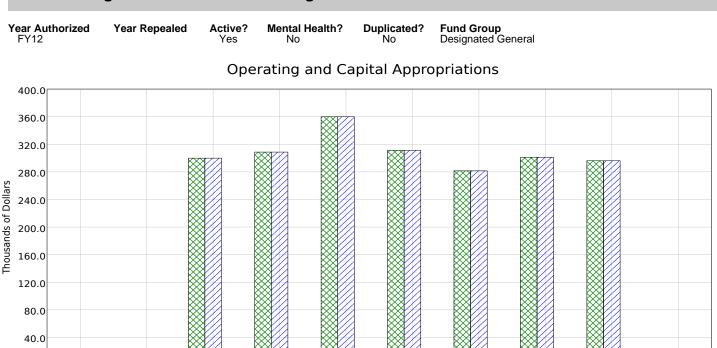
## **Fund Source Report**



# **Civil Legal Services Fund**



2021

2022

Fiscal Year

2023

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2024

2025

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2026

Capital

#### Legal Authority

0.0

2017

2018

2019

AS 37.05.590

#### Source of Revenue

Amounts deposited into the general fund under AS 09.17.020(j)--50% of punitive damage awards to individuals

2020

## Restrictions on Use

Designated for appropriations to organizations that provide civil legal services to low-income individuals

### **Description and History**

July 2023

The fund was created in 2007, with deposits limited to 50% of punitive damage awards that go to the general fund under AS 09.17.020(j). The funds are designated for "organizations that provide civil legal services to low-income individuals," traditionally the Alaska Legal Services Corporation However, no money was deposited into the fund until FY12, when a grant of \$96.1 to the Alaska Legal Services Corporation was appropriated to make up for FY07-11 amounts.

No appropriations were made to the fund from FY13-17. In FY18, a \$10.4 supplemental transfer was made to make up for punitive damage awards from FY15-16.

Ch. 89, SLA 2018 (HB 106) amended the statute to also allow the legislature to appropriate 10% of the filing fees received by the Alaska Court System. The fiscal note to that legislation appropriated \$300.3 to the Civil Legal Services Fund based on this new language, and in subsequent years this transfer continued to be made.