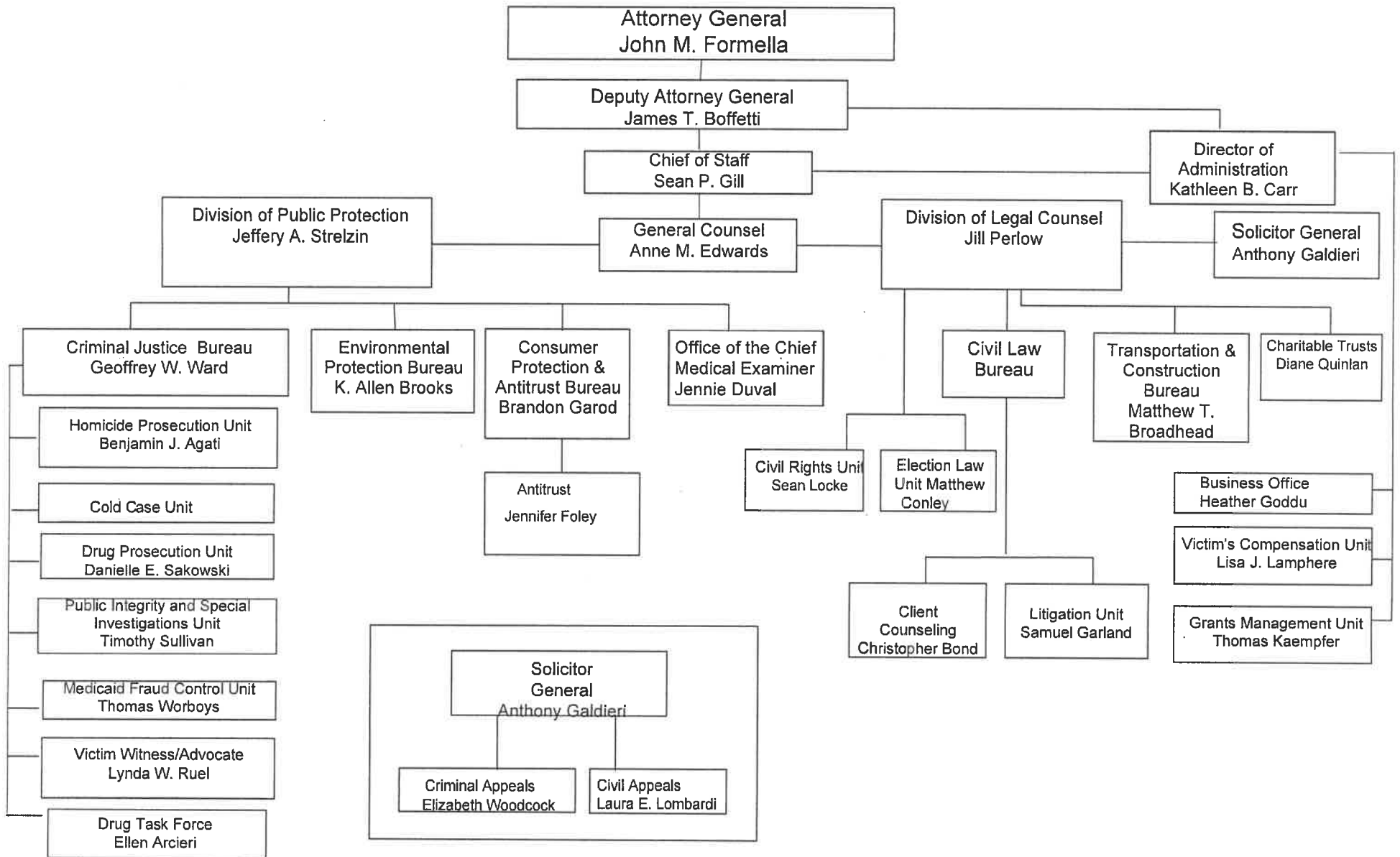


DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUDGET REQUEST

FY 2024-2025 • NOVEMBER 28, 2022



NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



THE MANY ROLES OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

- Chief Law Enforcement Officer
- Chief Prosecutor
- Chief Legal Officer
- Protector of the Public
- Agency Head
- Drug Task Force Leader

