



OFFICE OF PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP

Department Priority: BA-01
Office of Public Guardianship – Leased Space Outside of the Ralph L. Carr Judicial Center

Judicial Department - Office of Public Guardianship BA-01 OPG Leased Space Outside of Ralph L. Carr Judicial Center Schedule 13						
	Fund	FY 2024-25		FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27
		Initial Appropriation	Supplemental Request	Base Request	Change Request	Continuation
TOTAL ALL LINE ITEMS	Total	\$0	\$0	\$2,836,589	\$190,000	\$190,000
	FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	GF	0	-	\$784,990	\$0	0
	CF	0	0	\$1,819,893	\$190,000	190,000
	RF	0	0	\$231,706	\$0	0
	FF	0	0	\$0	\$0	0
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	FTE	0.0	0.0	\$0	\$0	0.0
	GF	0	0	\$784,990	\$0	0
Program Costs	CF	0	0	\$1,819,893	\$190,000	190,000
	RF	0	0	\$231,706	\$0	0
	FF	0	0	\$0	\$0	0
CF Letternote Text Revision Required?	Yes	_____	No	_____	x	_____
RF Letternote Text Revision Required?	Yes	_____	No	_____	x	_____
FF Letternote Text Revision Required?	Yes	_____	No	_____	x	_____
Footnote Required?	Yes	_____	No	_____	x	_____
Requires Legislation?	Yes	_____	No	_____	x	_____

Summary of Funding Change for FY 2025-26			
	Incremental Change		
	FY 2024-25 Request	FY 2025-26 Request	FY 2026-27 Request
Total Funds	\$0	\$190,000	\$190,000
FTE			
General Fund			
Cash Funds	\$0	\$190,000	\$190,000
Reappropriated Funds			
Federal Funds			

Summary of Request

The original Judicial Department MOU included office space for the OPG at the Ralph Carr Building. The Judicial Department never provided office space for the OPG. The OPG is the only independent agency that has an additional expense for office space. The Denver staff is currently at 9 with the potential of up to 15 staff. Since rent was an unexpected expense, the OPG thoughtfully leased a fully furnished legal co-working space. The OPG requested an appropriation for a second office but has outgrown this space. Working with the Capital Complex Facilities, the OPG identified three potential spaces ranging in first year rent of \$180,000 - \$200,000. The ideal location is a state-owned space with a first-year rent of \$190,000 with a large conference space for statewide training, Board meetings and stakeholder conferences. The OPG requests \$190,000 in cash fund spending authority for rent in FY 2025-26 and ongoing.

Three staff members share one office and other staff share limited co-working/cubicle space. There is simply no other co-working space available for current and incoming staff to work in the office together. Further, there are many times we are bumped from conference room space and as we grow, we are outgrowing the available conference room space. Staff have expressed frustration with the lack of space and this limits team building and team satisfaction. Not having suitable office space will limit team culture and growth which will impact the Office's ability to meet our mandate for statewide expansion.

Since the OPG is not in the Carr building, the OPG requires and contracts for its own IT needs and still does not have access to various Judicial Department IT services and programs. For example, OPG employees do not have access to Employee Self-Services, and we do not have access to purchasing and accounting forms. It is still unclear whether purchasing a server and/or relocating to a "state" building will allow the OPG to be on the Judicial Department VPN and resolve this issue. It is unclear whether ASIA will resolve this issue for the OPG.

Calculation of Request

Table 1.2 Summary by Line Item FY 2025-26							
Row	Line Item	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop Funds	Federal Funds
Judicial Department - Office of Public Guardianship							
A	(11) Office of Public Guardianship, Program Costs	\$190,000	0.0	\$0	\$190,000	\$0	\$0
B	Total Request - OPG	\$190,000	0.0	\$0	\$190,000	\$0	\$0

**Table 1.3
Summary by Line Item
FY 2026-27**

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January 2nd Budget Amendment