

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

Fiscal Year 2024 Assumed Appropriation	\$20,554,000
Fiscal Year 2025 Requested Appropriation	\$13,699,000
Requested Decrease from Fiscal Year 2024 Assumed Appropriation	(\$6,855,000)

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*, [~~\$20,554,000~~]*\$13,699,000*, to remain available until expended.

(H.R. 4664/S. 2309 - Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2024, updated to reflect the judiciary's fiscal year 2024 assumed appropriation)

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
CARE OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2025
(Dollar amounts in thousands)**

Fiscal Year 2025 Resource Requirements:

	<u>FTEs</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fiscal Year 2024 Assumed Appropriation.....	50	\$ 20,554

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No. Adjustments to Base to Maintain Current Services:

A. Personnel

Pay and Benefit Adjustments

1.25	1. Proposed 2025 pay adjustment (2.0% for nine months).....	-	\$ 64
1.25	2. Annualization of 2024 pay adjustment (5.2% for three months).....	-	\$ 52
1.25	3. Promotions and within-grade increases.....	-	\$ 54
1.26	4. Benefits increases	-	
	a. Health benefits.....	-	\$ 21
	b. FICA adjustment.....	-	\$ 2

B. Other Adjustments

1.26	5. Inflationary increases in charges for contracts, services, supplies, and equipment.....	-	\$ 106
1.26	6. Reduction for non-recurring requirements.....	-	\$ (9,582)

Subtotal, Adjustments to Base to Maintain Current Services..... - (9,283)

Total Current Services Appropriation Required..... 50 \$ 11,271

C. Program Increases

1.26	7. Supreme Court Courtyard Restoration.....	-	\$ 2,428
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Subtotal, Program Increases..... - \$ 2,428

Total Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriation Required..... 50 \$ 13,699

Total Appropriation Change, Fiscal Year 2024 to Fiscal Year 2025..... - \$ (6,855)

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

Activity	Fiscal Year 2023 Actual	Fiscal Year 2024 Assumed	Fiscal Year 2025 Request
Care of Building and Grounds, Total Obligations	25,205	26,564	15,152
Unobligated Balance, Start of Year	(9,422)	(13,463)	(7,453)
Unobligated Balance, End of Year	13,463	7,453	6,000
Available Appropriation	29,246	20,554	13,699

Obligations by Object Class (\$000)

Description	Fiscal Year 2023 Actual	Fiscal Year 2024 Assumed	Fiscal Year 2025 Request
11 Personnel compensation	4,925	5,436	5,571
12 Personnel benefits	2,106	2,211	2,266
21 Travel and transportation of things	9	3	3
23 Rent, communications and utilities	1,710	2,100	2,200
25 Other services	3,800	14,285	3,150
26 Supplies and materials	821	730	730
31 Equipment	0	0	0
32 Land and structures	11,834	1,800	1,232
Total Obligations	25,205	26,564	15,152

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

	Fiscal Year 2023 Actuals	Fiscal Year 2024 Assumed Obligations	Fiscal Year 2025 Request	Difference (+) or (-)
Obligations incurred, net	25,205	26,564	15,152	(11,412)
Obligated balance, start of year	9,422	13,868	14,000	132
Adjustments to obligated balance	(2,149)	(1,000)	(1,000)	0
Obligated balance, end of year	(13,868)	(14,000)	(11,000)	3,000
Outlays	18,610	25,432	17,152	

Personnel Summary^{1/}

	Fiscal Year 2023 Actual	Fiscal Year 2024 Assumed FTE	Fiscal Year 2025 Request	Difference (+) or (-)
Total compensable workyears:				
Full-time equivalent employment	45	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; 300 plumbing fixtures and related piping; nine elevators and four dumbwaiters; electrical fixtures and wiring; and electronic security equipment. In FY 2025, a total of 50 full-time equivalents (FTE) are expected to cover three shifts daily. The FY 2025 request for the Supreme Court, Building and Grounds account totals \$13,699,000. This request includes funding to maintain current services, account for general inflationary increases and support a program increase for courtyard and fountain restoration and construction activities.

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 2024 APPROPRIATIONS

The judiciary built the FY 2025 discretionary budget request for the United States Supreme Court Building and Grounds account on the FY 2024 assumed appropriation of \$20,554,000, which is the midpoint between the FY 2024 House and Senate marks. For bill language, the judiciary used the language from H.R. 4664 and S. 2309 - Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bills, 2024, as the closest approximation of the eventual enacted FY 2024 appropriation language, updated with the assumed level as described above.

Justification of Changes

The FY 2025 budget request for the Supreme Court of the United States, Care of the Building and Grounds appropriation, totals \$13,699,000 and 50 FTEs. This represents a decrease of \$6,855,000, or 33 percent, from the FY 2024 assumed appropriation of \$20,554,000.

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

A program increase totaling \$2,428,000 is requested for the Supreme Court Courtyard Restoration project.

ADJUSTMENTS TO BASE TO MAINTAIN CURRENT SERVICES:

A. PERSONNEL

Pay and Benefit Adjustments

1. Proposed 2025 pay adjustment

Requested Increase: \$64,000

The judiciary is assuming federal pay rates will increase by 2.0 percent in January 2025. The requested increase provides for the cost of nine months of the anticipated pay raise in FY 2025, from January 2025 to September 2025. (If the pay adjustment included in the President's FY 2025 budget request is different from this 2.0 percent, the judiciary will revise this line item in its FY 2025 budget re-estimate.)

2. Annualization of 2024 pay adjustment

Requested Increase: \$52,000

The requested increase provides for the annualized costs of a 2024 pay adjustment for Employment Cost Index (ECI) and locality pay. As a result of an ECI and locality adjustment, federal pay rates increased by an average of 5.2 percent, effective as of January 2024. The requested increase provides for the cost of three months (from October 2024 to December 2024) of the 2024 pay increase in FY 2025.

3. Promotions and within-grade increases

Requested Increase: \$54,000

The requested increase provides for promotions, within-grade increases, and other adjustments, such as career ladder pay increases for support personnel. Within-grade increases 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: \$21,000

Based on information from the Office of Personnel Management, health benefit premium contributions are projected to increase by an average of 5.0 percent in January 2024 and January 2025. The requested increase annualizes the 2024 premium increase and includes a nine-month provision for the increase anticipated for FY 2025.

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 2024. The salary cap for OASDI increased from \$160,200 to \$168,600 in January 2024. The requested amount is needed to pay the Court's contribution in FY 2025.

B. OTHER ADJUSTMENTS

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

Requested Increase: \$106,000

Consistent with guidance from the Office of Management and Budget, this requested increase is required to fund inflationary adjustments of 2.2 percent for operating expenses such as travel, communications, printing, contractual services, supplies and materials, and furniture and equipment.

6. Reduction for non-recurring requirements

Requested Decrease: (\$9,582,000)

The requested decrease of \$9,582,000 is for non-recurring requirements associated with additional physical security upgrades and the FY 2024 phase of the Supreme Court Courtyard Restoration.

C. PROGRAM INCREASE

7. Supreme Court Courtyard Restoration

Requested Increase: \$2,428,000

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. The FY 2024 request was \$3,082,000. This FY 2025 request of \$2,428,000 represents the final amount needed to complete the project.

This request funds the remaining stone restoration and fountain restoration work in the courtyards needed to bring the project to completion.