

**Attorney General  
Budget No. 125  
Senate Bill Nos. 2003 and 2202; House Bill Nos. 1307 and 1415**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2023-25 legislative appropriation	266.00	\$55,406,910 <sup>1</sup>	\$47,596,107	\$103,003,017 <sup>2</sup>
2021-23 legislative appropriation	253.00	43,721,718	51,046,425	94,768,143
2023-25 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2021-23 appropriation	13.00	\$11,685,192	(\$3,450,318)	\$8,234,874

<sup>1</sup>This amount includes \$8,386,346 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$47,020,564.

<sup>2</sup>This amount does not include any transfers of appropriation authority from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) funding pools for targeted market equity adjustments, retirement contribution increases, or new and vacant FTE positions.

**Item Description**

**Full-time equivalent changes** - The Legislative Assembly authorized 266 FTE positions for the Attorney General for the 2023-25 biennium, an increase of 13 FTE positions from the 2021-23 biennium authorization of 253 FTE positions, as follows:

<b>FTE Position Description</b>	<b>FTE Position Authorization</b>
Attorney positions	4.00
Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) cybercrime positions	3.00
BCI criminal investigator positions	3.00
State Crime Laboratory positions	6.00
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit positions	2.00
Information technology programmers and analyst positions	3.00
Transfer of State Fire Marshal's office to the Insurance Commissioner	(8.00)
Total	13.00

**Targeted market equity** - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$82.5 million, of which \$45.1 million is from the general fund, to OMB for a targeted market equity pool to be distributed to state agencies.

**New and vacant FTE funding pool** - The Legislative Assembly reduced \$8,859,974 of 2023-25 biennium appropriation authority for the Attorney General for the new and vacant FTE funding pool, of which \$4,602,851 was for new FTE positions and \$4,257,123 was for estimated vacant salary savings. Of the total, \$6,701,991 was from the general fund and \$2,157,983 was from other funds.

**One-time funding** - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$15.2 million of one-time funding to the Attorney General for the 2023-25 biennium as follows:

**Status/Result**

Through March 2024, the Attorney General has hired 12 new FTE positions, including 4 FTE criminal investigator II positions for BCI, 3 FTE forensic scientist I positions for the State Crime Laboratory, 2 FTE criminal and narcotics agent I positions for the State Crime Laboratory, 1 FTE deputy solicitor general position, 1 FTE paralegal position, and 1 FTE programmer analyst III position.

Of these positions, 1 FTE position was hired in July 2023, 1 FTE position was hired in August 2023, 3 FTE positions were hired in September 2023, 4 FTE positions were hired in October 2023, 1 FTE position was hired in November 2023, and 2 FTE positions were hired in January 2024. The Attorney General anticipates hiring the remaining 9 FTE positions by the end of the 2023-25 biennium.

The transfer of the State Fire Marshal's office to the Insurance Commissioner was completed in July 2023.

The Attorney General received \$1,079,895 for targeted market equity increases, of which \$760,577 is from the general fund and \$319,318 is from other funds. Equity increases were provided to 97 employees.

Through January 2024, the Attorney General received \$5,704,800, of which \$4,308,277 was from the general fund, from the new and vacant FTE funding pool to fill 12 new FTE positions and 15 vacant FTE positions. The agency had estimated vacant FTE position savings of \$2,536,648 and used \$227,224 of the savings for other purposes, including accrued leave payouts, extra salary increases, bonuses, temporary salaries, overtime salaries, and service awards. The number of vacancies in the agency has ranged from 26 to 42 with an average monthly vacancy rate of 38.1 FTE positions.

The following is a summary of the status of the Attorney General's one-time funding items:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds
BCI, State Crime Laboratory, and Gaming Division inflationary increases	\$156,463	\$0	\$156,463
Staff operating and equipment costs <sup>1</sup>	740,135	51,955	792,090
State Crime Laboratory capital improvements	250,000	0	250,000
State Crime Laboratory capital assets, including firearms and fingerprint testing equipment, intoxilyzers, and software upgrades <sup>1</sup>	886,000	754,677	1,640,677
Gaming Division and Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division vehicles and radios <sup>2</sup>	0	102,200	102,200
Replacement of 10 undercover BCI vehicles	200,000	0	200,000
Gaming, licensing, and deposit software <sup>3</sup>	177,000	699,000	876,000
Statewide litigation funding pool <sup>4</sup>	1,797,748	3,202,252	5,000,000
Anti-methamphetamine program <sup>1</sup>	0	1,772,038	1,772,038
Law enforcement resiliency grant program	400,000	0	400,000
Additional income from federal or other funds <sup>1</sup>	0	250,000	250,000
Domestic violence forensic medical examination grant program	250,000	0	250,000
Back the blue grant program	3,500,000	0	3,500,000
Law enforcement staffing grant program	29,000	0	29,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,386,346</b>	<b>\$6,832,122</b>	<b>\$15,218,468</b>

<sup>1</sup>Other funds for these programs are derived from federal funds.

