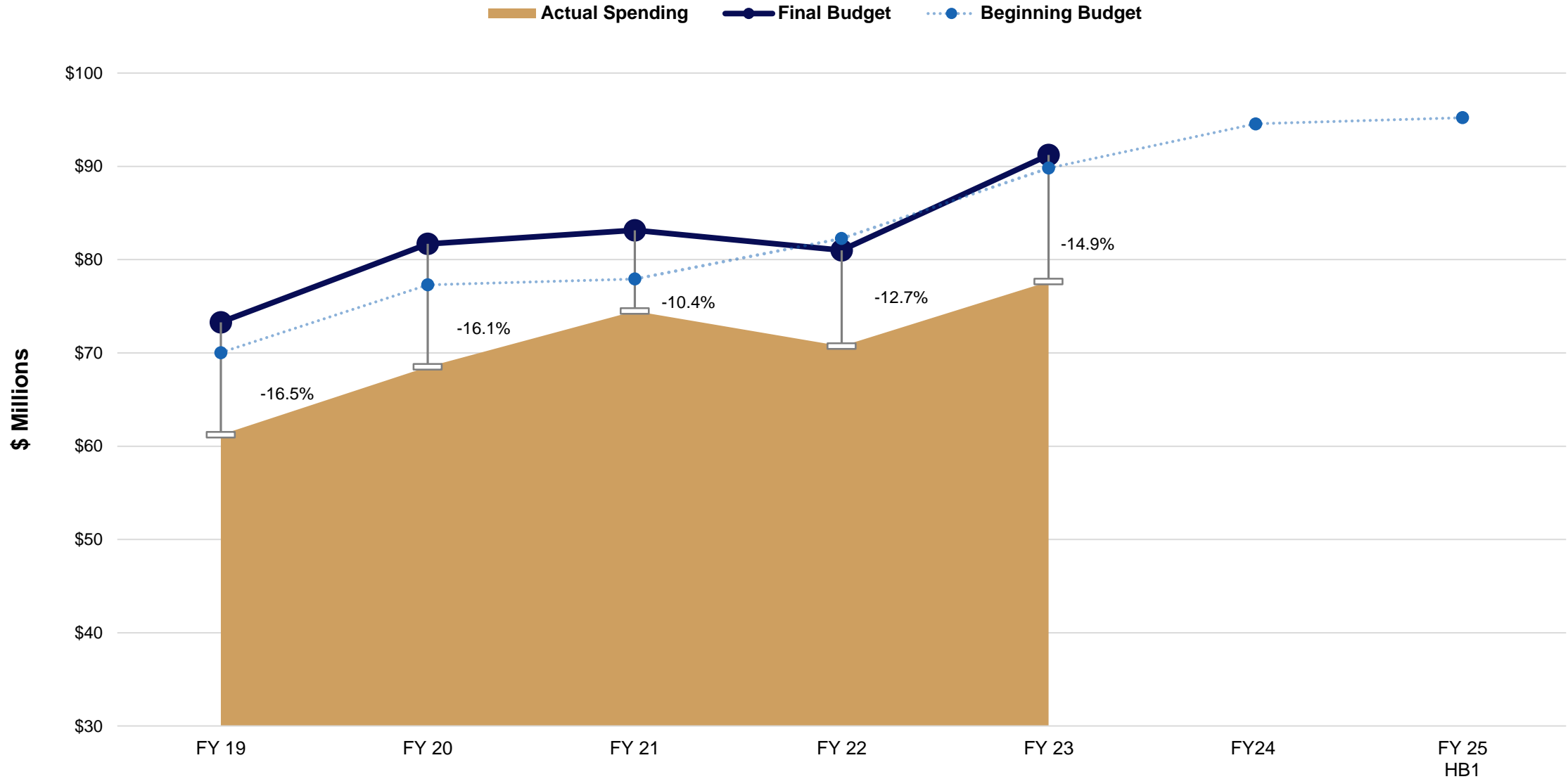
◆ State General Fund
■ Interagency Transfers
▲ Fees & Self-generated
● Statutory Dedications
— Federal Funds
● Total Budget

Annual Average Spending Change from FY 19 to 23:

(0.2)%	3.2%	17.0%	12.2%	7.7%	6.1%
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# HISTORICAL BUDGET



