

DHS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY 2016-2017
(\$ Amounts in Thousands)

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APPROPRIATION:
Legal Services

I. SUMMARY FINANCIAL DATA	<u>2014-2015 Actual</u>	<u>2015-2016 Available</u>	<u>2016-2017 Budgeted</u>
State Funds	\$2,461	\$2,461	\$2,707
Federal Funds Total	\$5,049	\$5,049	\$5,049
Federal Sources Itemized			
<i>SSBG - Legal Services</i>	\$5,049	\$5,049	\$5,049
Other Funds Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total	\$7,510	\$7,510	\$7,756
IA. REQUESTED SUPPLEMENTALS (Included above)			
State Funds		\$0	
Federal Funds Total		<u>\$0</u>	
Total		\$0	

II. DETAIL BY MAJOR OBJECT (\$ Amounts in Thousands)		APPROPRIATION: Legal Services			
		2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Available	2016-2017 Budgeted	Change Budgeted vs. Available
PERSONNEL					
State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
OPERATING					
State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Operating	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
FIXED ASSETS					
State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
GRANT & SUBSIDY					
State Funds	\$2,461	\$2,461	\$2,707	\$246	10.00%
Federal Funds	\$5,049	\$5,049	\$5,049	\$0	0.00%
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Grant & Subsidy	\$7,510	\$7,510	\$7,756	\$246	3.28%
NONEXPENSE					
State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Nonexpense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
BUDGETARY RESERVE					
State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Budgetary Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
UNCOMMITTED					
State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Uncommitted	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
OTHER					
State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL FUNDS					
State Funds	\$2,461	\$2,461	\$2,707	\$246	10.00%
Federal Funds	\$5,049	\$5,049	\$5,049	\$0	0.00%
Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Funds	\$7,510	\$7,510	\$7,756	\$246	3.28%

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III. HISTORY OF LAPSES (\$ Amounts in Thousands)	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016 Estimated</u>
State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

IV. COMPLEMENT INFORMATION	<u>12/31/2014</u>	<u>12/31/2015</u>	<u>2016-2017 Budgeted</u>
State/Federally Funded			
<i>Authorized</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Filled</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Federally Funded			
<i>Authorized</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Filled</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Funded			
<i>Authorized</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Filled</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total			
<i>Authorized</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Filled</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Benefit Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

V. DERIVATION OF REQUEST / LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS / DISBURSEMENT CRITERIA

Derivation of Request:

The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Governor's Executive Budget provides an increase of \$0.246 million in State funds for legal services over the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 appropriation level of \$2.461 million. The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Governor's Executive Budget maintains Federal Social Services Block Grant funds at the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 allocation level of \$5.049 million for ongoing program support.

Detail on the appropriation request is outlined in Section VI entitled "Explanation of Changes" on the next page.

Legislative Citations:

62 P.S. §§ 201, 206

Disbursement Criteria:

In Fiscal Year 2015-2016, funds are distributed to 13 local legal service providers. Funding distributions are based on a formula which includes the factors of poverty population, local monies available and special institutional populations. Funds are expended through a contract with Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN).

VI. EXPLANATION OF CHANGES
 (\$ Amounts in Thousands)

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	<u>State \$</u>	<u>Federal \$</u>	<u>Other \$</u>	<u>Total</u>
GRANT & SUBSIDY				
1. The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Federal Social Services Block Grant funding for ongoing support is maintained at the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding level of \$5.049 million:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Subtotal Grants & Subsidy	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 INITIATIVES				
GRANT & SUBSIDY				
1. Human Services Enhancement				
A. Provides \$0.246 million to expand Legal Services to low income individuals and families:	<u>\$246</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$246</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$246</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$246</u></u>

LEGAL SERVICES

PROGRAM STATEMENT

This program provides legal assistance to low-income individuals and families who are unable to afford these services from the private sector. These services are provided through a statewide grantee, Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, Inc., that uses 13 local and/or specialized legal service providers.

Services are provided to resolve the civil legal problems of persons with a family income of less than 125 percent of the Federal poverty level. Emergency legal services are provided without consideration of family income to victims of abuse who need immediate protective services. Lawyers and their aides provide consultation, advice, assessment, negotiation and representation to eligible clients. During Fiscal Year 2015-2016, an estimated 17,500 clients will receive legal services. It is anticipated that approximately 17,700 clients will be served during Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Services provided through the statewide contractor do not include legal assistance regarding political activities or representation in criminal matters. In Fiscal Year 1995-1996, the State and the contractor reached an agreement regarding when a class action lawsuit may be undertaken.

Funds provided by the Department of Human Services supplement Federal funding received by local providers directly from the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, Inc. and private funding from the community at large. The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Governor's Executive Budget provides \$5.049 million in Federal funds for Legal Services.

FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 INITIATIVE – HUMAN SERVICES ENHANCEMENT

The Governor's Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 provides \$0.246 million in State funds to expand programs and services.