<sup>2</sup>Of the \$102,200 appropriated for Gaming Division and Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division vehicles and radios, \$51,100 is from the charitable gaming operating fund and \$51,100 is from the Attorney General refund fund.

<sup>3</sup>Other funds for the gaming, licensing, and deposit software are from the charitable gaming operating fund.

<sup>4</sup>Other funds for the statewide litigation funding pool is from the gaming and excise tax allocation fund, of which \$2.76 million is transferred from the lottery operating fund to the gaming and excise tax allocation fund by June 30, 2023, pursuant to Section 4 of Senate Bill No. 2003. After expenditure of these funds, the gaming and excise tax allocation fund balance at the end of the 2023-25 biennium will be \$0.

BCI, State Crime Laboratory, and Gaming Division inflationary increases	The Attorney General anticipates the entire appropriation for inflationary increases will be spent by the end of the 2023-25 biennium and that the funding will need to be continued for the 2025-27 biennium.
Staff operating and equipment costs	The Attorney General has purchased cubicle equipment, desks, chairs, computers, software licenses, firearms, body armor, and other equipment for staff.
State Crime Laboratory capital improvements	See the <b>State Crime Laboratory study</b> section below.
State Crime Laboratory capital assets, including firearms and fingerprint testing equipment, intoxilyzers, and software upgrades	Through March 2024, the Attorney General has spent approximately \$240,000 on instruments for the State Crime Laboratory's forensic chemistry unit, latent print unit, and firearms unit; \$233,650 on intoxilyzer units; and \$18,000 on barcode readers. The Attorney General anticipates spending \$239,300 on additional intoxilyzer units by September 2024, \$550,000 on equipment for the latent print unit and firearms unit, and the remaining funding on other equipment needs during the 2023-25 biennium.
Gaming Division and Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division vehicles and radios	Through March 2024, the Attorney General has spent the entire \$102,200 appropriation for vehicles and radios.
Replacement of 10 undercover BCI vehicles	Through March 2024, the Attorney General has replaced 8 of the 10 undercover BCI vehicles and anticipates replacing the remaining 2 vehicles during the 2023-25 biennium.
Gaming, licensing, and deposit software	Through March 2024, the Attorney General has spent \$49,960 on the gaming distributor system project, which is in the development stage. The deposit software project has started and is scheduled to be completed by the end of the 2023-25 biennium. The licensing software project is scheduled to begin in fall 2024 and be completed by the end of the 2023-25 biennium.
Statewide litigation funding pool	See the <b>statewide litigation funding pool</b> section below.
Anti-methamphetamine program	Through March 2024, the Attorney General has spent \$666,700. It is unknown how much funding will be spent during the 2023-25 biennium. The funding is available through September 2025. The Attorney General anticipates requesting an exemption to continue a portion of this funding into the 2025-27 biennium.
Law enforcement resiliency grant program	Through March 2024, the Attorney General has awarded the entire \$400,000 appropriation and has reimbursed law enforcement agencies \$56,830. The Attorney General anticipates spending the entire appropriation during the 2023-25 biennium.

Additional income from federal or other funds	In Section 3 of Senate Bill No. 2003, the Legislative Assembly authorized the Attorney General to receive and spend up to \$250,000 of federal or other funding for defraying the expenses of the office. Through March 2024, the Attorney General has not received any additional funding pursuant to this section.
Domestic violence forensic medical examination grant program	Through March 2024, the Attorney General has spent \$10,656 on this program and anticipates spending the entire appropriation during the 2023-25 biennium.
Back the blue grant program	Through March 2024, the Attorney General has awarded the entire \$3.5 million appropriation for the program. The distributions to law enforcement agencies range from \$2,885 to \$264,000. The Attorney General will receive reports in July 2024 and at the end of the 2023-25 biennium that detail how law enforcement agencies are spending the funding.
Law enforcement staffing grant program	Through March 2024, the Attorney General has awarded the \$29,000 appropriation and anticipates the funding will be spent by the end of the 2023-25 biennium.

