

DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S ATTORNEYS AND SHERIFFS
STATE'S ATTORNEYS DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNITS

I. OVERVIEW

Mission

Special Investigation Units (SIU) were created by the Legislature in 2006 with the support of the Governor to provide comprehensive investigations and prosecution of cases involving sexual crimes, child abuse, elder abuse, domestic violence or crimes against those with physical or developmental disabilities. At that time a target date of July 1st, 2009 was established for providing every citizen with access to a Special Investigation Unit. The first Special Investigation Units CUSI and NUSI were created in 1993 and 1995 to serve the people of Chittenden and Franklin/Grand Isle Counties. As a first step, using CUSI and NUSI as proven models, 10 additional SIUs are being established to provide SIU services in cases involving sexual related crimes and severe child abuse in every county.

Organization

The SIU budget is part of the Department of State's Attorney's general budget appropriation. The specific SIU appropriation is controlled by the SIU Policy Board composed of the Attorney General, a designee of the Secretary of Administration, the Executive Director of the Dept. of State's Attorneys, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Commissioner of the Dept. for Children and Families, a representative of the Vermont Sheriff's Association, a representative of the Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police, the Executive Director of the Center for Crime Victim Services, and the Executive Director of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. Funding is awarded to individual SIU programs on an annual state fiscal year basis through a grant program regulated by written Policy Board guidelines. Approved grants are provided twice yearly. SIUs exist in the following areas:

Bennington County Special Victims Unit – Bennington County
Caledonia/Southern Essex County Special Investigation Unit – Caledonia and Southern Essex County
Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations – Chittenden County
Lamoille Unit for Special Investigations – Lamoille County
Northwest Unit for Special Investigations – Franklin and Grand Isle Counties
Orange County Special Investigation Unit – Orange County
Orleans/Northern Essex Special Investigation Unit – Orleans and Northern Essex County
Our-House – Washington County
Southeastern Unit for Special Investigations – Windham County
Rutland Office of Special Investigations – Rutland County
Windsor Special Investigation Unit – Windsor County (no designated investigators assigned)

Addison County Special Investigation Unit – Addison County, is developing but not yet functional.

Funding

General Fund dollars are used exclusively for the awards made to the local special investigation units through the Policy Board Grant Program. The current FY12 SIU budget **has met the Administrations funding target for FY12.**

II. MEETING FY12 CHALLENGES

Challenges

The primary challenge for the SIU Policy Board is to balance sensible program growth within their budgetary framework. While eleven of the SIUs are considered functional (using a multidisciplinary team approach to investigate and prosecute crimes of sexual violence and severe child abuse) only 8 of them (Chittenden, Franklin/Grand Isle, Lamoille, Rutland, Bennington, Orleans, Caledonia and Windham) truly have the capacity to regularly meet daily demands. A lack of dedicated law enforcement investigators has delayed SIU growth in Addison, Washington, Windsor and Orange Counties. To overcome this challenge the SIU Policy Board is working with the state police to complete a desired goal of having a detective trooper assigned to each of the 12 SIUs, and are continuing to work with municipal and county law enforcement departments to have a municipal/county officer assigned to each SIU through an established law enforcement grant program.

A secondary challenge is that of adequate office space to co-locate the desired multidisciplinary team consisting of a prosecutor, a victim advocate, a DCF investigator and at a minimum 2 law enforcement investigators. While the majority of the SIUs now have some dedicated space, only 6 of them (Chittenden, Franklin/Grand Isle, Rutland, Bennington, Caledonia and Windham) have adequate space for assigned team members.

The FY12 budget is an increase of \$96,236 over the FY11 appropriation of \$1,057,483 (\$1,060,950 - \$3,467 challenges for change) With the requested FY12 appropriation level at \$1,153,719, the SIU Policy Board plans to sustain the current SIU program, develop the Addison program, strengthen programs in Caledonia, Orleans, Orange and Windham, and add municipal officers to the Windsor, Washington and Addison units.

Meeting the Challenge

To meet the challenges, the SIUs propose an FY12 appropriation of \$1,153,719 and use of \$225,541 in FY11 carry forward funds, as authorized by the Legislature, for a total FY12 budget of \$1,379,260.

Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Development Form - SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNITS

	General \$\$	Transp \$\$	Special \$\$	Tobacco \$\$	Federal \$\$	Interdept'l Transfer \$\$	All other \$\$	Total \$\$
Approp #1 Special Investigation Unit FY 2011 Approp	1,060,950							1,060,950
Challenge for Change	(3,467)							(3,467)
DOJ Grant to create Model SIU in Lamoille County								0
Increase of \$96,236 to Move Towards Legislative Mandates	96,236							96,236
Grant from DOJ to be used to create model SIU / Child Advocacy Center in Lamoille County.					100,000			100,000
								0
Subtotal of increases/decreases	92,769	0	0	0	100,000	0	0	192,769
FY 2012 Governor Recommend	1,153,719	0	0	0	100,000	0	0	1,253,719
Special Investigation Units FY 2011 Appropriation	1,060,950	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,060,950
TOTAL INCREASES/DECREASES	92,769	0	0	0	100,000	0	0	192,769
Special Investigation Units FY 2012 Governor Recommend	1,153,719	0	0	0	100,000	0	0	1,253,719

**FISCAL YEAR 2012
DEPARTMENT PROGRAM PROFILE**

DEPARTMENT: SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNITS

	Name and brief narrative description of program (not to exceed 2 sentences for each)	GF \$\$	TF \$\$	Spec F (incl tobacco) \$\$	Fed F \$\$	All other funds \$\$	Total funds \$\$	Authorized positions	Amounts granted out
FY 2010 expenditures	Vermont's Special Investigation Units Grants Board. SIU's are mandated by state law.	910,382					910,382		
FY 2011 estimated expenditures		962,926					962,926		
FY 2012 budget request		1,153,719			100,000		1,253,719		
Total Department									
	FY 2010 expenditures	910,382					910,382		
	FY 2011 estimated expenditures	962,926					962,926		
	FY 2012 budget request	1,153,719			100,000		1,253,719		

FY2012 Federal Receipt Form	State's Attorneys & Sheriffs		
DEPARTMENT - SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNITS			
Appropriation Name	\$ Amount	Purpose/Service Provided	Federal Grant Name
SIU	100,000	To create model SIU / Child Advocacy in Lamoille County	Department of Justice (JFO # 2481)
TOTAL Fed in FY12 Gov Rec Budget	100,000		

Agency Name: Special Investigative Units

Program: 2130400000 Special Investigative Units

Reporting Level: 2132-2132-0002-0000-0000-0000

1 Object/Revenue		2	3	4	5	6	7
Description		FY10 Budget As Passed	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget As Passed	FY11 Estimated	FY12 Governor Proposed	
Code							
EXPENDITURES							
Contr&3rd Pty-Educ & Training	507350	0	30,654	0	0	0	0
Other Contr and 3rd Pty Serv	507600	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contractd & 3rd Party Serv Bdgt	000320	0	30,654	0	0	0	0
Insurance - General Liability	516010	0	150	0	0	0	0
TELECOM-TELEPHONE SERVICES	516652	0	57	0	0	0	0
Postage	517200	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travel-Inst-Meals-Emp	518020	0	1,430	0	0	0	0
Travl-Inst-Auto Mileage-Nonemp	518300	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travel-Inst-Meals-Nonemp	518320	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travel-Inst-Lodging-Nonemp	518330	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchased Services Budget	001200	0	1,637	0	0	0	0
Office Supplies	520000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Supplies Budget	001800	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	550220	620,000	0	620,000	620,000	620,000	0
Other Grants	550500	(619,999)	205,739	440,950	437,483	633,719	0
Grants Other Than AHS Budget	005005	1	205,739	1,060,950	1,057,483	1,253,719	0
EXPENDITURE TOTALS		1	238,030	1,060,950	1,057,483	1,253,719	0
MEANS OF FUNDING							
Federal Revenue Fund	22005	0	32,234	0	0	100,000	0
General Fund	10000	1	205,796	1,060,950	1,057,483	1,153,719	0
Federal Revenue Fund	102560	0	32,234	0	0	100,000	0
General Fund	102590	1	205,796	1,060,950	1,057,483	1,153,719	0

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1 Object/Revenue Code Description	2 FY10 Budget As Passed	3 FY10 Actual	4 FY11 Budget As Passed	5 FY11 Estimated	6 FY12 Governor Proposed	7
MEANS OF FUNDING						
Restitution Special Fund 21915	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Fund 102640	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDING	1	238,030	1,060,950	1,057,483	1,253,719	0

