

Administration

Consequences of Not Funding this Program

The Kansas Judicial Council operates under one program to improve the administration of justice in Kansas. The consequences of not funding the Judicial Council would be (1) loss of an efficient and expert forum used by the Legislative and Judicial Branches to assemble stakeholders and reach consensus on complex bills and issues; (2) major statutory codes becoming outdated causing inefficiencies in the court process as well as an increase in workload for the Kansas legislative branch; (3) loss of access for Kansas citizens to free legal forms for use in Kansas courts; and (4) an inability to continue publication of the Judicial Council's five copyrighted books including the criminal jury instructions relied heavily on by judges, attorneys and law enforcement.

Statutory Basis	Mandatory vs. Discretionary	MOE/Match Rqt.	Priority Level
20-2201 et seq	Mandatory	No	1

Program Goals

- A. To monitor major areas of law and corresponding statutory codes to identify needed updates or improvements.
- B. To publish and distribute legal materials for use in the Kansas court system.
- C. To create and post legal forms for use in the Kansas court system.

Program History

The Judicial Council was created by the Legislature in 1927 to improve the administration of justice in Kansas. With a small staff and through the use of advisory committees, the Judicial Council executes its statutory mission by recommending statutory enactments and amendments, conducting studies requested by the Legislature and Supreme Court, publishing important legal materials including the jury instructions used in all civil and criminal jury trials, and drafting and posting on the Judicial Council's website, legal forms for use by Kansas citizens. Beginning in fiscal year 2004, the Judicial Council became fully fee-funded.

Performance Measures

<i>Outcome Measures</i>	id	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	3- yr. Avg.	FY 2022	FY 2023
1. Number of Comm. Mtgs. Held	A	54	64	67	61.7	64	55
2. Number. of Publications Authored	B	4	2	3	3.0	3	3
3. Number of Website Visitors	C	147804	152995	164078	154,959.0	169000	174070
3. Outcome measure comparing outcomes to dollars*					*		
<i>Output Measures</i>							
4. Number of Reports	A	8	10	6	8.0	6	6
5. Number of Publications Sold	B	2413	938	2179	1,843.3	1562	1747
6. Number of legal forms posted	C	546	566	566	559.3	566	566

Funding

<i>Funding Source (in X)</i>	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
State General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non-SGF State Funds	539,735	567,052	585,106	551,493	618,036	625,359
Federal Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 539,735	\$ 567,052	\$ 585,106	\$ 551,493	\$ 618,036	\$ 625,359