**Deficiency appropriations** - In Senate Bill No. 2025 (2023), the Legislative Assembly provided a \$1,075,000 deficiency appropriation from the general fund to the Attorney General, of which \$75,000 is for prosecution witness fees and \$1,000,000 is for the statewide litigation funding pool for the 2021-23 biennium. See the **statewide litigation funding pool** section below.

**Statewide litigation funding pool** - In House Bill No. 1003 (2021), the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$4.65 million to the Attorney General for a statewide litigation funding pool to be transferred to eligible state agencies for litigation expenses incurred during the 2021-23 biennium, of which \$3 million was one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund and \$1.65 million was from one-time funding from the gaming tax allocation fund.

In Section 4 of Senate Bill No. 2003, the Legislative Assembly authorized the transfer of \$2,760,000 from the lottery operating fund to the gaming and excise tax allocation fund during the 2021-23 biennium for the statewide litigation funding pool. The bill includes a total appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Attorney General for a statewide litigation funding pool to be transferred to eligible state agencies for litigation expenses incurred during the 2023-25 biennium, of which \$1,797,748 is from the general fund and \$3,202,252 is from the gaming and excise tax allocation fund.

The Attorney General spent \$51,548 of the deficiency appropriation on prosecution witness fees during the 2021-23 biennium and the remaining \$23,352 was canceled and returned to the general fund at the end of the biennium.

The Attorney General spent \$642,435 of the deficiency appropriation on litigation costs during the 2021-23 biennium and the remaining \$357,565 was returned to the general fund at the end of the biennium.

Including \$642,435 of the \$1 million general fund deficiency appropriation provided by the Legislative Assembly, statewide litigation funding pool expenses for the 2021-23 biennium were as follows:

Agency	Litigation Expenses
108 - Secretary of State	\$328,284
125 - Attorney General	445,297
127 - Tax Commissioner	6,764
301 - State Health Department	250
303 - Department of Environmental Quality	157,053
405 - Industrial Commission	4,354,787
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,292,435</b>

Through March 2024, the Attorney General has spent \$2.4 million from the statewide litigation funding pool and anticipates spending the entire \$5 million during the 2023-25 biennium. Current litigation expenses are as follows:

Agency	Litigation Expenses
108 - Secretary of State	\$146,866
125 - Attorney General	439,743
405 - Industrial Commission	1,836,192
701 - State Historical Society	8,350
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,431,151</b>

**Opioid addiction prevention and treatment program** - Section 5 of House Bill No. 1003 (2021) provided for a transfer of up to \$2 million from opioid-related lawsuit settlement proceeds deposited in the Attorney General refund fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), which was appropriated to DHHS for the purpose of defraying the expenses of an opioid addiction prevention and treatment program during the 2021-23 biennium. The Department of Health and Human Services was required to consult with the Attorney General regarding the use of this funding.

In House Bill No. 1447 (2023), the Legislative Assembly required OMB to transfer all opioid-related lawsuit settlement proceeds deposited in the Attorney General refund fund since March 1, 2021, to the newly created opioid settlement fund during the 2021-23 biennium. The bill allows political subdivisions to remit opioid-related funds to the state for deposit in the opioid settlement fund and includes a \$8,000,000 appropriation from the opioid settlement fund to DHHS for opioid remediation and abatement efforts during the 2023-25 biennium.

**E-cigarette settlement** - In September 2022, the Attorney General's office announced an agreement had been reached between JUUL Labs, Inc., and 34 states and territories regarding JUUL Labs e-cigarette marketing and sales practices. Of the \$438,500,000 million total settlement, North Dakota was awarded \$6,028,211, which will be paid in installments for a period of 6 to 10 years.

In House Bill No. 1004 (2023), the Legislative Assembly required 80 percent of funding deposited in the Attorney General refund fund from the JUUL Labs, Inc., settlement during the 2021-23 biennium be transferred to the community health trust fund and required 80 percent of additional funding received from the settlement be deposited directly in the community health trust fund beginning in the 2023-25 biennium.

**Attorney General leased facility** - In response to a June 2022 request from the Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee, the State Auditor issued an investigative report in September 2022 related to a 10-year lease agreement and remodel costs of a facility leased by the Attorney General's

No transfer was made from the Attorney General to DHHS for the opioid addiction prevention and treatment program during the 2021-23 biennium.