Note: additional information can be found under the general department section

# SOURCES OF FUNDING

<b>State General Fund</b>  <b>\$19.3 M</b>	<b>Interagency Transfers</b>  <b>\$24.8 M</b>	<b>Self-generated Revenue</b>  <b>\$15.7 M</b>	<b>Federal Funds</b>  <b>\$9.2 M</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The chief operating fund of the State recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference from various taxes, licenses, fees, and other revenue sources except for those identified as other means of financing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office of Risk Management and LSU for all tort claims seeking damages</li> <li>Transfers from agencies for legal, investigative, and domestic violence training services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fees charged to other agencies for investigative and legal services for quasi-state agencies</li> <li>Participation in the US DOJ Federal Forfeiture program</li> <li>Louisiana Lottery Corporation legal service fees</li> <li>Insurance Fraud Investigation Dedicated Fund Account- fee on insurance premiums for the Criminal Law Unit</li> <li>Sex Offender Registry Technology Dedicated Fund Account – local sheriff’s participation sex offender and child predator registration compute system/law notification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From the Department of Health and Human Services Medicaid Fraud Unit</li> <li>From the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the administration and enforcement of the Louisiana open housing laws</li> <li>U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)</li> </ul>



# STATUTORY DEDICATIONS

Fund Name	Source	Usage	FY 24 - EOB	FY 25 - HB1
<b>DOJ Legal Support Fund</b>	A portion of court settlement proceeds recovered by the Attorney General on behalf of the state	Defray the costs of expert witnesses, consultants, contract legal counsel, technology, specialized employee training and education, and public education initiatives; also to defray the expense of employees hired to represent the state	\$11,277,814	\$10,117,984
<b>DOJ Debt Collection Fund</b>	The monies are from 25% of the total monies recovered through debt collection	For support of debt collection activities and general operating expenses, and to supplement the department's budget and shall not be used to displace, replace, or supplant appropriations from the state general fund	\$5,361,940	\$5,882,597
<b>Video Draw Poker Device Fund</b>	Fees, fines, and penalties on video poker devices	Regulatory, administrative, investigative, enforcement, legal, and such other expenses as may be necessary for activities associated with enforcement of laws and regulations governing video draw poker devices	\$3,834,601	\$3,987,431
<b>Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund</b>	Riverboat gaming fees and fines	Regulatory, administrative, investigative, enforcement, and legal expenses for the Gaming Unit	\$2,223,725	\$2,200,152
<b>Pari-mutuel Live Racing Facility Gaming Fund</b>	Slot machine proceeds. Fees, fines, taxes, other	Expenses related to the Gaming Unit	\$841,909	\$823,806
<b>Tobacco Settlement Enforcement Fund</b>	\$400,000 transferred from SGF, other appropriations, donations, and grants	Enforcement of the Master Settlement	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>Sports Wagering Enforcement Fund</b>	Permit fees from sports wagering platform providers	Regulatory, administrative, investigative, enforcement, legal, and other expenses within the agency	\$326,301	\$329,973
<b>DOJ Occupational Licensing Review Program Fund</b>	Receives compensation from participation in occupational licensing boards	Supplements the department's budget of occupational licensing board regulatory review activities and general operating expenses	\$233,415	\$233,415
<b>Louisiana Fund (Constitutional Fund)</b>	Tobacco Settlement funds	Enforcement of the requirements of the Master Settlement	\$2,611,155	\$2,171,155
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$27,125,860</b>	<b>\$26,161,513</b>

# FUNDING COMPARISON

Means of Finance	FY 23 Actual Expenditures	FY 24 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/23	FY 25 HB1 Budget	Change Existing Operating Budget to HB1		Change Actual Expenditures to HB1	
SGF	\$ 16,421,202	\$ 18,883,644	\$ 19,322,648	\$ 439,004	2.3%	\$ 2,901,446	17.7%
IAT	23,771,534	25,558,877	24,808,905	(749,972)	(2.9%)	1,037,371	4.4%
FSGR	8,768,176	16,393,670	15,719,616	(674,054)	(4.1%)	6,951,440	79.3%
Stat Ded	20,751,580	27,125,860	26,161,513	(964,347)	(3.6%)	5,409,933	26.1%
Federal	7,931,441	9,001,705	9,210,759	209,054	2.3%	1,279,318	16.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 77,643,933</b>	<b>\$ 96,963,756</b>	<b>\$ 95,223,441</b>	<b>\$ (1,740,315)</b>	<b>(1.8%)</b>	<b>\$ 17,579,508</b>	<b>22.6%</b>