Total Authorized Positions: 166
Attorneys, Paralegals, Investigators,
Victim Advocates, Grant Managers,
Medical Examiners
& Support Staff



2021 & 2022

11,729

• CONSUMER PROTECTION HOTLINE CALLS

3,466

• OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER CASES HANDLED

6,776

• DOJ INVESTIGATOR HOTLINE CALLS

2,726

• ELDER ABUSE CASES/REFERRALS

3,673

• STATE CONTRACTS REVIEWED

1,622

• ELECTION LAW UNIT INQUIRIES & ACTIONS

360

• CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT PROSECUTIONS & COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED

235

• APPEALS BY SOLICITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE

305

• DRUG TASK FORCE CASES & INDICTMENTS

97

• ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROSECUTIONS & INVESTIGATIONS

273

• PUBLIC INTEGRITY INVESTIGATIONS

79

• HOMICIDE PROSECUTIONS & CASES



2021 & 2022

**\$126.7
MILLION**

- AMOUNT RECOVERED & DEPOSITED TO GENERAL FUND

**\$138.18
MILLION**

- GRANT FUNDS MANAGED

**\$52.7
MILLION**

- OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

**\$6.8
MILLION**

- ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BUREAU RECOVERY

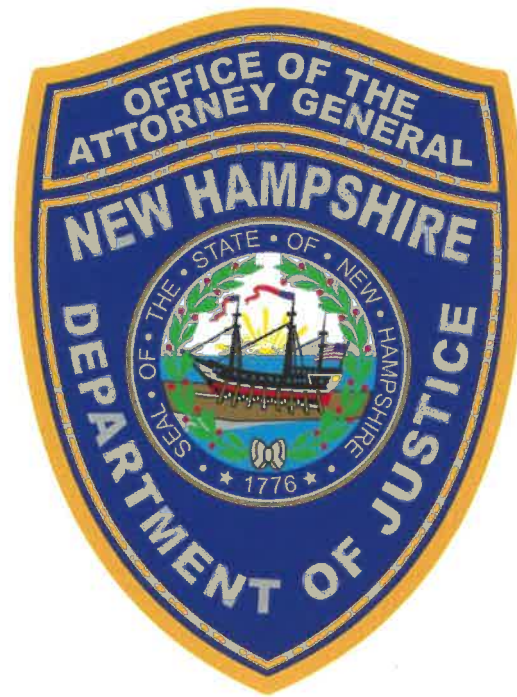
**\$2.79
MILLION**

- AMOUNT RECOVERED FOR CONSUMERS

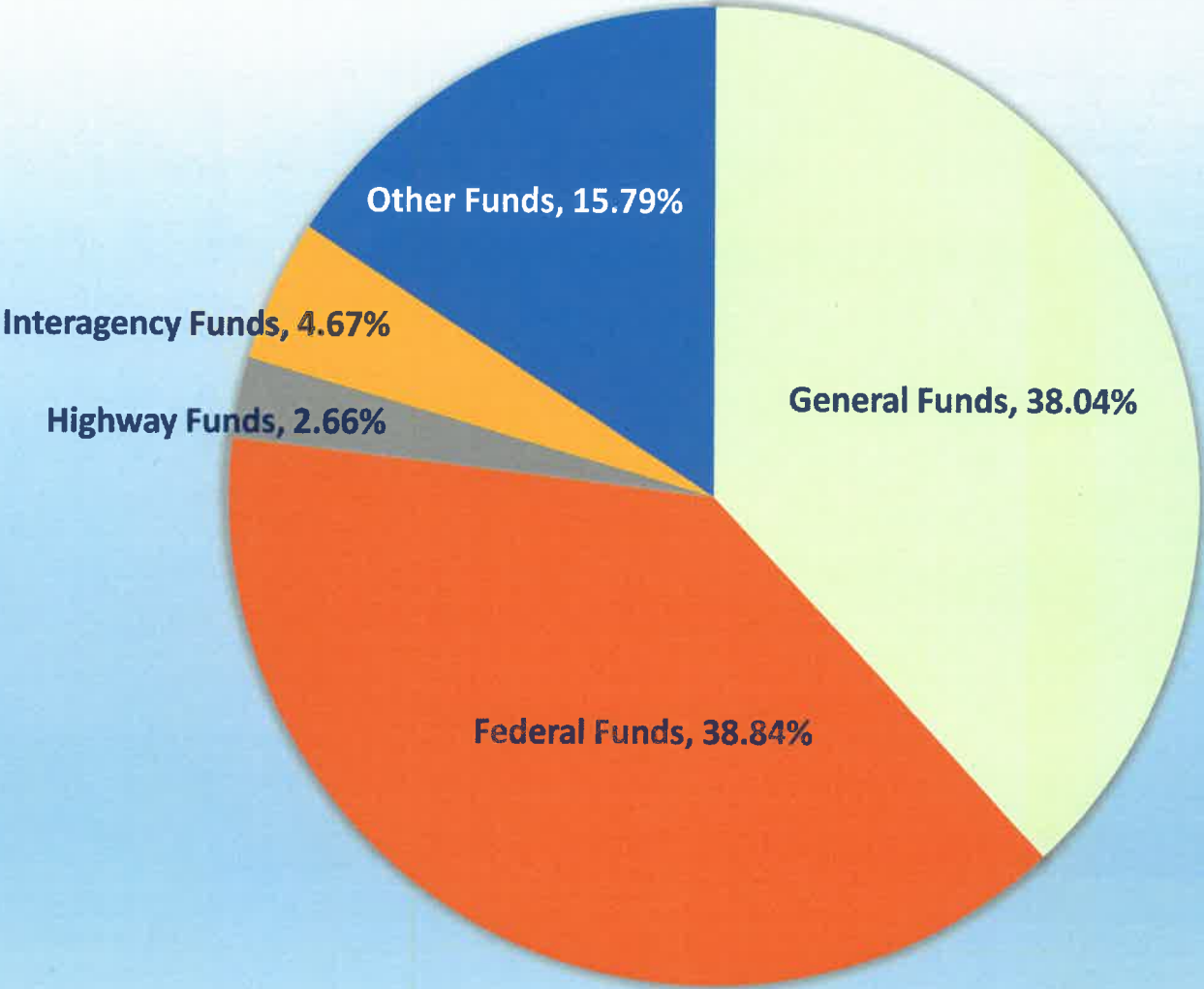
\$444,216

- STATE DEBTS RECOVERED

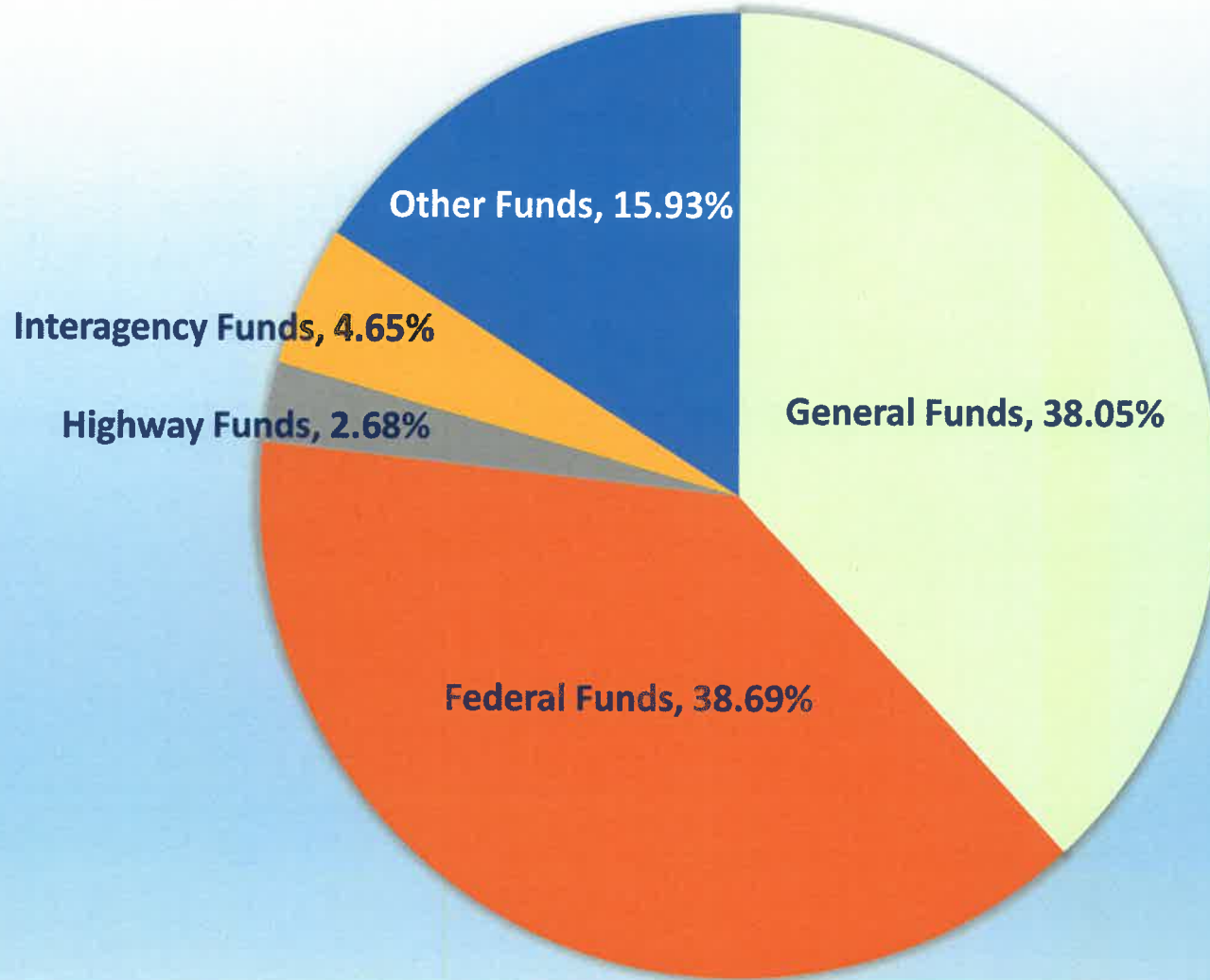
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EFFICIENCY BUDGET



FISCAL YEAR 2024 EFFICIENCY FUNDS



FISCAL YEAR 2025 EFFICIENCY FUNDS





EFFICIENCY HIGHLIGHTS

- POSITION MOVES & FUNDING FY 22-23 UNFUNDED
(W/ SALARY & BENEFITS):

FY 2024 **\$1,149,536**

FY 2025 **\$1,176,151**

- BENEFIT INCREASES

(NOT INCLUDING POSITIONS LISTED ABOVE):

\$433,032 IN FY 2024

\$405,393 IN FY 2025



EFFICIENCY

REQUEST:

Assistant
Deputy
Medical
Examiners
(ADMES)



A person wearing a white lab coat and blue nitrile gloves is holding a test tube containing a yellow liquid. The background is a blurred laboratory setting with various pieces of equipment.

ADME MODEL IN NEED OF RESTRUCTURING

- **IRS concerns about current structure.**
- **Difficult to manage non-employees.**
- **Struggle with coverage in certain parts of the state.**
- **Competitive undercutting amongst ADME contractors (fear of lost income).**

ADMES as Employees

- **Employees would be subject to Chief Medical Examiner oversight and DOJ policies.**
- **Improved level of service to stakeholders.**
- **Full time employees would remove contractor competition.**
- **Will not have to raise fees pursuant to RSA 611-B.**

MEDICO-LEGAL COST COMPARISON

- FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE CURRENT SPEND: **\$1,367,150**
- REQUEST FOR FY24 (INCLUDING ADMEs): **\$1,269,532**
- REQUEST FOR FY25 (INCLUDING ADMEs): **\$1,282,158**
- FIVE-YEAR AVG ADME CONTRACTOR COST: **\$1,265,837**
- REQUEST FOR 10 FULL TIME ADMEs:
 - FY 2024: **\$1,022,440**
 - FY 2025: **\$1,028,200**

A pair of scales of justice is shown against a blue background. The scales are tilted, with the right pan higher than the left. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the metallic surfaces of the pans and the central column. The background is a gradient of blue, darker at the top and lighter at the bottom.