In January 2024, OMB transferred \$9,598,002 from the Attorney General refund fund to the opioid settlement fund. Through April 2024, \$9,544,201 of additional opioid settlement proceeds have been deposited in the opioid settlement fund. No opioid settlement proceeds have been submitted from political subdivisions to the Attorney General or DHHS for deposit in the opioid settlement fund. Decisions regarding abatement strategies, including addiction prevention and treatment programs are made by the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee in collaboration with DHHS.

Through April 2024, opioid settlement proceeds received and deposited in the opioid settlement fund are as follows:

Settlement	Received Through April 2024	Estimated Through 2023-25 Biennium
McKinsey & Company, Inc.	\$1,030,594	\$1,030,594
Distributors - McKesson Corporation; Cardinal Health, Inc.; AmerisourceBergen	5,531,064	7,187,258
Mallinckrodt, PLC	566,184	766,184
Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies	5,207,478	5,273,640
Allergan, PLC	447,426	898,949
CVS Pharmacy, Inc.	498,345	848,345
Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd.	403,652	856,343
Walgreens	963,278	1,351,437
Walmart, Inc.	3,910,996	3,910,996
Endo International, PLC	0	500,000
Publicis Groupe	583,186	583,186
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,142,203</b>	<b>\$23,206,932</b>

The Attorney General received \$577,267 of settlement proceeds during the 2021-23 biennium, of which \$461,814 was transferred from the Attorney General refund fund to the community health trust fund in July 2023. Through April 2024, the Attorney General has received \$580,285 of additional settlement proceeds during the 2023-25 biennium, of which \$116,057 (20 percent) was deposited in the Attorney General refund fund and \$464,228 (80 percent) was deposited in the community health trust fund. Total estimated settlement proceeds for the 2023-25 biennium is \$1,160,570, of which \$232,114 (20 percent) would be deposited in the Attorney General refund fund and \$928,456 (80 percent) would be deposited in the community health trust fund.

Through April 2024, the Attorney General's office, Stealth Properties, LLC, and other entities have not agreed upon a final reconciliation of lease costs, primarily due to a lack of invoices and information regarding amounts charged to the Attorney General for remodeling and other facility costs.

office. The State Auditor was asked to investigate the lease and excess costs of approximately \$1.74 million for renovations to the leased facility.

The investigation included a review of the lease entered by the Attorney General for the property located at 1720 Burlington Drive in Bismarck; interviews with representatives of the Attorney General's office, OMB, Stealth Properties, LLC, Parkway Property Management, and Frontier Contracting, LLC; a review of emails made available by each interested party; and other records, including floor plans, invoices, and banking information.

The investigation revealed the total cost to the Attorney General's office to relocate to the Burlington Drive facility was \$2.4 million. Of the total, \$1.74 million is considered excess costs to renovate and relocate to the facility. Of the \$1.74 million, \$1.34 million was paid by the Attorney General at the end of the 2019-21 biennium from existing funds remaining in the agency's operating expenses (\$470,187), law enforcement (\$197,900), criminal justice information sharing (\$325,876), and North Dakota Lottery (\$348,247) line items. The remaining \$400,000 was included in the ongoing lease cost beginning in the 2021-23 biennium.

The Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee forwarded the report from the State Auditor to the Attorney General and encouraged the Attorney General to arrange for an independent organization to conduct an additional investigation on the lease and events leading up to the lease.

In September 2023, the Montana Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation released an investigative report that revealed in December 2022, Stealth Properties, LLC was no longer requiring the \$400,000 to be included in ongoing lease costs. In addition, Stealth Properties, LLC issued a \$224,855 check to the Attorney General's office in December 2022 that Stealth Properties, LLC determined was owed to the Attorney General after an internal reconciliation of lease costs was performed.

**Charitable gaming technology system** - In Senate Bill No. 2003 (2019), the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$400,000 of one-time funding from the Attorney General operating fund to the Attorney General to purchase equipment and software for a charitable gaming technology system to address charitable gaming needs in the state during the 2019-21 biennium. Section 12 of the bill provided an exemption from North Dakota Century Code Section 53-06.1-12(3) to allow the Attorney General to retain \$400,000 of gaming tax revenues and deposit the revenue in the Attorney General operating fund during fiscal year 2020.

In House Bill No. 1003 (2021), the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$475,000 from the charitable gaming operating fund for Phases 3 and 4 of the charitable gaming technology system project.