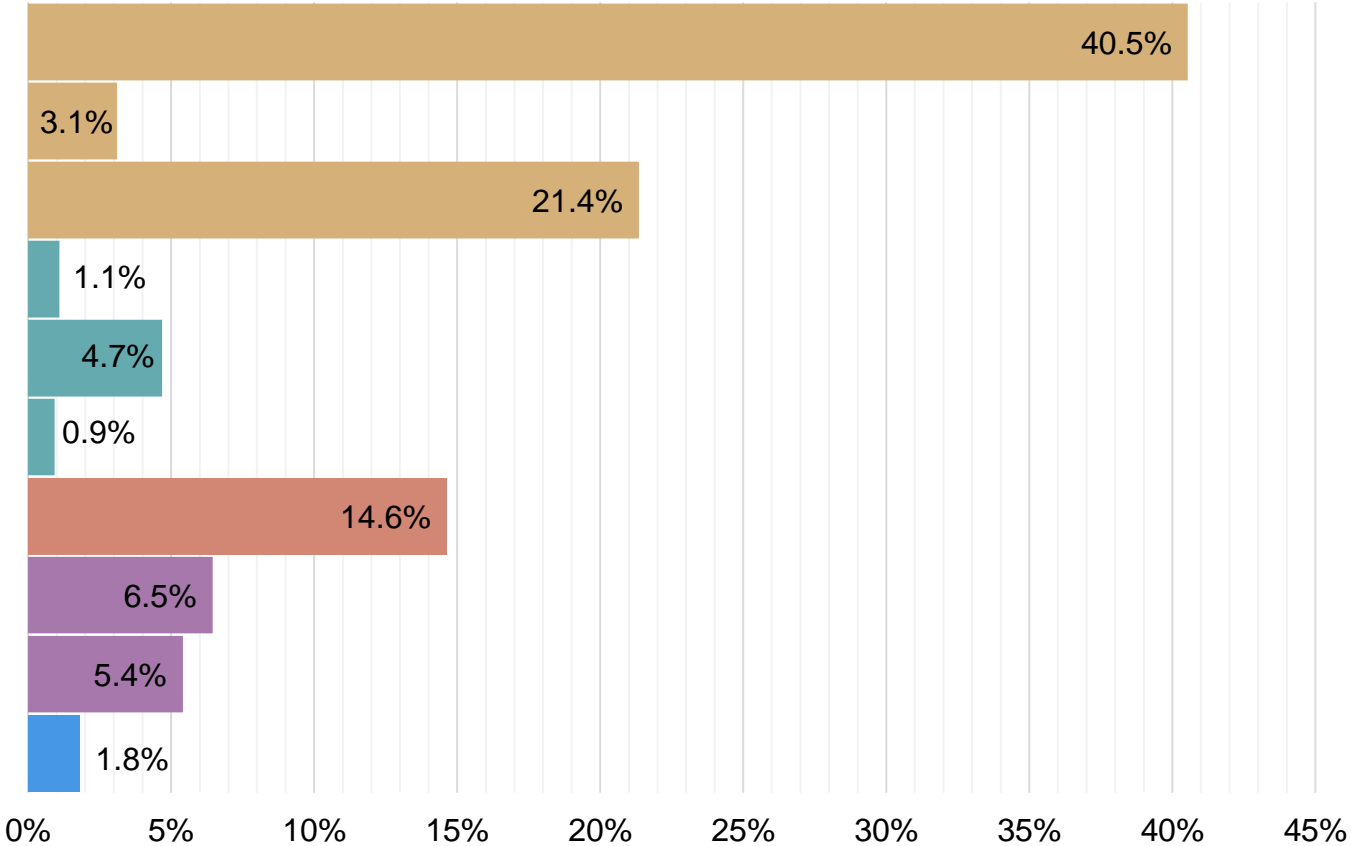
## Significant funding changes compared to the FY 24 Existing Operating Budget

State General Fund	Interagency Transfers	Fees & Self-generated	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds
<p>\$439,004 net increase primarily to fund 13 additional positions and additional services for Project NOLA and to fund redistricting litigation to existing congressional maps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>(\$2.2 M)</b> decrease to factor projected savings from vacant positions in FY 25 and retirement contribution rate changes</li> <li>• \$617,296 net increase, mainly for standard statewide adjustments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>(\$905,281)</b> decrease to remove one-time funding for equipment purchases and funding carried into FY 24 that is no longer needed in FY 25</li> <li>• \$231,227 net increase primarily to replace equipment and legal supplies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>(\$1.7 M)</b> to remove funds carried into FY 24 that is no longer needed in FY 25</li> <li>• \$204,641 net increase to offset standard statewide adjustments</li> <li>• \$519,396 net increase, mostly to replace existing acquisitions</li> </ul>	<p>\$209,054 increase largely for equipment purchases and replacing outdated computers and software</p>

# EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDATION FY 25

**Total Budget = \$95,223,441**

Expenditure Category		
Salaries	\$	38,604,798
Other Compensation		2,956,689
Related Benefits		20,335,465
Travel		1,037,215
Operating Services		4,459,404
Supplies		876,965
Professional Services		13,939,279
Other Charges		6,146,836
Interagency Transfers		5,148,920
Acquisitions/Repairs		1,717,870
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>95,223,441</b>



# EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

Expenditure Category	FY 23 Actual Expenditures	FY 24 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/23	FY 25 HB1 Budget	Change Existing Operating Budget to HB1		Change Actual Expenditures to HB1	
Salaries	\$ 36,159,769	\$ 37,920,417	\$ 38,604,798	\$ 684,381	1.8%	\$ 2,445,029	6.8%
Other Compensation	2,134,683	2,956,689	2,956,689	0	0.0%	822,006	38.5%
Related Benefits	20,313,832	20,896,604	20,335,465	(561,139)	(2.7%)	21,633	0.1%
Travel	801,415	963,215	1,037,215	74,000	7.7%	235,800	29.4%
Operating Services	4,744,758	4,285,430	4,459,404	173,974	4.1%	(285,354)	(6.0%)
Supplies	557,007	863,965	876,965	13,000	1.5%	319,958	57.4%
Professional Services	3,857,389	15,972,851	13,939,279	(2,033,572)	(12.7%)	10,081,890	261.4%
Other Charges	1,496,627	6,150,931	6,146,836	(4,095)	(0.1%)	4,650,209	310.7%
Interagency Transfers	4,101,352	5,090,594	5,148,920	58,326	1.1%	1,047,568	25.5%
Acquisitions/Repairs	3,477,099	1,863,060	1,717,870	(145,190)	(7.8%)	(1,759,229)	(50.6%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 77,643,931</b>	<b>\$ 96,963,756</b>	<b>\$ 95,223,441</b>	<b>\$ (1,740,315)</b>	<b>(1.8%)</b>	<b>\$ 17,579,510</b>	<b>22.6%</b>

# SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE CHANGES

*Compared to the FY 24 Existing Operating Budget*

Personnel Services	Operating Expenses	Professional Services	Other Charges	Acquisitions/Repairs
<p>\$2.0 M increase to fund personal services associated with 13 additional positions for Project NOLA</p> <p>(\$1.9 M) net decrease for standard statewide adjustments, primarily to factor projected savings from vacant positions in FY 25</p>	<p>\$225,974 increase to replace outdated computers and software through the state's Installment Purchase Market (IPM) program</p> <p>\$35,000 increase to fund office space, court fees, travel, supplies and other expenses for the 13 additional positions in within Project NOLA</p>	<p>(\$2 M) decrease for funds carried into FY 24 for legal services that is no longer needed in FY 25</p>	<p>\$1 M increase for redistricting litigation to existing congressional maps</p> <p>\$54,201 net increase for standard statewide adjustments, primarily for fees for Office of Technology Services</p> <p>(\$1 M) decrease to remove one-time funding associated with proceeds against FEMA for the risk-rating and pricing methodology of the National Flood Insurance program</p>	<p>\$1.3 M increase for purchases such as replacement laptops, computers and accessories, security cameras, legal software, reading materials and vehicles</p> <p>(\$365,090) decrease for funds carried into FY 24 for vehicles that are no longer needed in FY 25</p> <p>(\$1.5 M) to remove one-time funding for replacement vehicles, furniture, computers and accessories, and legal software</p>

# OTHER CHARGES / INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

## Other Charges

Amount	Description
\$ 3,632,777	Consumer Enforcement Fund expenses
1,000,000	Redistricting litigation related to existing congressional maps
498,489	Sex Offender Registry Technology Fund Account residual monies to be distributed to the sheriff of each parish, based on the population of convicted sex offenders, sexually violent predators, and child predators who reside in the parish
455,749	Expenses associated with expert witnesses, contract legal services, court transcripts, records, depositions, and filing fees
253,243	Medicaid Fraud Control Unit expense
179,017	Cyber Crimes Unit expenses
112,561	U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
15,000	Tobacco Control Special Fund expenses
<b>\$ 6,146,836</b>	<b>Total Other Charges</b>