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Change Package Type ADM Group: A Number: 1 Challenge for Change <u>Description:</u> A reduction of \$3467.00 related to Challenges for Change.							
EXPENDITURES							
OTHER CONTR AND 3RD PTY SERV	507600	0	0	0	0	0	
CONTRCTD & 3RD PARTY SERV BDGT	000320	0	0	0	0	0	
OTHER GRANTS	550500	0	0	0	(3,467)	0	
GRANTS OTHER THAN AHS BUDGET	005005	0	0	0	(3,467)	0	
EXPENDITURE TOTALS		0	0	0	(3,467)	0	
MEANS OF FUNDING							
GENERAL FUND	10000	0	0	0	(3,467)	0	
GENERAL FUND	102590	0	0	0	(3,467)	0	
TOTAL FUNDING		0	0	0	(3,467)	0	

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Change Package Type UD Group: A Number: 1 Challenge for Change <u>Description:</u> A reduction of \$3467.00 related to Challenges for Change.													
EXPENDITURES													
OTHER GRANTS		550500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(3,467)			
GRANTS OTHER THAN AHS BUDGET		005005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(3,467)			
EXPENDITURE TOTALS			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(3,467)			
MEANS OF FUNDING													
GENERAL FUND		10000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(3,467)			
GENERAL FUND		102590	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(3,467)			
TOTAL FUNDING			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(3,467)			

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Change Package Type UD Group: A Number: 2 Grant from Us Dept of Justice <u>Description:</u> \$100,000 Grant JFO#2481 to be used toward creating a Model Special Investigation Unit/Child Advocacy Center in Lamoille County.							
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>							
OTHER GRANTS	550500	0	0	0	0	100,000	
GRANTS OTHER THAN AHS BUDGET	005005	0	0	0	0	100,000	
EXPENDITURE TOTALS		0	0	0	0	100,000	
<u>MEANS OF FUNDING</u>							
FEDERAL REVENUE FUND	22005	0	0	0	0	100,000	
FEDERAL REVENUE FUND	102560	0	0	0	0	100,000	
TOTAL FUNDING		0	0	0	0	100,000	

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Description	Code	FY10 Budget As Passed	FY10 Actual	FY11 Budget As Passed	FY11 Estimated	FY12 Governor Proposed	
Change Package Type UD Group: A Number: 3 Upward Pressures for Units <u>Description:</u> Increase of \$96,236 to continue to move toward the legislative mandates.							
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>							
OTHER GRANTS	550500	0	0	0	0	96,236	
GRANTS OTHER THAN AHS BUDGET	005005	0	0	0	0	96,236	
EXPENDITURE TOTALS		0	0	0	0	96,236	
<u>MEANS OF FUNDING</u>							
GENERAL FUND	10000	0	0	0	0	96,236	
GENERAL FUND	102590	0	0	0	0	96,236	
TOTAL FUNDING		0	0	0	0	96,236	

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EXPENDITURES							
Contr&3rd Pty-Educ & Training	507350	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Contr and 3rd Pty Serv	507600	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contractd & 3rd Party Serv Bdgt	000320	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance - General Liability	516010	0	0	0	0	0	0
TELECOM-TELEPHONE SERVICES	516652	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postage	517200	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travel-Inst-Meals-Emp	518020	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travl-Inst-Auto Mileage-Nonemp	518300	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travel-Inst-Meals-Nonemp	518320	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travel-Inst-Lodging-Nonemp	518330	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchased Services Budget	001200	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office Supplies	520000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Supplies Budget	001800	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	550220	620,000	0	0	620,000	0	0
Other Grants	550500	440,950	0	(3,467)	437,483	0	0
Grants Other Than AHS Budget	005005	1,060,950	0	(3,467)	1,057,483	0	0
EXPENDITURE TOTALS		1,060,950	0	(3,467)	1,057,483	0	0
MEANS OF FUNDING							
Federal Revenue Fund	22005	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Fund	10000	1,060,950	0	(3,467)	1,057,483	0	0
Federal Revenue Fund	102560	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Fund	102590	1,060,950	0	(3,467)	1,057,483	0	0

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Special Fund	102640	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDING		1,060,950	0	(3,467)	1,057,483	0	0

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MEANS OF FUNDING							
GENERAL FUND	10000	0	(3,467)				
GENERAL FUND	102590	0	(3,467)				
TOTAL FUNDING		0	(3,467)				