

Agency 037 - WORKERS COMPENSATION COURT

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court was created in 1935 pursuant to Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska. Chapter 48, Sections 101-191 and 1,110-1,118 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska establish the authority and responsibilities of the court. The court also operates in accordance with its Rules of Procedure which have been adopted pursuant to Section 48-163. Section 48-1,116, establishes the Compensation Court Cash Fund which was created in 1993 to aid in providing for the expense of administering the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act and for the salaries and expenses of the personnel of the court.

VISION:

The vision of the court is to impartially, effectively, and efficiently administer and enforce the provisions of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act, except those provisions that are committed to the courts of appellate jurisdiction or as otherwise provided by law.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The mission of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court is to administer and enforce the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act, except those provisions that are committed to the courts of appellate jurisdiction or as otherwise provided by law. The principles of the court are to remain impartial in all disputes between employers and employees and other matters that come before the court, to be responsive to the needs of the various parties involved in the workers' compensation system, and to operate programs effectively and efficiently.

GOALS:

The goals for the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court include:

- Adjudicate contested cases in a timely fashion within the formal hearing process and approve settlements.
- Use current technology to create efficiencies in the operations of the court, assist litigants, and provide appropriate information to the public.
- Provide a program to resolve disputed cases or issues through informal means.
- Oversee vocational rehabilitation counselors and services that return injured employees to suitable employment.
- Administer programs relating to managed care, independent medical examiners, and fees for medical and hospital services.
- Enforce compliance with insurance coverage, claims handling, reporting, and other obligations under the Act.

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Financial Data

	FY18 Actual	FY19 Approp	FY20 Request	FY20 Recomm	FY21 Request	FY21 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	5,434,293	6,300,153	6,399,149	6,385,416	6,507,370	6,479,600
Federal Fund	44,596	52,674	54,992	53,848	56,758	54,753
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	5,478,888	6,352,827	6,454,141	6,439,264	6,564,128	6,534,353
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	5,434,293	6,300,153	6,399,149	6,385,416	6,507,370	6,479,600
Federal Fund	44,596	52,674	54,992	53,848	56,758	54,753
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	5,478,888	6,352,827	6,454,141	6,439,264	6,564,128	6,534,353