## Interagency Transfers

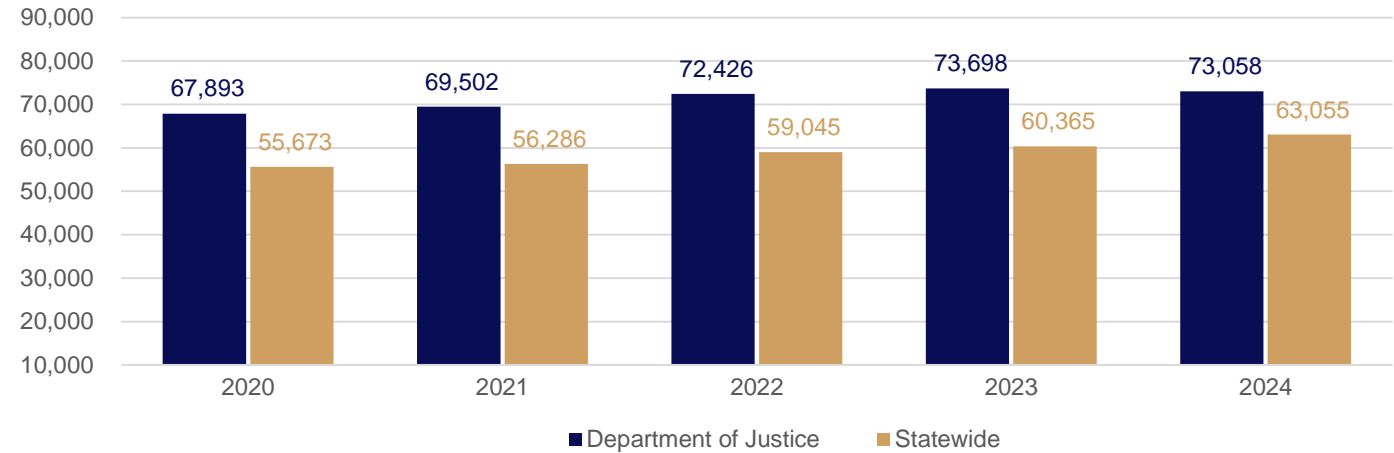
Amount	Description
\$ 1,918,548	Rent in state-owned buildings
959,589	Office of Technology Services- Printing and Communications
992,570	Office of Risk Management
661,458	Benson Towers rent
297,606	Office of Technology Services
148,011	Capitol Park Security & Capitol Police fees
63,752	Legislative Auditor fees
52,734	Maintenance in state owned buildings
24,888	Office of State Procurement
29,746	Uniform Payroll System (UPS) fees
<b>\$ 5,148,902</b>	<b>Total Interagency Transfers</b>

# PERSONNEL INFORMATION

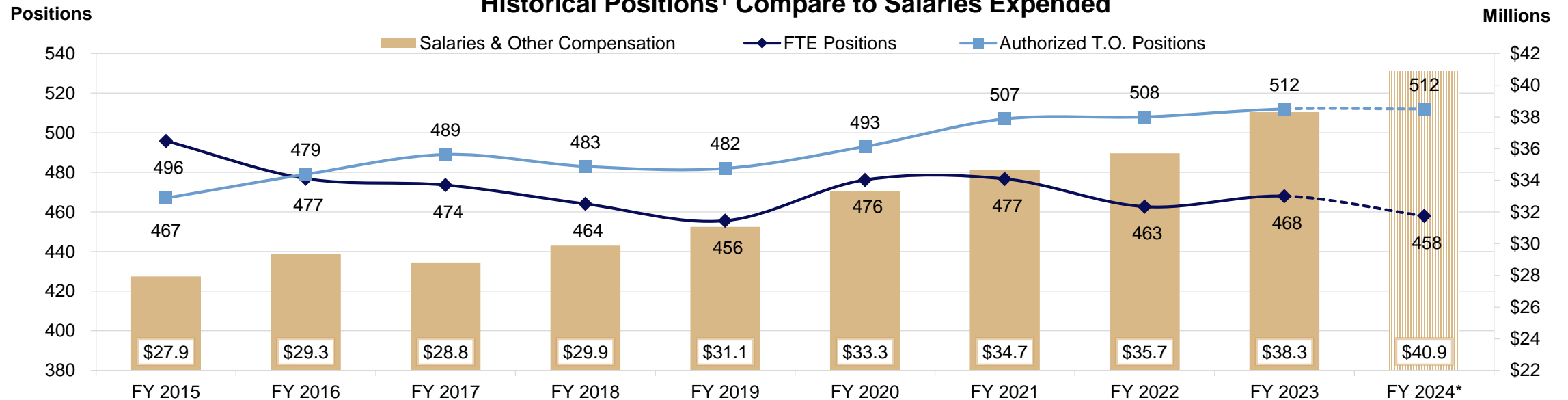
## FY 2025 Recommended Positions

525	Total Authorized T.O. Positions (0 Classified, 525 Unclassified)
1	Authorized Other Charges Positions
46	Non-T.O. FTE Positions
40	Vacant Positions (January 29, 2024)

