

Budget Brief – Drug Courts and Boards

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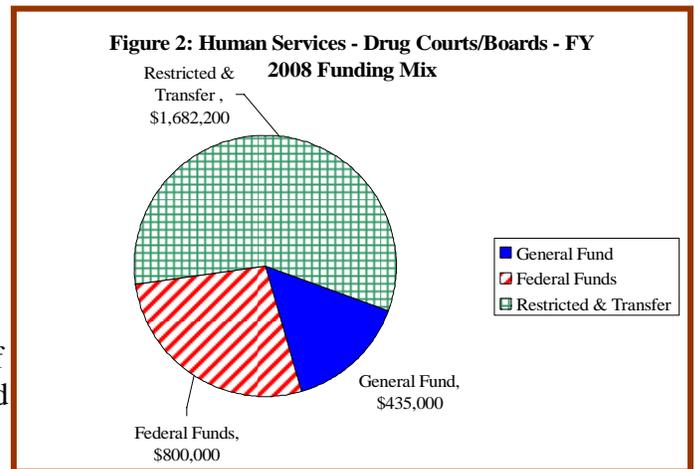
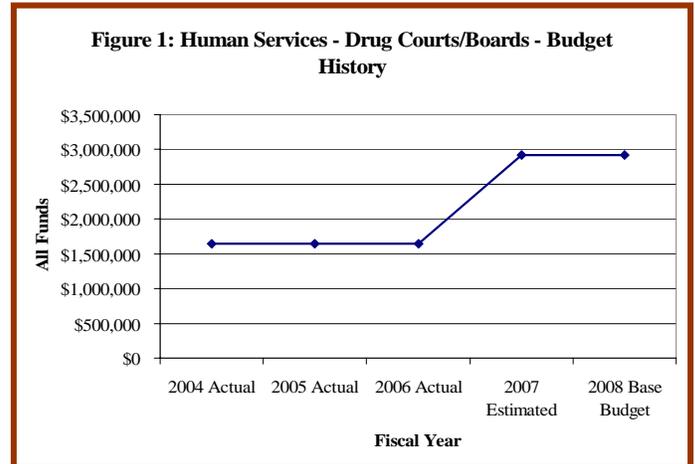
DRUG COURTS AND BOARDS

Drug Courts is a judicial process that offers nonviolent drug abusing offenders' intensive court-supervised drug treatment as an alternative to jail or prison. The local area substance abuse authorities and private contractors provide treatment services. Drug Boards provide community based services to drug involved offenders to help them reintegrate into their communities after release from prison.

Utah's first drug court was started in 1996, in Salt Lake County with funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Salt Lake County and other sources. Currently, 32 drug courts are operating in Utah. Funds from the Tobacco Settlement Account are used to fund 20 of these courts. In addition, the Legislature in the 2006 General Session appropriated \$435,000 in General Funds and transferred \$800,000 of federal funds (Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment funds) from the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to Drug Courts for treatment programs.

Drug Boards is a program similar to Drug Courts, but is offered by the correctional system to individuals leaving prison and entering parole. Instead of judges and a courtroom, the official in charge is a representative from the Board of Pardons and the location is a hearing room. Currently, Drug Boards are only located in Weber County.

The FY 2008 recommended base budget totals \$2,917,200 with \$435,000 (15 percent) from General Funds, \$1,647,200 (56 percent) from General Fund Restricted – Tobacco Settlement Account, \$800,000 (27 percent) from federal funds and the remaining balance of \$35,000 Transfers from the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Executive Appropriations Committee requests that the subcommittee adopt base budgets for each agency under the subcommittee's purview, fund subcommittee priorities by reallocating revenue among programs, and provide a prioritized list of desired items for funding. The subcommittee should consider the following items in its deliberations:

Base Budget Adoption

Adoption of the base budget enables the programs to continue for the next fiscal year at relatively the same level as the current fiscal year.

Funding Requests for Consideration

Drug Courts has only one request for FY 2008 which is to increase the funding for Drug Courts. This request with the analyst's recommendation will be summarized in Issue Brief DHS-08-04.

BUDGET DETAIL

The following table shows the budget history for the Drug Courts and Drug Boards line item including the base budget for adoption:

Human Services - Drug Courts/Boards						
	FY 2006	FY 2007		FY 2007		FY 2008*
Sources of Finance	Actual	Appropriated	Changes	Revised	Changes	Base Budget
General Fund	0	435,000	0	435,000	0	435,000
Federal Funds	0	800,000	0	800,000	0	800,000
GFR - Tobacco Settlement	1,647,200	1,647,200	0	1,647,200	0	1,647,200
Transfers - Commission on Criminal and Juvenile J	0	35,000	0	35,000	0	35,000
Lapsing Balance	(300)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$1,646,900	\$2,917,200	\$0	\$2,917,200	\$0	\$2,917,200
Programs						
Drug Board	350,600	350,900	0	350,900	0	350,900
Drug Courts	1,296,300	2,566,300	0	2,566,300	0	2,566,300
Total	\$1,646,900	\$2,917,200	\$0	\$2,917,200	\$0	\$2,917,200
Categories of Expenditure						
Other Charges/Pass Thru	1,646,900	2,917,200	0	2,917,200	0	2,917,200
Total	\$1,646,900	\$2,917,200	\$0	\$2,917,200	\$0	\$2,917,200

*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is the recommendation of the Analyst that the base budget for FY 2008 for the Drug Courts and Drug Boards of \$2,917,200 with the plan of financing as shown in the above table be adopted by the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee.