

1. What activities will your agency eliminate, initiate, or significantly change?

During FY 15 the UJS will continue implementation of the South Dakota Public Safety Improvement Act (formerly known as SB 70) including the expansion of the Drug/DUI Courts statewide. The UJS will also continue with implementation of the Rural Attorney Recruitment Program which went into effect on July 1, 2013 as the result of HB 1096. The UJS further plans to expand the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) from its current status as a pilot program in Minnehaha and Pennington counties to statewide implementation. We are planning to add 8.0 FTE for additional positions to accomplish these goals. At the present time there are no activities the UJS plans to eliminate.

2. What initiatives for improving efficiency of operation are planned in FY15?

During FY 14 the UJS has seen the completion of the Odyssey Case Management install statewide which now allows for electronic document management of court records, electronic filing, receipt of electronic payments and electronic citations from law enforcement. During FY 15 continued implementation of these various additional components to the Odyssey system will allow for improved case processing methods and data management.

3. What are the standards of performance or metrics by which you judge the success and efficiencies of your agency's outcomes?

With the implementation of the new case management system, we will be able to report on five national standards developed by the National Center for State Courts for determining court efficiency: clearance rates, time to disposition, age of active pending caseload, trial date certainty, and collection of monetary penalties. The Public Safety Improvement Act has also required performance measurements to be adopted and reviewed by the Oversight Council. These performance measures relate to probation supervision, recidivism rates, and the success of alternatives to incarceration at the penitentiary.

4. What funds from FY14 are planned to be applied to FY15 activities? Are these amounts in addition to amount contained in the Governor's FY15 budget?

We currently have no plans to apply FY14 funds to FY15 activities although there could be some amount of carryover for capital asset purchases that have been ordered but not yet received or installed.

5. What are your plans regarding amending the FY14 General Bill?

We have no plans to request amendments to the FY14 General Bill at this time.

6. What programs and services offered by your agency have been, or will be affected by federal budget reductions due to the Budget Control Act of 2011 or other actions by the federal government? Were General Funds and/or Other Funds used to support the continuation of these programs or services?

Our programs and services were not affected by the federal budget reductions.