

WHAT WE NEED

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) requests deficiency funding of **\$196,000** in **FY 2023** from the General Fund to maintain fair, timely, and impartial hearings in campaign and data practices matters.

BACKGROUND

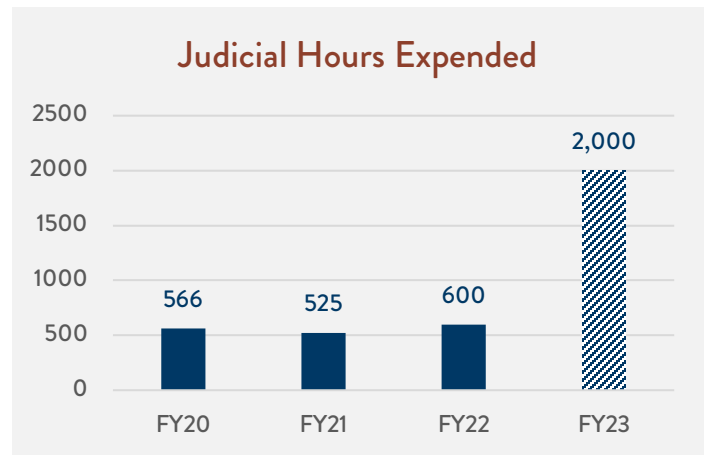
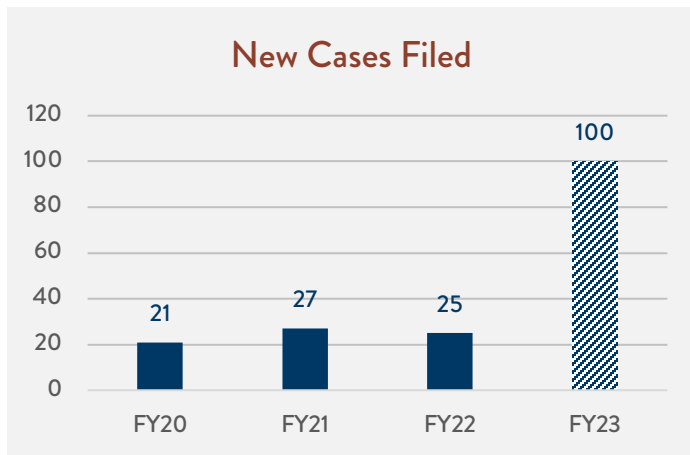
Direct-appropriated resources from the general fund provide for OAH hearings related to data practices and campaign matters.

Individuals may file a Data Practices complaint with OAH if a Minnesota state government agency refuses access to public government data under the Government Data Practices Act.

Individuals may file a complaint with OAH alleging violations of the Fair Campaign Practices and Finance Acts. These complaints are heard by a panel of three Administrative Law Judges.

PROBLEM

Due to a record high volume of cases, the FY2023 funding for these matters depleted quickly.



In November 2022, the legislature transferred \$125,000 from the General Fund Contingent Account to OAH to maintain court services in these areas. The transfer was intended to cover costs temporarily. The contingency funding is now depleted.

FY2023 General Fund Appropriation	\$137,000
General Fund Contingency Account Transfer	\$125,000
Total	\$262,000
Current Expenditure	(\$277,696)
Current Deficit	(\$15,696)