PRIORITIZED NEEDS

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LITIGATION (100% GENERAL FUNDS):

\$5M FOR FY 24/25

FINAL SPEND IN 2022: **\$5.86M**

RENT FOR NEW DOJ OFFICE (55% GENERAL FUNDS & 45% OTHER):

\$1,068,098 IN FY 24 / **\$1,070,125** IN FY 25

AUTOPSY EXPENSES (100% GENERAL FUNDS):

\$260,000 FOR FY 24/25

ATTORNEY RAISES (62% GENERAL FUNDS & 38% OTHER):

\$444,738 IN FY 24 / **\$444,740** IN FY 25

POSITIONS (81% GENERAL FUNDS & 19% OTHER):

FY 24: **\$1,489,688** / FY 25: **\$1,488,552**



PRIORITIZED POSITION NEEDS FY 24-25

6 ATTORNEY
POSITIONS

2 INVESTIGATOR
POSITIONS

5 SUPPORT STAFF
MEMBERS

PRIORITIZED POSITION DETAIL:

**Civil, Criminal, Environmental,
Transportation, & Training**

- ATTORNEY POSITIONS

**Criminal Justice &
Cold Case Unit**

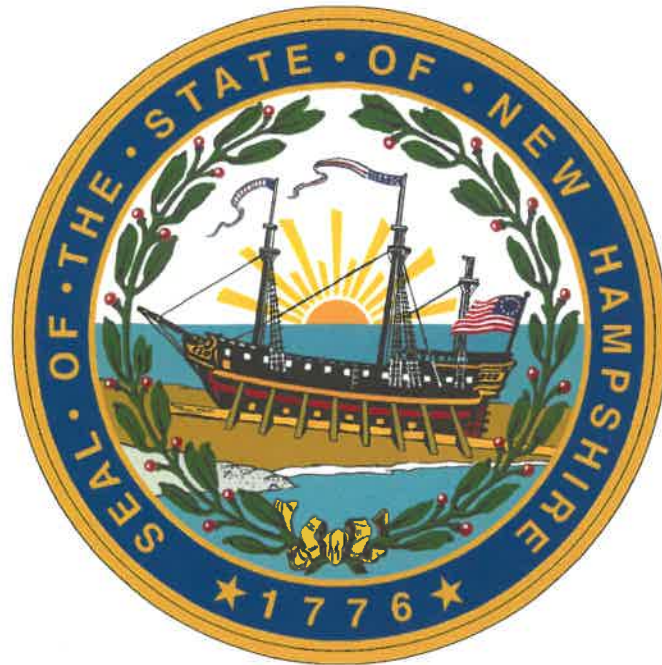
- INVESTIGATOR POSITIONS

**HR Coordinator, Civil
Paralegal, Civil Legal
Assistant, Victim-Witness
Program Specialist, &
Victim-Witness Advocate**

- SUPPORT STAFF POSITIONS

New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights

Executive Director Ahni Malachi



Who We Are

The Human Rights Commission was established in 1965 by RSA 354-A for the purpose of eliminating discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodation and as of 2019, education (K-12).

The Commission is comprised of 7 volunteer Commissioners who provide oversight and make decisions on charges of discrimination.

