

Public Safety

DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION

	1999-2001 Actuals	2001-03 Legislatively Adopted at Close of Session	2001-03 Legislatively Approved through Fifth Special Session	2003-05 Governor's Balanced
General Fund	\$134,984	\$119,284	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds	1,803,583	2,359,219	2,584,219	2,663,152
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$1,938,567	\$2,478,503	\$2,584,219	\$2,663,152
Positions	5	6	7	7
Full-time Equivalent	4.40	5.00	5.30	6.50

Overview

The Dispute Resolution Commission supports the beneficial and effective use of mediation and other collaborative dispute resolution and problem solving processes. It does this by providing grant funds to local community dispute resolution programs; supporting training, technical assistance, and policy development activities for community and public policy dispute resolution programs; and working with the Judicial Department in promoting court referred mediation programs.

Balanced Budget

The Governor's balanced budget for the Dispute Resolution Commission totals \$2,663,152 million Other Funds. This is an increase of approximately three percent from the 2001-03 Legislatively Approved Budget through the Fifth Special Session. The balanced budget maintains distribution of funding to counties for community dispute resolution programs, and provides programmatic assistance, including training and policy development activities, to community programs. It also provides for a partial restructuring of the public policy dispute resolution program.

Revenue

The Commission is primarily funded by Other Funds through a surcharge on court filing fees. Fifty percent of surcharge collections are dedicated to county dispute resolution programs. The other 50 percent remains with the Commission to support public policy dispute resolution programs (20 percent) and Commission administration (30 percent). The Judicial Department estimates the surcharge on court filing fees will generate \$2,315,245 for the 2003-05 biennium. The budget also includes \$85,000 in grant monies to fund a Hispanic/Latino community dispute resolution needs assessment.