In Senate Bill No. 2003, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$736,000 from the charitable gaming operating fund for defraying the expenses related to the continued development and implementation of Phases 3 and 4 of the charitable gaming technology system, of which \$37,000 is ongoing funding and \$699,000 is one-time funding.

The \$224,855 check was deposited on June 28, 2023. Of this amount, \$123,160 was a refund of costs paid during the 2019-21 biennium and was transferred to the general fund (\$55,256), Attorney General refund fund (\$35,949), and lottery operating fund (\$31,955). The remaining \$101,695 was a refund of costs paid during the 2021-23 biennium and was transferred to the general fund (\$68,907), Attorney General refund fund (\$11,710), Attorney General operating fund (\$7,062), Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity and Firefighter Protection Act enforcement fund (\$2,307), and lottery operating fund (\$11,710) to restore funding previously spent from these funds on lease-related costs.

The current lease is for 33,000 square feet with a base rate of \$9.50 per square foot and \$5.70 per square foot for common area maintenance through June 2026. The lease terms were for 10 years until June 30, 2031, with an option to renew for an additional 10 years until June 30, 2041.

The project consisted of four phases. Phase 1 is for the development of the charitable gaming organization system. Phase 2 is for a core system rewrite. Phase 3 is for development of the gaming distributor system. Phase 4 is for enhancing the functionality of the three systems developed in Phases 1, 2, and 3.

The Attorney General spent the 2019-21 biennium appropriation of \$400,000 to complete Phase 1 and a portion of Phase 2. Phase 1 was completed in February 2021. Phase 2 was completed in March 2022 using the entire \$475,000 appropriated for the 2021-23 biennium.

The Attorney General began Phase 3 in November 2023 and through April 2024 has spent \$96,965 of the \$736,000 appropriation on the project during the 2023-25 biennium. The Attorney General anticipates the project will be completed by the end of the 2023-25 biennium, but it is possible the project may extend into the 2025-27 biennium.

**Human trafficking prevention** - In Senate Bill No. 2003, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$1,105,404 from the general fund to the Attorney General for human trafficking victims grants during the 2023-25 biennium. Section 7 of the bill authorizes the Attorney General to provide grants for the development and implementation of direct care emergency or long-term crisis services, residential care, training for law enforcement, support of advocacy services, and programs promoting positive outcomes for victims.

**Forensic nurse examiners grant program** - In Senate Bill No. 2003, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$251,482 from the general fund to the Attorney General for the forensic nurse examiners grant program for the 2023-25 biennium. Section 8 of the bill requires the Attorney General to report to the Appropriations Committees of the 69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly on the number of nurses trained, the number and location of nurses providing services related to the sexual assault nurse examiner programs, and documentation of collaborative efforts to assist victims which includes nurses, the hospital or clinic, law enforcement, and state's attorneys.

**Medical examinations and children's forensic interviews** - In Senate Bill No. 2003, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$964,560 from the insurance regulatory trust fund to the Attorney General for medical examinations (\$660,000) and children's forensic interviews (\$304,560) authorized in Section 12.1-34-07.

**Concealed weapon rewrite project** - Section 16 of Senate Bill No. 2003 provides the Attorney General an exemption to continue unexpended 2015-17 biennium funding that was continued into the 2017-19, 2019-21, and 2021-23 bienniums for a concealed weapon rewrite project into the 2023-25 biennium.

**Legal case management system** - Section 17 of Senate Bill No. 2003 provides the Attorney General an exemption to continue unexpended 2017-19 biennium funding that was continued into the 2019-21 biennium for the statewide automated victim information and notification program and was carried into the 2021-23 biennium and repurposed for the legal case management system to be continued into the 2023-25 biennium for the legal case management system.

Through March 2024, the Attorney General has spent \$168,476 of the \$1,105,404 appropriation. It is unknown how much will be spent in total during the biennium.

Through March 2024, the Attorney General has spent \$63,484 of the \$251,482 appropriation. It is unknown how much will be spent in total during the biennium.

Through March 2024, the Attorney General has spent \$153,300 of the \$660,000 appropriation for medical examinations and \$20,880 of the \$304,560 appropriation for children's forensic interviews. It is unknown how much will be spent in total for these programs during the biennium.