## Historical Average Salary



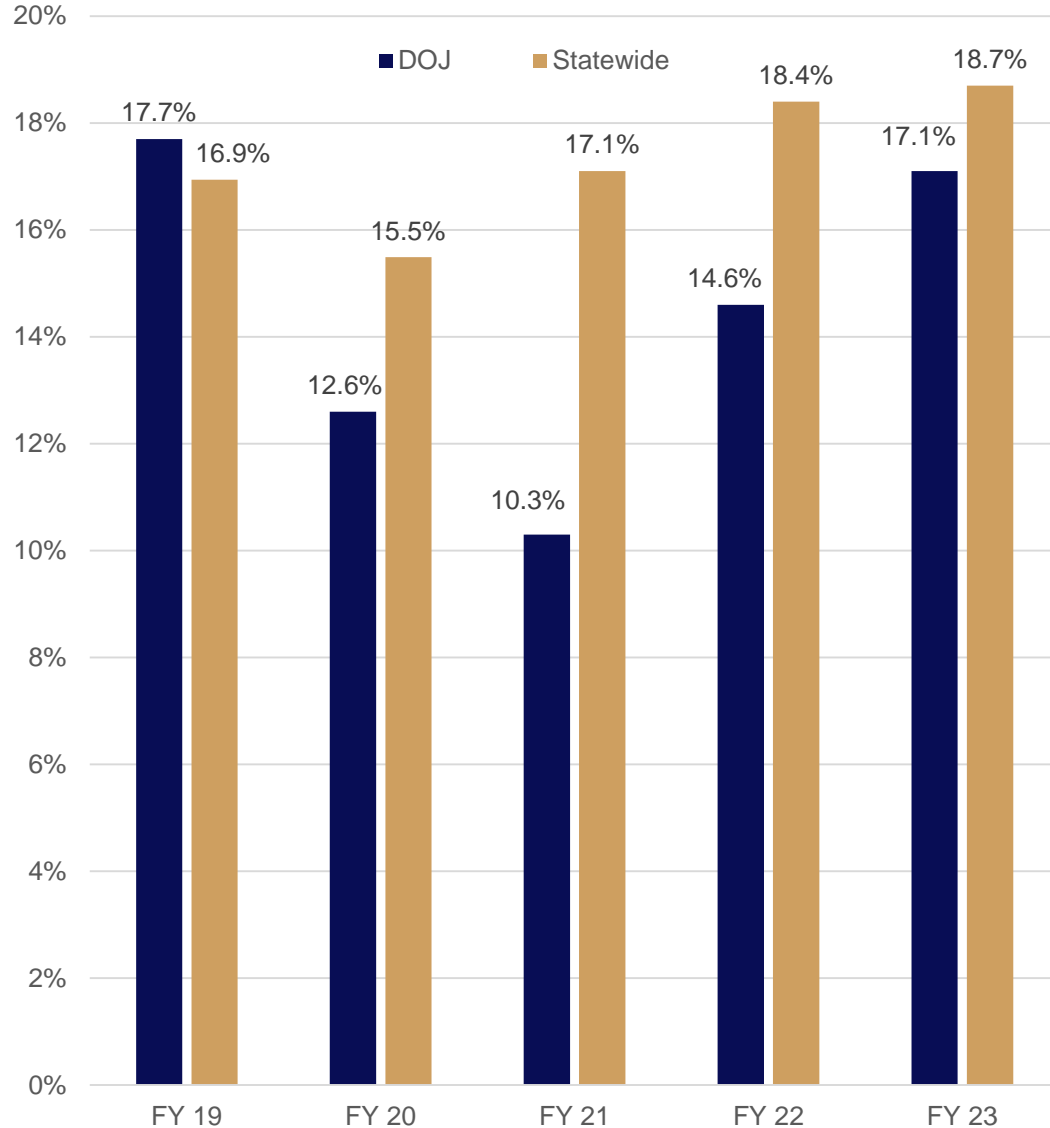
## Historical Positions<sup>1</sup> Compare to Salaries Expended



<sup>1</sup> FTE Source: Dept. of Civil Service Weekly Report on State Employment

\* Existing Operating Budget on 12/1/23

# TURNOVER HISTORY



## Top Positions Vacated FY 2023

Position	Number of Employees	Separations	Turnover Rate
Assistant Attorney General	125	26	21%
Investigator/Special Agent	58	12	21%
Legal Secretary	27	11	41%
Paralegal	28	8	29%
Collector	9	6	67%



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# General Department Information

# MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT

## Purpose

- State Medicaid Fraud Control Units (MFCU's) are mandated by federal law for states that participate in the Medicaid Program
- The unit's function is to operate a statewide program for the detection, investigation and prosecution, both criminally and civilly, of fraud in the Medication Program. The unit also investigates and prosecutes complaints involving patient abuse and neglect against Medicaid recipients and those residing in board and care facilities, regardless of Medicaid participation.

