

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

Fiscal Year 2023 Enacted Appropriation	\$29,246,000
Fiscal Year 2024 Requested Appropriation	\$20,688,000
Requested Decrease from Fiscal Year 2023 Enacted Appropriation	(\$8,558,000)

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 *under the direction of the Chief Justice*, to remain available until expended.

(P.L. 117-328 - Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2023)

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
CARE OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2024
(Dollar amounts in thousands)**

Fiscal Year 2024 Resource Requirements:

	<u>FTEs</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fiscal Year 2023 Enacted Appropriation.....	50	\$ 29,246

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No. Adjustments to Base to Maintain Current Services:

A. Personnel

Pay and Benefit Adjustments

1.24	1. Proposed 2024 pay adjustment (5.2% for nine months).....	-	\$ 268
1.24	2. Annualization of 2023 pay adjustment (4.6% for three months).....	-	\$ 65
1.24	3. Promotions and within-grade increases.....	-	\$ 47
1.25	4. Benefits increases	-	
	a. Health benefits.....	-	\$ 42
	b. FICA adjustment.....	-	\$ 3
1.25	5. One more compensable day.....	-	\$ 24

B. Other Adjustments

General Inflationary Adjustments

1.25	6. Inflationary increases in charges for contracts, services, supplies, and equipment.....	-	\$ 111
1.25	7. Reduction for non-recurring requirements.....	-	\$ (18,700)

Subtotal, Adjustments to Base to Maintain Current Services..... - (18,140)

Total Current Services Appropriation Required..... 50 \$ 11,106

C. Program Increases

1.26	8. Supreme Court Courtyard Restoration & Fountain Construction Cost.....	-	\$ 3,082
1.26	9. Physical Security Improvements.....	-	\$ 6,500

Subtotal, Program Increases..... - \$ 9,582

Total Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriation Required..... 50 \$ 20,688

Total Appropriation Change, Fiscal Year 2023 to Fiscal Year 2024..... - \$ (8,558)

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CARE OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS
Obligations by Activity (\$000)

Activity	Fiscal Year 2022 Actual	Fiscal Year 2023 Assumed	Fiscal Year 2024 Request
Care of Building and Grounds, Total Obligations	24,940	36,992	20,564
Unobligated Balance, Start of Year	(19,928)	(9,422)	(1,676)
Unobligated Balance, End of Year	9,422	1,676	1,800
Available Appropriation	14,434	29,246	20,688

Obligations by Object Class (\$000)

Description	Fiscal Year 2022 Actual	Fiscal Year 2023 Assumed	Fiscal Year 2024 Request
11 Personnel compensation	4,973	5,225	5,436
12 Personnel benefits	2,023	2,125	2,211
21 Travel and transportation of things	0	2	3
23 Rent, communications and utilities	1,863	2,000	2,100
25 Other services	13,700	25,200	8,285
26 Supplies and materials	579	640	730
31 Equipment	0	0	0
32 Land and structures	1,802	1,800	1,800
Total Obligations	24,940	36,992	20,564

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

	Fiscal Year 2022 Actuals	Fiscal Year 2023 Assumed Obligations	Fiscal Year 2024 Request	Difference (+) or (-)
Obligations incurred, net	24,940	36,992	20,564	(16,428)
Obligated balance, start of year	10,800	9,507	15,000	5,493
Adjustments to obligated balance	(900)	(1,000)	(1,000)	0
Obligated balance, end of year	(9,507)	(15,000)	(12,000)	3,000
Outlays	25,333	30,499	22,564	

Personnel Summary^{1/}

	Fiscal Year 2022 Actual	Fiscal Year 2023 Assumed FTE	Fiscal Year 2024 Request	Difference (+) or (-)
Total compensable workyears:				
Full-time equivalent employment	46	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 2024, a total of 50 full-time equivalents (FTE) are expected to cover three shifts daily. The FY 2024 request for the Supreme Court, Building and Grounds account totals \$20,688,000. This amount fully funds the Supreme Court Building and Grounds' FY 2024 requirements.

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.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 APPROPRIATIONS

The judiciary built the FY 2024 discretionary budget request for the Supreme Court Building and Grounds on the enacted FY 2023 appropriation of \$29,246,000. For bill language, the judiciary used the language from P.L. 117-328, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2023.

Justification of Changes

The FY 2024 budget request for the Supreme Court of the United States, Care of the Building and Grounds appropriation, totals \$20,688,000 and 50 FTEs. This represents a decrease of \$8,558,000, or 29 percent, from the FY 2023 enacted appropriation of \$29,246,000.

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 \$9,582,000 are requested for the Supreme Court Courtyard Restoration project and Physical Security Improvements.

ADJUSTMENTS TO BASE TO MAINTAIN CURRENT SERVICES:

A. PERSONNEL

Pay and Benefit Adjustments

1. Proposed 2024 pay adjustment

Requested Increase: \$268,000

The judiciary is assuming federal pay rates will increase by 5.2 percent in January 2024. The requested increase provides for the cost of nine months of the anticipated pay raise in FY 2024, from January 2024 to September 2024. (If the pay adjustment included in the President's FY 2024 budget request is different from this 5.2 percent guidance, the judiciary will revise this line item in its FY 2024 budget re-estimate.)

2. Annualization of assumed 2023 pay adjustment

Requested Increase: \$65,000

The requested increase provides for the annualized costs of the 2023 pay adjustment for Employment Cost Index (ECI) and locality pay. As a result of the ECI, federal pay rates increased by an average of 4.6 percent, effective as of January 2023. The requested increase provides for the cost of three months (from October 2023 to December 2023) of the 2023 pay increase in FY 2024

3. Promotions and within-grade increases

Requested Increase: \$47,000

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: \$42,000

Based on information from the Office of Personnel Management, health benefit premium contributions increased an average of 6.6 percent in January 2023 and are projected to increase by 6.6 percent in January 2024. The requested increase annualizes the 2023 premium increase and includes a nine-month provision for the increase anticipated for FY 2024.

b. FICA adjustment

Requested Increase: \$3,000

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 2023. The salary cap for OASDI increased from \$147,000 to \$160,200 in January 2023. The requested amount is needed to pay the agency contribution in FY 2024.

5. One more compensable day

Requested Increase: \$24,000

There is one more compensable day in FY 2024 than in FY 2023. The requested increase adjusts for personnel compensation and benefits associated with one more compensable day.

B. OTHER ADJUSTMENTS

General Inflationary Adjustments

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

Requested Increase: \$111,000

Consistent with guidance from the Office of Management and Budget, this request of \$111,000 is required to fund inflationary increases of 2.4 percent for operating expenses such as travel, communications, printing, contractual services, supplies and materials, and furniture and equipment.

7. Reduction for non-recurring requirements

Requested Decrease: (\$18,700,000)

The requested decrease of \$18,700,000 is for non-recurring

requirements associated with additional physical security upgrades and the FY 2023 phase of the Supreme Court Courtyard Restoration.

C. PROGRAM INCREASES

8. Supreme Court Courtyard Restoration

Requested Increase: \$3,082,000

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 \$4,800,000 of this multi-year project in FY 2017. In FY 2022, the Supreme Court reprogrammed \$8,500,000 to support the project. In FY 2023, Congress provided an additional \$15,900,000. This FY 2024 request of \$3,082,000 will be further reduced to \$2,500,000 in FY 2025, the final program year of the project.

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.

9. Physical Security Improvements

Requested Increase: \$6,500,000

Funding is requested for physical security upgrades resulting from a comprehensive review and recommendations by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The requested funding is needed to reinforce the building envelope.