The Attorney General continued \$155,711 of unexpended 2015-17 biennium funding into the 2017-19 biennium then again into the 2019-21 biennium. During the 2019-21 biennium, the Attorney General spent \$12,180 of this funding, resulting in \$143,531 being continued into the 2021-23 biennium. During the 2021-23 biennium, the Attorney General spent \$89,712, resulting in \$53,819 being continued into the 2023-25 biennium. The Attorney General has completed the application rewrite portion of the project and will start the online payment portion of the project during the 2023-25 biennium. The Attorney General anticipates requesting an exemption from the 2025 Legislative Assembly to continue funding into the 2025-27 biennium.

The replacement of the legal case management system began in January 2023. The Attorney General entered into a contract with Spartan Technology Solutions, Inc., to replace the system. The Attorney General continued \$107,643 of unspent funding from the 2021-23 biennium into the 2023-25 biennium. The Attorney General has spent an additional \$23,619 on the project during the 2023-25 biennium. In January 2024, the Attorney General terminated the contract due to the vendor's inability to adequately meet the Attorney General's system needs. The Attorney General has entered litigation against Spartan Technology Solutions, Inc., to recoup approximately \$350,000 paid to the vendor for work on the system.

**Other exemptions** - In Section 18 of Senate Bill No. 2003, the Legislative Assembly authorized the Attorney General to continue any remaining funding of the \$400,000 appropriated from the Attorney General refund fund during the 2021-23 biennium for the criminal history improvement project into the 2023-25 biennium.

In Section 19 of the bill, the Legislative Assembly authorized the Attorney General to continue any remaining funding of the \$300,000 appropriated from the federal funds during the 2021-23 biennium for the automated biometric identification system, formerly known as the automated fingerprint identification system, into the 2023-25 biennium.

In Section 20 of the bill, the Legislative Assembly authorized the Attorney General to continue any remaining funding of the \$2,082,871 appropriated from federal COVID-19 funds during the 2019-21 biennium and continued into the 2021-23 biennium for justice assistance grants into the 2023-25 biennium.

**Federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund projects** - During the November 2021 special legislative session, the Legislative Assembly appropriated one-time funding of \$1.35 million in Senate Bill No. 2345 (2021) from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Attorney General, as follows:

	<b>Other Funds</b>
Missing persons database	\$300,000
Prosecuting case management system	1,000,000
Information technology costs related to charitable gaming tax changes in House Bill No. 1509 (2021)	50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,350,000</b>

In Section 21 of Senate Bill No. 2003, the Legislative Assembly authorized the Attorney General to continue any remaining funding of the \$1 million appropriated from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund during the 2021-23 biennium for the replacement of the prosecuting case management system into the 2023-25 biennium.

**State Crime Laboratory study** - Section 22 of Senate Bill No. 2003 provides for a Legislative Management study of the services and needs of the State Crime Laboratory.

The Attorney General continued \$349,936 for the criminal history improvement project into the 2023-25 biennium. Through March 2024, the Attorney General has not spent any funding during the 2023-25 biennium. The funding will be used to make improvements to the criminal history system and project. The Attorney General anticipates requesting an exemption for any funding not spent by the end of the 2023-25 biennium to be continued into the 2025-27 biennium.

The Attorney General continued \$157,303 for the automated biometric identification system into the 2023-25 biennium and through March 2024, has spent \$89,178 on the system during the biennium. The Attorney General anticipates using the remaining \$68,125 for maintenance costs of the system.

The Attorney General continued \$201,469 for justice assistance grants into the 2023-25 biennium and through March 2024, has issued \$197,617 of grants during the biennium. The Attorney General anticipates spending the remaining \$3,851 during the 2023-25 biennium.

The Attorney General completed the missing persons database and gaming tax changes during the 2021-23 biennium at a cost of \$10,088 and \$45,821, respectively. The remaining \$294,091 of funding appropriated for these projects was returned to the State Fiscal Recovery Fund at the end of the 2021-23 biennium. Through March 2024, no funding has been spent on the prosecuting case management system.

The Legislative Management's interim Government Services Committee was assigned the study of the State Crime Laboratory. At the time of this report, the committee has made no recommendations regarding the State Crime Laboratory.

Through March 2024, the Attorney General has spent \$12,563 of the \$250,000 general fund appropriation for State Crime Laboratory capital improvements during the 2023-25 biennium, primarily on architecture plans. The Attorney General anticipates the entire appropriation will be spent during the 2023-25 biennium and estimates the final architecture plans will be available in June 2024, which will be provided to the Government Services Committee.

The Attorney General anticipates requesting funding from the 2025 Legislative Assembly for a new State Crime Laboratory.