**Funding-** Traditionally funded through the Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund, which is funded through a portion of the recoveries obtained. In FY 24, a Means of Finance Substitution decreased statutory dedications and increased fees and self-generated revenues, which allowed the Department to be reliant on fees and self-generated revenues and further match this grant.

## Partnerships

- Disability Rights Louisiana and the Office of Elderly Affairs- to receive information regarding abuse or exploitation of individuals in residential settings
- LDH- Health Standards to review every incident entered into the Statewide Incident Management System LDH Program Integrity Section and Louisiana Legislative Auditor to cooperatively develop systems to investigate and prosecute fraud in the Medicaid Program, along with federal authorities
- Maintain relationships with the provider community and local law enforcement to provide presentations educating them about functions of the Unit and the capabilities to protect Louisiana's citizens.

Performance Indicator	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23
# Investigations Opened	479	427	283	305	357
Outreach training programs provided	45	138	14	27	44
Civil Penalties collected	\$6,674,953	\$8,002,912	\$4,139,713	\$11,548,688	\$3,657,882
Investigator & Prosecution costs collected	\$154,874	\$153,468	\$5,862,855	\$46,550	\$121,201

# INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE

- Began in 2003 as a grant from the U.S.D.OJ to the Office of the Attorney General
- Interagency, multi-jurisdictional task force with the purpose of sharing information, resources, and expertise in the investigation, prosecution, and deterrence of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation of children
- Part of the Cybercrimes Unit of the AG's office and has 24 positions including:
  - 1 Commander
  - 2 Supervisory Special Agents
  - 6 Special Agents
  - 1 Cyber Tip Manager
  - 1 Forensic Lab Manager
  - 10 Digital Forensic Examiners
  - 1 Grant Manager
  - 1 Case Manager
  - 1 Evidence Custodian

Year	# Cyber tips reported to ICAC	# Cases generated	# of Arrests by LA DOJ CCU
2018	1,938	1,166	92
2019	2,308	1,396	169
2020	3,260	1,917	130
2021	4,807	2,925	148
2022	6,128	1,832	115
2023	11,000	3,263	118

# EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET FY 24

The FY 2023-24 Existing Operating Budget (EOB) was frozen on December 1, 2023. This point-in-time reference is used in both the Executive Budget and the General Appropriations Bill.

Means of Finance	Appropriation	Mid-Year Adjustments	Existing Operating Budget
<b>General Fund</b>	\$ 18,623,366	\$ 260,278	\$ 18,883,644
<b>Interagency Transfers</b>	25,558,877	0	25,558,877
<b>Self-generated Revenue</b>	15,943,670	450,000	16,393,670
<b>Statutory Dedications</b>	25,437,476	1,688,384	27,125,860
<b>Federal</b>	9,001,705	0	9,001,705
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 94,565,094</b>	<b>\$ 2,398,662</b>	<b>\$ 96,963,756</b>

<b>Mid-year Adjustments Summary</b>				
<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>
No change	\$2.4 M  Various means of finance carried into FY 24 from the prior fiscal year for legal expenses and purchases of vehicles and equipment	No change	No change	No change

# PRIOR YEAR ACTUALS FY 23

## Were projected revenues collected?

	Final Budget <i>(w/o FY23 carryfwd)</i>	Revenue Collections	Difference
<b>SGF</b>	\$ 16,434,798	\$ 16,421,202	\$ (13,596)
<b>IAT</b>	26,105,185	24,444,703	(1,660,482)
<b>FSGR</b>	11,321,038	31,809,792	20,488,754
<b>SD</b>	28,487,187	21,895,700	(6,591,487)
<b>FED</b>	8,870,546	8,979,973	109,427
<b>Total</b>	\$ 91,218,754	\$ 103,551,370	\$ 12,332,616

