

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
Care of the Building and Grounds
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT REQUIREMENTS

Fiscal Year 2022 Assumed Appropriation	\$10,309,000
Fiscal Year 2023 Requested Appropriation	\$33,512,000
Requested Increase from Fiscal Year 2022 Assumed Appropriation	\$23,203,000

APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

CARE OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS

For such expenditures as may be necessary to enable the Architect of the Capitol to carry out the duties imposed upon the Architect by 40 U.S.C. 6111 and 6112, [~~\$10,309,000~~] *\$33,512,000*, to remain available until expended.

(H.R 4502 - Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2022)

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
CARE OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2023
(Dollar amounts in thousands)**

Fiscal Year 2023 Resource Requirements:

	<u>FTEs</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fiscal Year 2022 Assumed Appropriation.....	50	\$ 10,309

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No. Adjustments to Base to Maintain Current Services:

A. Personnel

Pay and Benefit Adjustments

1.25	1. Proposed 2023 pay adjustment (4.6% for nine months).....	-	\$	140
1.25	2. Annualization of 2022 pay adjustment (2.7% for three months).....	-	\$	43
1.25	3. Promotions and within-grade increases.....	-	\$	40
1.26	4. Benefits increases	-		
	a. Health benefits.....	-	\$	12
	b. FICA adjustment.....	-	\$	2
1.26	5. One less compensable day.....	-	\$	(21)

B. Other Adjustments

General Inflationary Adjustments

1.26	6. Inflationary increases in charges for contracts, services, supplies, and equipment.....	-	\$	87
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Subtotal, Adjustments to Base to Maintain Current Services..... - **\$ 303**

Total Current Services Appropriation Required..... **50 \$ 10,612**

C. Program Increases

1.27	7. Physical Security Upgrades from FY 2022 Fall Re-estimate.....	-	\$	4,200
1.27	8. Additional Physical Security Upgrades.....		\$	2,800
1.27	9. Supreme Court Courtyard Restoration.....	-	\$	15,900

Subtotal, Program Increases..... - **\$ 22,900**

Total Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriation Required..... **50 \$ 33,512**

Total Appropriation Change, Fiscal Year 2022 to Fiscal Year 2023..... - **\$ 23,203**

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
CARE OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS
Obligations by Activity (\$000)

Activity	Fiscal Year 2021 Actual	Fiscal Year 2022 Assumed	Fiscal Year 2023 Request
Care of Building and Grounds, Total Obligations	16,439	23,500	30,562
Unobligated Balance, Start of Year	(23,533)	(17,712)	(4,521)
Unobligated Balance, End of Year	17,712	4,521	7,471
Available Appropriation	10,618	10,309	33,512

Obligations by Object Class (\$000)

Description	Fiscal Year 2021 Actual	Fiscal Year 2022 Assumed	Fiscal Year 2023 Request
11 Personnel compensation	4,500	4,680	4,958
12 Personnel benefits	1,780	1,851	1,962
21 Travel and transportation of things	0	3	4
23 Rent, communications and utilities	1,798	2,700	2,850
25 Other services	4,873	7,366	6,988
26 Supplies and materials	667	700	750
31 Equipment	98	0	150
32 Land and structures	2,723	6,200	12,900
Total Obligations	16,439	23,500	30,562

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
CARE OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS
Relation of Obligations to Outlays (\$000)

	Fiscal Year 2021 Actuals	Fiscal Year 2022 Assumed Obligations	Fiscal Year 2023 Request	Difference (+) or (-)
Obligations incurred, net	16,439	23,500	30,562	7,062
Obligated balance, start of year	10,800	12,122	15,000	2,878
Adjustments to obligated balance	(900)	(1,000)	(1,000)	0
Obligated balance, end of year	(12,122)	(15,000)	(16,000)	(1,000)
Outlays	14,217	19,622	28,562	

Personnel Summary^{1/}

	Fiscal Year 2021 Actual	Fiscal Year 2022 Assumed FTE	Fiscal Year 2023 Request	Difference (+) or (-)
Total compensable workyears:				
Full-time equivalent employment	43	50	50	0

^{1/} Full-time equivalent numbers reflect payroll funded and project funded personnel.

GENERAL STATEMENT AND INFORMATION

This appropriation, for expenditure by the Architect of the Capitol, provides for the structural and mechanical care of the United States Supreme Court Building and Grounds, including maintenance and operation of mechanical, electrical, and electronic equipment. The Architect is not responsible for custodial care, which is under the jurisdiction of the Marshal of the Supreme Court and is provided for in the Supreme Court's salaries and expenses appropriation. The Architect performs his duties under authority of 40 U.S.C. § 6111.

The equipment includes such items as air conditioning, refrigeration, and ventilating systems with more than 1,000 pieces of equipment; electrical transformer stations and emergency power system; three hundred plumbing fixtures and related piping; nine elevators and four dumbwaiters; electrical fixtures and wiring; and electronic security equipment. In FY 2023, a total of 50 full-time equivalents (FTE) are expected to cover three shifts daily. The FY 2023 request for the Supreme Court, Building and Grounds account totals \$33,512,000.

This request includes funding to maintain current services and accounts for general inflationary increases. Also included in this request are \$22,900,000 in program increases for physical security upgrades and courtyard restoration.

