

**FEES AND EXPENSES OF WITNESSES**

(Dollars in thousands)

	<u>Perm.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	<u>Pos.</u>		
2000 actuals .....	...	...	\$110,262
2001 appropriation.....	...	...	125,573
Increases.....	...	...	...
2002 base .....	...	...	125,573
Program changes (detailed below).....	...	...	30,572
2002 estimate .....	...	...	156,145

<u>Comparison by activity and program</u>	<u>2001 Appropriation</u>			<u>2002 Base</u>			<u>2002 Estimate</u>			<u>Program Changes</u>		
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	<u>Pos.</u>			<u>Pos.</u>			<u>Pos.</u>			<u>Pos.</u>		
1. Fees and Expenses of Witnesses.....	...	...	\$99,248	...	...	\$99,248	...	...	\$122,169	...	...	\$22,921
2. Protection of Witnesses.....	...	...	22,210	...	...	22,210	...	...	29,000	...	...	6,790
3. Victim Compensation Fund.....	...	...	....	...	...	....	...	...	....	...	...	...
4. Private Counsel.....	...	...	4,739	...	...	4,739	...	...	4,739	...	...	...
5. Superior Court Informants Program 1/ ...	...	...	(1,763)	...	...	(1,763)	...	...	(1,763)	...	...	...
6. Alternative Dispute Resolution.....	...	...	1,139	...	...	1,139	...	...	2,000	...	...	861
Grand Total.....	...	...	125,573	...	...	125,573	...	...	156,145	...	...	30,572

1/ The negative amount is shown for budget presentation only. It is offset by unobligated balances totalling \$2,763,000 brought forward from prior years. Thus, the net availability for the SCIP in 2001 is \$1,000,000. Current projections indicate that sufficient unobligated balances will exist in this program at the end of 2001 to fully fund anticipated needs in 2002. Therefore, no additional funding is sought in this request.

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Expert Witnesses.....	...	...	\$22,921
<p>Additional expert witness funding is sought to continue paying escalating witness fees throughout the witness user community. Of specific note are extraordinary expenses generated by the WINSTAR case in the Civil Division, the large Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act defensive contribution cases in the Environment Division, and several large cases in the Tax Division. Unlike previous years, the requested enhancement for 2002 does not reflect offsetting reductions from prior years. Rather, the requested enhancement reflects the gross amount of budget authority needed to fully fund annual obligations posted by the expert witness user components. Because of the effort to eliminate non-valid prior year obligations from the books, projected prior year de-obligations are not expected to be significant.</p>			
Protection of Witnesses.....			6,790
<p>The U.S. Marshals Service projects a total need of approximately \$29,000,000 to maintain the permanent witness relocation program. The additional funding is needed to support a small increase in the number of program participants and to fund certain inflationary increases that are unique to the relocation program.</p>			
Alternative Dispute Resolution.....	...	...	861
<p>Additional funding is sought to provide sufficient funding to make ADR services available where needed. ADR processes, such as mediation and arbitration, offer the opportunity to settle pending civil cases in ways that can be more efficient than unassisted negotiations and litigation, and on terms that are more beneficial to all parties. As estimated by the program office, total funding for this program should be \$2,000,000.</p>			
Total program changes, Fees and Expenses of Witnesses.....	...	...	30,572