## Were collected revenues spent?

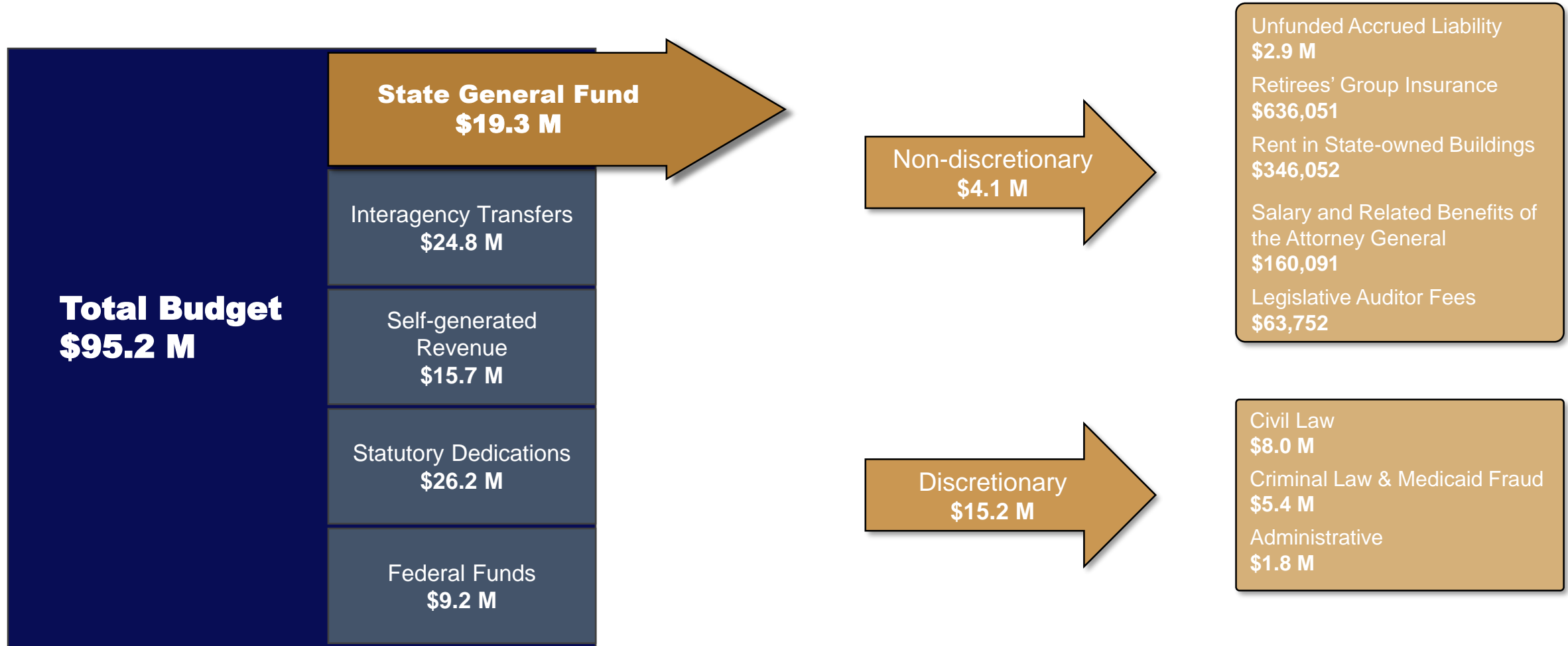
	Revenue Collections	Expenditures	Difference
<b>SGF</b>	\$ 16,421,202	\$ 16,421,202	\$ 0
<b>IAT</b>	24,444,703	23,771,534	(673,169)
<b>FSGR</b>	31,809,792	8,768,176	(23,041,616)
<b>SD</b>	21,895,700	20,751,580	(1,144,120)
<b>FED</b>	8,979,973	7,931,441	(1,048,532)
<b>Total</b>	\$ 103,551,370	\$ 77,643,933	\$ (25,907,437)

The department collected \$12.3 M more than the FY 23 budget. The Majority of excess revenue collections over final budget authority were primarily from fees and self-generated revenues for settlement and fraudulent protection activities

The department collected \$25.9 M more than the FY 23 budget.

The majority of excess revenue collections deriving from fees and self-generated revenue are due to funding carried over from the previous year, pursuant to HB 1 for the purpose to securing settlements for state and citizen protection from fraudulent activity. Excess revenue collections in statutory dedications comes from the Insurance Fraud Investigation Fund and the Sex Offender Registry Technology Fund. Interagency transfers are pursuant to Act 14 of the 2016 2nd E.S. for reimbursements of legal expenses for State claims in the Deepwater Horizon litigation.

# DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES FY 25



*\*Figures may not add precisely due to rounding\**