

DDC FY24 Budget Request

Legislative Finance Committee Hearing

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NEW MEXICO
**Developmental
Disabilities
Council**

Program Overview

P727: DDC

- Center for Self Advocacy
- Office of the Special Education Ombud
- Council Administration & Federal Grants

P737: OOG

- Office of Guardianship

NM DDC Programs

Center for Self- Advocacy (CSA)

- Advocate Leadership Academy
- Marilyn Martinez State Jobs Program

Office of Guardianship (OOG)

- Adult guardianship and legal services to income-eligible New Mexicans with disabilities
- Additional guardianship oversight duties (HB 234, 2021)

Office of the Special Education Ombud (OSEO)

- Established in 2021
- Advocates with students with disabilities and their families to obtain individualized educational services in public schools

Guardianship Snapshot

- 1003 protected persons currently receiving guardianship services funded by OOG
 - 987 protected persons served on June 30, 2022
- 114 guardianship cases in process
 - 82 professional guardianship cases
 - 32 family guardianship cases
- 139 applicants on OOG waitlist
 - 74 professional guardianship applications
 - 65 family guardianship applications
- 7 emergency & priority cases
 - 22 emergency & priority cases since July 1, 2022

OOG FY21 Rate Study

- Professional guardians – \$900K & \$600K
 - \$325 (per month per protected person) → \$395
 - \$395 (per month per protected person) → \$445
- Treatment guardians – \$158K
 - \$85 (per month per protected person) → \$115
- Legal professionals – \$15K
 - Court visitors: \$325 → \$350
 - Guardians ad litem: \$650 → \$665
 - Petitioning attorneys: \$900 → \$925

- From December 1, 2021, to September 15, 2022, OSEO served 165 families in 29 school districts and 19 counties in every region across the state.
 - Advocated with students and families at over 70 meetings
 - Shared information and resources, answered questions, and reviewed options for next steps with students and families.
- OSEO developed a 16-hour initial training for volunteer ombuds, followed by shadowing, hands-on training, and supervised casework. OSEO has recruited and is currently training 7 volunteer ombuds.
- From December 1, 2021, to September 15, 2022, OSEO completed 24 presentations to hundreds of people across the state, including students, families, teachers, administrators, special education directors, and superintendents.

Special Education Ombud Snapshot

	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
SOURCES:	Actual	Actual	Operating	Request
General Fund	5,230,200.0	6,733,800.0	7,543,400.0	9,530,180.0
Other Transfers	625,000.0	625,000.0	625,000.0	625,000.0
Federal Revenue	497,300.0	516,305.0	731,720.0	530,220.0
Other Revenue	3,600.0	23,300.0	97,800.0	-
Fund Balance	500,400.0	-	-	-
TOTAL	6,856,500.0	7,898,405.0	8,997,920.0	10,685,400.0
USES:				
200 - PSEB	1,340,592.0	1,432,578.5	2,094,720.0	2,244,700.0
300 - Contracts	4,901,846.7	5,713,350.2	6,084,400.0	7,553,600.0
400 - Other	391,876.2	561,130.8	818,800.0	887,100.0
500 - Other Financing Uses	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	6,634,314.9	7,707,059.6	8,997,920.0	10,685,400.0

FY 24 Budget Request: Overview

- OOG Rate Increase - \$600,000 (300)
- OOG Waitlist Management - \$850,000 (300)

FY 24 Budget
Request:
Increases

FY 24 Special & Supplemental Appropriation Requests

- OOG Supplemental Appropriation Request
 - FY 23 OOG Waitlist Management – \$332,000 (300)
 - Partially funds 160 new cases in FY 23
- OOG Special Appropriation Request
 - FY 24 OOG Waitlist Management – \$648,000 (300)
 - Funds 200 new cases in FY 24
 - FY 24 OSEO Program Support – \$95,000 (300)

Questions?

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