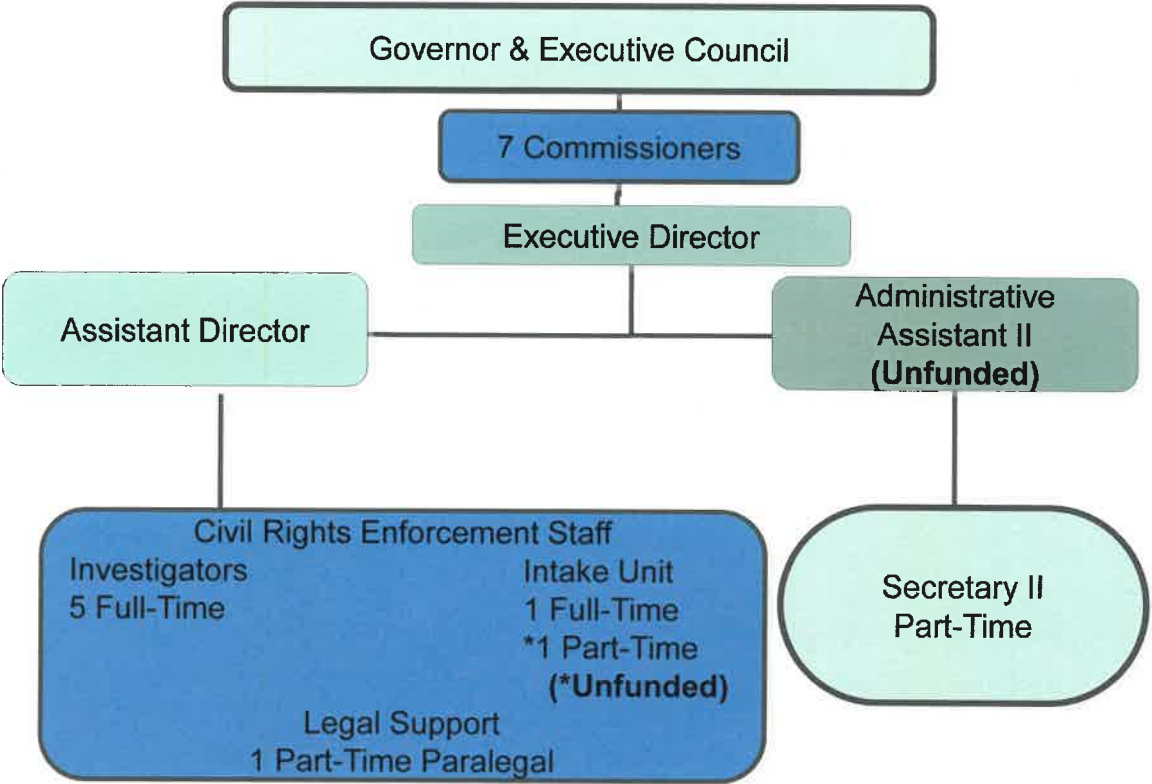
Each Commissioner is appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Executive Council, for a term of 5 years.

What We Do

The Commission has the power to receive, investigate and pass upon complaints of illegal discrimination and to engage in research, education, and community outreach designed to prevent discrimination.

In addition to the authority vested in the Commission by RSA 354-A to enforce New Hampshire's laws against discrimination, the Commission also partners with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to enforce federal laws prohibiting discrimination in employment as well.

Current Commission Organization



The Numbers

The Commission's case closure information is based on the federal fiscal year (Oct. – Sept.).

The Commission has a workshare agreement with the EEOC which provides approximately 15% of our funding.

Each closed case is submitted for payment via a "voucher" process based on an annual contract established by the EEOC.

FFY 2021-2022 Average Monthly Case Data

Month	Filed	Closed	Average Federal Contract Total: 228		
			Full Federal Credit	State Only	Unassigned
October	16	25	21	4	239
November	18	26	18	8	249
December	13	17	14	4	250
January	16	16	14	1	256
February	14	21	17	3	246
March	19	28	24	3	253
April	22	17	14	3	256
May	16	27	23	4	258
June	14	20	16	4	250
July	15	29	25	3	239
August	13	23	18	5	234
September	17	27	24	3	235
TOTALS	193	276	228	45	

What We Need

The Commission's prioritized needs for the FY2024 – FY2025 biennium include requests to:

- Reinstatement funding for the Administrative Assistant II. This individual is responsible for Commission office management tasks.
- Reinstatement funding for the Part-Time Intake Coordinator. This individual is responsible for initial intake and case management and will further improve efficiency.
- Add four Anti-Discrimination Investigator I positions.
- Add one Informational Representative dedicated to providing training, organize outreach, and coordinate educational events pursuant to RSA 354-A.
- The conversion of two Part-Time positions to Full-Time (Paralegal I and Secretary II).
- Fund costs for move to new location (current lease expires October 2023 with no renewal).
- Fund DoIT shared costs.