

SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Budget Summary						FTE Position Summary				
Fund	2022-23 Adjusted Base	Act 19		2023-25 Change Over Base Year Doubled		2022-23	Act 19		2024-25 Over 2022-23	
		2023-24	2024-25	Amount	%		2023-24	2024-25	Number	%
GPR	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	N.A.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N.A.
FED	537,500	520,700	520,700	- 33,600	- 3.1%	1.70	1.70	1.70	0.00	0.0%
PR	<u>60,517,800</u>	<u>70,583,900</u>	<u>72,144,000</u>	<u>21,692,300</u>	17.9	<u>240.44</u>	<u>256.19</u>	<u>256.19</u>	<u>15.75</u>	6.6
TOTAL	\$61,055,300	\$72,104,600	\$72,664,700	\$22,658,700	18.6%	242.14	257.89	257.89	15.75	6.5%

Budget Change Items

Departmentwide

1. STANDARD BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS [LFB Paper 105]

	Funding	Positions
FED	- \$33,600	0.00
PR	<u>155,300</u>	<u>- 2.00</u>
Total	\$121,700	- 2.00

Increase funding by \$76,200 (-\$16,800 FED and \$93,000 PR) and delete 2.0 PR positions in 2023-24, and provide \$45,500 (-\$16,800 FED and \$62,300 PR) and delete 2.0 PR positions in 2024-25 to reflect the net effect of the following standard budget adjustments: (a) turnover reduction (-\$585,500 PR annually); (b) removal of non-continuing elements (-\$145,800 PR and -2.0 PR positions in 2023-24 and -\$176,700 PR and -2.0 PR positions in 2024-25); (c) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (-\$16,800 FED and \$897,500 PR annually); and (d) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (-\$73,200 PR in 2023-24 and -\$73,000 PR in 2024-25).

2. SYSTEM PLATFORMS SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MAINTENANCE [LFB Papers 680 and 681]

PR	\$4,352,400
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Provide \$2,117,900 in 2023-24 and \$2,234,500 beginning in 2024-25 for the following system platforms subscriptions and maintenance: (a) \$1,760,700 in 2023-24 and \$1,813,600 in 2024-25 for various software subscriptions and maintenance for License components required for operation of the system for health and business occupation credentialing; (b) \$135,800 in 2023-24 and \$139,900 in 2024-25 for the software subscriptions and maintenance fees of the Electronic Safety and Licensing Application (eSLA) for safety and building plan reviews and permitting; and (c) \$221,400 in 2023-24 and \$281,000 in 2024-25 for a variety of software subscriptions and

maintenance, including for electronic forms, call center functions, and other DSPS internal operations.

3. DIVISION OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY CONSULTING SERVICES [LFB Paper 682]

PR	\$1,904,600
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Provide \$924,900 in 2023-24 and \$979,700 in 2024-25 as one-time funding for information technology (IT) programming enhancements, process improvements, and deployment of statewide technology upgrades. Amounts would be paid to the Division of Enterprise Technology in the Department of Administration, which provides IT services to DSPS.

4. EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE UPGRADES [LFB Paper 681]

PR	\$445,800
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Provide \$219,700 in 2023-24 and \$226,100 in 2024-25 as one-time funding for equipment updates. Funding is intended to support replacement of agency equipment such as computers and peripheral devices that have become obsolete or otherwise reached the end of planned functionality.

5. MILITARY PATHWAYS GRANT PROGRAM

PR	\$100,000
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Provide \$50,000 each year in one-time funding to continue the Military Pathways Grant Program, by which military training may be creditable or transferrable to credentials for certain civilian jobs. The program was created under 2021 Wisconsin Act 58, which provided \$50,000 each year in one-time funding. Eligible applicants include colleges, universities, apprenticeship programs, or other entities that create curricula to connect existing military training with licensed civilian occupations. DSPS reports that Milwaukee Area Technical College received the grant in 2021-22 to hire a part-time veterans project specialist position to assist in transferring military training and credentials to college transcripts.

6. EROSION REMEDIATION ASSISTANCE FOR THE DE PERE GREENWOOD CEMETERY

GPR	\$1,000,000
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Provide \$1,000,000 in 2023-24 for erosion remediation at De Pere Greenwood Cemetery. Require DSPS to distribute the funds to the De Pere Greenwood Cemetery Association, with approval from the state Cemetery Board, from the DSPS general operations appropriation.

[Act 19 Section: 9138(1)]

7. DELETE VACANT POSITIONS

	Positions
PR	- 0.25

Delete a 0.25 financial specialist position that has been vacant for longer than 18 months.

Regulation of Professions

1. LICENSE PROCESSING STAFF [LFB Paper 685]

	Funding	Positions
PR	\$952,400	7.00

Provide 6.0 license processing positions for the Division of Professional Credential Processing (DPCP) with \$359,400 in 2023-24 and \$462,600 in 2024-25. Of the positions authorized, 4.0 would be for health professions and 2.0 would be for business and trades. Additionally, provide 1.0 paralegal with \$57,000 in 2023-24 and \$73,400 in 2024-25. Specify that the positions are four-year project positions.

As of July 1, 2023, the DPCP had 64.0 positions assigned for various functions related to receiving and processing license and credential applications. Positions include 42.0 license/permit program associates, 7.0 office operations associates, 4.0 attorneys, 4.0 paralegals, 4.0 records management supervisors, 2.0 program and policy analysts, and 1.0 administrator.