Projects under the Architect of the Capitol relating to the buildings and grounds in the Capitol campus are included in the Legislative Branch budget. However, projects pertaining to the buildings and grounds of the Supreme Court are presented within this account in the judiciary's budget request. No projects are requested in this year's budget request.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 APPROPRIATIONS

In the absence of enacted FY 2022 appropriation, the judiciary built the FY 2023 discretionary budget request for the Supreme Court Building and Grounds on an assumed FY 2022 appropriation of \$10,309,000, which is the current services level.

For bill language for this account, the judiciary used the relevant language from H.R. 4502, which includes the House-passed version of the Financial Services and General Government appropriations bill, 2022, as the closest approximation of eventual enacted FY 2022 appropriations language, updated with the assumed funding level as described above.

After full-year FY 2022 appropriations are enacted, the judiciary will re-estimate its FY 2023 budget request and transmit to the Appropriations Committees any changes to FY 2023 appropriation requirements and bill language.

Justification of Changes

The FY 2023 budget request for the Supreme Court of the United States, Care of the Building and Grounds appropriation, totals \$33,512,000 and 50 FTEs. This represents an increase of \$23,203,000, or 225.1 percent, from the FY 2022 assumed appropriation of \$10,309,000.

Adjustments to maintain current services include funds for pay and benefits, cost increases for current staff, and adjustments for ongoing activities, such as inflationary increases in contract rates and charges for services, supplies, equipment, and other general inflationary increase.

Program increases totaling \$22,900,000 is requested for Physical Security Upgrades and for the Supreme Court Courtyard Restoration.

ADJUSTMENTS TO BASE TO MAINTAIN CURRENT SERVICES:

A. PERSONNEL

Pay and Benefit Adjustments

1. Proposed 2023 pay adjustment

Requested Increase: \$140,000

The judiciary is assuming federal pay rates will increase by 4.6 percent in January 2023. The requested increase provides for the cost of nine months of the anticipated pay raise in FY 2023, from January 2023 to September 2023. (If the pay adjustment included in the President’s FY 2023 budget request is different from this 4.6 percent guidance, the judiciary will revise this line item in its FY 2023 budget re-estimate.)

2. Annualization of 2022 pay adjustment

Requested Increase: \$43,000

The requested increase provides for the annualized costs of the 2022 pay adjustment for Employment Cost Index (ECI) and locality pay. Federal pay rates increased by an average of 2.7 percent, effective as of January 2022. The requested increase provides for the cost of three months (from October 2022 to December 2022) of the 2022 pay increase in FY 2023.

3. Promotions and within-grade increases

Requested Increase: \$40,000

The requested increase provides for promotions, within-grade increases and other adjustments, such as

career ladder pay increases for support personnel. Increases for within-grades are authorized by 5 U.S.C. §§ 5102(c)(7), 5102(d), 5341-5349 for wage board employees and by 5 U.S.C. §§ 5331-5336 for general schedule employees.

4. Benefits increases

a. Health benefits

Requested Increase: \$12,000

Based on information from the Office of Personnel Management, health benefit premium contributions are projected to increase by an average of 2.4 percent both in January 2022 and January 2023. The requested increase annualizes the 2022 premium increase and includes a nine-month provision for the increase anticipated for FY 2023.

b. FICA adjustment

Requested Increase: \$2,000

Based on information from the Social Security Administration, employer contributions to the Old Age, Survivor, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) portion of the FICA tax will increase in 2022. The salary cap for OASDI increased from \$142,800 to \$147,000 in January

2022. The requested amount is needed to pay the agency contribution in FY 2023.

5. One less compensable day

Requested Decrease: (\$21,000)

There is one less compensable day in FY 2023 than in FY 2022. The requested decrease adjusts for personnel compensation and benefits associated with one less compensable day.

B. OTHER ADJUSTMENTS

General Inflationary Adjustments

6. Inflationary increases in charges for contracts, services, supplies, and equipment

Requested Increase: \$87,000

Consistent with guidance from the Office of Management and Budget, this request of \$87,000 is required to fund inflationary increases of 2.0 percent for operating expenses such as travel, communications, printing, contractual services, supplies and materials, and furniture and equipment.

C. PROGRAM INCREASES

**7. Physical Security Upgrades from
FY 2022 Fall Re-estimate**

Requested Increase: \$4,200,000

Funding is requested for physical security upgrades pursuant to a comprehensive review and recommendations by security experts. The requested funding is needed for additional vehicle barricades, reinforced driveway gates, and other security-related projects. Funding for these purposes was requested in the Court's FY 2022 fall re-estimate and is being requested again here pending enactment of 2022 full-year appropriations.

8. Additional Security Upgrades

Requested Increase: \$2,800,000

Funding is requested for a new police kiosk, utilities, and control systems supporting physical security infrastructure.

9. Supreme Court Courtyard Restoration

Requested Increase: \$15,900,000

The Supreme Court's courtyards and plazas include stone carvings, fountains, plumbing, and electrical systems that are original to the building, constructed in 1935. Congress funded \$4.8 million of this multi-year project in FY 2017. This request funds the remaining stone restoration work in the courtyards as well as the complete replacement of failed courtyard electrical systems. Both projects will mitigate significant safety concerns. This request also funds fountain restoration, which replaces all mechanical equipment and installs pH monitoring and controls equipment for Supreme Court fountains located in the courtyards and plazas. The new equipment will be incorporated into the Building Automation System for controls and monitoring which will enhance energy efficiency and conserve substantial amounts of potable water.