

### Program Budget Comparison

The following table summarizes the total proposed budget by year, type of expenditure, and source of funding.

Program Budget Comparison								
Budget Item	Base Fiscal 2014	Approp. Fiscal 2015	Budget Fiscal 2016	Budget Fiscal 2017	Biennium Fiscal 14-15	Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
Personal Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Operating Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>

### Program Description

The Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) responds to consumer complaints and enforces Montana's consumer protection laws and regulations relating to unfair and deceptive business practices, including: "bait and switch," false claims, changing a contract after a sale, abusive arbitration, debt collection misconduct, door-to-door sales, telemarketing including administering Montana's do-not-call list, car and truck sales and repair including the New Vehicle Warranty Act (or Lemon Law) violations, and antitrust issues including price fixing, monopoly abuse, and restraint of trade.

OCP assists victims of identity theft and administers the state's Security Freeze Program. It provides extensive public education about consumer and telemarketing fraud and identity theft to Montana consumer groups, senior citizen organizations, law enforcement agencies, and businesses.

### Program Highlights

Office of Consumer Protection Major Budget Highlights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The executive moved this program into the Legal Services Division during the 2015 biennium</li> </ul>

### Program Discussion -

FY 2016 and FY 2017 contain any reductions in FTE made by the executive to implement the boilerplate language in HB 2. Though intended by the legislature, the FY 2014 and FY 2015 FTE levels do not reflect this language.

#### Reorganization

During the 2015 biennium, the executive reorganized portions of the agency and moved the Office of Consumer Protection from being a budgeted program to being a bureau within the Legal Services Division. In the process 9.00 FTE and \$906,465 of FY 2015 budget authority were moved to the Legal Services Division.

### Funding

The following table shows proposed program funding by source from all sources of authority.

Department of Justice, 02-Office of Consumer Protection Funding by Source of Authority					
Funds	HB2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
02140 Consumer Education Settlement	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>State Special Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
<b>Federal Special Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
<b>Proprietary Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

The program is funded entirely with state special revenue from the settlement of consumer protection litigation, now included in the Legal Services Division.

### Budget Summary by Category

The following summarizes the total budget utilizing the FY 2015 Legislative base, present law adjustments, and new proposals.

Budget Summary by Category								
-----General Fund-----					-----Total Funds-----			
Budget Item	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2016	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2017	Leg. Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Percent of Budget	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2016	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2017	Leg. Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Percent of Budget
2015 Budget	0	0	0	0.00 %	906,465	906,465	1,812,930	0.00 %
PL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	(906,465)	(906,465)	(1,812,930)	0.00 %
New Proposals	0	0	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

### Present Law Adjustments -

The "Present Law Adjustments" table shows the changes from FY 2015 legislative appropriation to the budget proposed by the executive. PSPL adjusts all personal services. LGPL provides for adjustments to other expenditures such as operating expenses. Each is discussed in the narrative that follows. Total funds in the Present Law Adjustments table do not include proprietary funds budgeted in House Bill 2.

Present Law Adjustments									
-----Fiscal 2016-----					-----Fiscal 2017-----				
FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 98 - LEG. Personal Services Present Law									
0.00	0	(612,756)	0	(612,756)	0.00	0	(612,756)	0	(612,756)
DP 99 - LEG. Present Law									
0.00	0	(293,709)	0	(293,709)	0.00	0	(293,709)	0	(293,709)
Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments									
0.00	\$0	(\$906,465)	\$0	(\$906,465)	0.00	\$0	(\$906,465)	\$0	(\$906,465)

### DP 98 - LEG. Personal Services Present Law -

The following table outlines various components of the changes included in the PS PL adjustments.

Personal Services Present Law Adjustments					
FY 2016					
CP 98 PSPL Item	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
State Share Health Insurance	9.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Executive Implementation of 2015 Pay Increase		-	-	-	-
Fully Fund 2015 Legislatively Authorized FTE		-	11,747	-	11,747
Other	(9.00)	-	(624,503)	-	(624,503)
Personal Services Present Law Adjustments	0.00	\$0	(\$612,756)	\$0	(\$612,756)
FY 2017					
CP 98 PSPL Item	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
State Share Health Insurance	9.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Executive Implementation of 2015 Pay Increase		-	-	-	-
Fully Fund 2015 Legislatively Authorized FTE		-	11,747	-	11,747
Other	(9.00)	-	(624,503)	-	(624,503)
Personal Services Present Law Adjustments	0.00	\$0	(\$612,756)	\$0	(\$612,756)

The executive reorganized this agency and moved the 9.00 FTE to the Legal Services Division.

DP 99 - LEG. Present Law -

The executive reorganized this agency and moved all non-personal services funding to the Legal Services Division.