2. CALL CENTER STAFF [LFB Paper 686]

	Funding	Positions
PR	\$763,900	6.00

Provide 6.0 office operations associate positions for the Customer Service Center (CSC), with funding of \$327,400 in 2023-24 and \$436,500 in 2024-25. Specify that the positions are two-year project positions and the funding is one-time.

The CSC is part of the Division of Professional Credential Processing and assists prospective or current credential holders who may contact the Department with questions on the processes for acquiring a new or renewal credential. As of July 1, 2023, the CSC had 10.0 positions, including 6.0 office operations associates, 3.0 license/permit program associates, and 1.0 supervisor. DSPS reports it also has used contract employees supported by federal funds to supplement CSC staffing in the 2021-23 biennium.

3. PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM [LFB Paper 690]

PR	\$1,115,200
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Provide \$253,800 in 2023-24 and \$861,400 in 2024-25 in one-time funding for software improvements, electronic health records integration, and recurring licensing costs for the state's electronic Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (ePDMP). The ePDMP is an online opioid database used by approximately 70,000 registered users, including Wisconsin pharmacy staff, healthcare professionals, law enforcement agencies, and public health officials to prevent opioid abuse in the state. Originally created by 2009 Wisconsin Act 362, the program's development and deployment was funded by various federal grants.

DSPS funds the ePDMP with the agency's health and business professions general program operations PR appropriations. Recent improvements to the ePDMP were made using funds from the federal Harold Rogers PDMP Grant Program, including \$1.9 million in 2019-20 and \$1.6 million in 2020-21. An award of \$1.4 million was granted to Wisconsin in 2021-22.

4. CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATION FOR REALTORS

PR	\$100,000
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Provide \$100,000 in one-time funding in 2023-24 to support the Wisconsin Realtors Association in the establishment of continuing education requirements for realtors in the state.

Safety and Buildings Programs

1. BUILDING PLAN REVIEW [LFB Paper 695]

	Funding	Positions
PR	\$465,200	3.00

Provide 3.0 permanent building plan review positions with \$202,500 in 2023-24 and \$262,700 in 2024-25. The DSPS Division of Industry Services (DIS) is responsible for reviewing plans for public buildings and multifamily dwellings prior to construction, unless the municipality in which the building would be constructed has been delegated the authority to conduct plan review. Positions are intended to allow DIS to reduce plan review times or expand review services offered. Staffing and funding are budgeted in the appropriation for safety and buildings operations.

2. PRIVATE ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM (POWTS) GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE AND CONTINUATION [LFB Paper 697]

PR	\$1,680,000
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Extend the POWTS grant program through June 30, 2025, and provide \$840,000 in each year for grant funding. The POWTS grant program provides financial assistance to certain owners of a principal residence or small commercial establishment to cover a portion of the cost of repairing or replacing failing private onsite wastewater treatment (septic) systems. Under 2021 Wisconsin Act 67, the grant program was to be repealed on June 30, 2023. The program is funded from a transfer from the DSPS safety and buildings operations appropriation, which receives program revenue from sanitary permits and private onsite wastewater treatment system plan review fees, as well as fees from other building permit, plan review, inspection, and credentialing activities.

[Act 19 Sections: 472g, 472r, and 9438(2)]

3. PRIVATE SEPTIC SYSTEM PLAN REVIEWERS [LFB Paper 697]

	Funding	Positions
PR	\$282,000	2.00

Provide \$123,000 in 2023-24 and \$159,000 in 2024-25 and 2.0 permanent positions for private septic system plan review. DSPS is authorized 6.0 permanent private septic system plan reviewers, and 2021 Wisconsin Act 67 provided 2.0 two-year project

septic system plan reviewers that expire on June 30, 2023. This provision makes the Act 67 positions permanent.

4. YOUTH VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAM [LFB Paper 699]

PR	\$150,000
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Provide \$75,000 each year in one-time funding to continue the Youth Volunteer Firefighter Training Program. The program provides grants to fire departments to create and operate youth firefighter training programs with the goal of increasing recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters in the state. The grant program was created under 2021 Act 58, which provided \$50,000 PR each year in one-time funding. Funding in the 2021-23 biennium has been awarded to six grantees, with individual grants being between \$4,050 and \$24,950.

5. MANUFACTURED HOUSING REHABILITATION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM

PR	\$40,000
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Provide \$20,000 in each year as one-time funding for the manufactured housing rehabilitation and recycling program. Under the program, DSPS awards funds for disposal of abandoned manufactured homes and repairs to manufactured homes owned and occupied by low-income, elderly, and disabled persons. Current funding of \$40,000 for the program is administered by the Tomorrow's Home Foundation and comes from the titling fees for manufactured homes, which are deposited into the DSPS general operations appropriation for industry and trades.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT DUES DISTRIBUTION REESTIMATE [LFB Paper 700]

PR	\$9,185,500
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Reestimate the fire dues distribution by \$4,302,500 in 2023-24 and \$4,883,000 in 2024-25. Any insurer doing fire insurance business in Wisconsin must remit to the state fire department dues equal to 2% of the amount of all Wisconsin-based premiums received by the insurer. Most proceeds fund aids payments that DSPS distributes to each city, village, or town maintaining a local fire department for eligible activities related to fire department operations. The provision estimates fire dues payments to municipalities at \$29.0 million in 2023-24 and \$29.6 million in 2024-25.