

FY23 Budget Overview

General Information

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Office/Department Profile

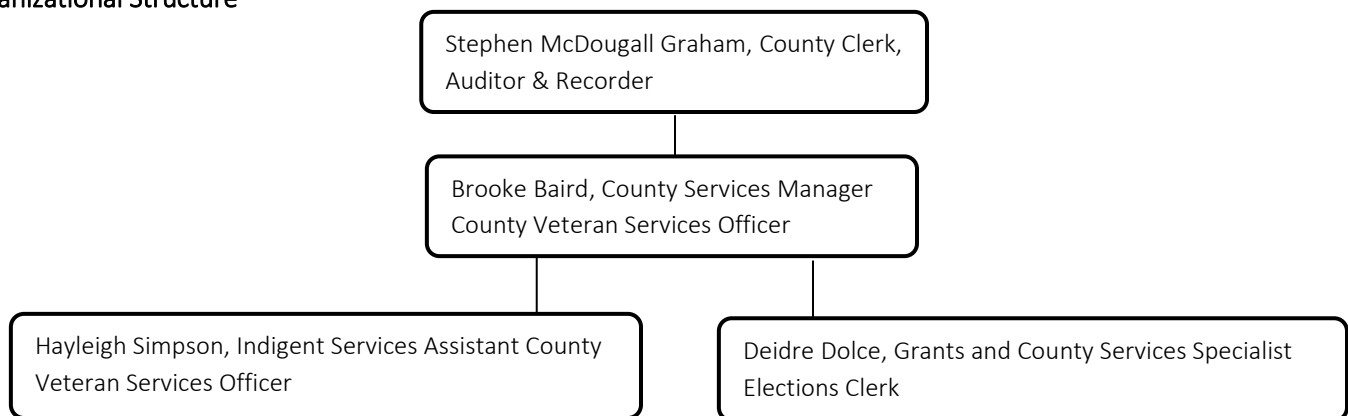
Operational Description

Blaine County Indigent Services provides financial assistance for medical and non-medical purposes to county residents who have no other resources available to meet their immediate needs.

Blaine County Veterans' Services Office advocates for veterans and their dependents and assists them with filing for benefits and claims.

Blaine County Grants Office provides support to county departments to ensure proper adherence to county policies concerning review and approval of grant agreements. The Grants Office also reviews incoming applications to ensure compliance with all laws related to expending and tracking those funds.

Organizational Structure



– Indigent

FY22 Performance Metrics -

- Medical Indigent
 - 12 Involuntary Commitments
 - 22 Emergency Applications
 - 9 alcohol or drug related
 - 3 Kidney
 - 3 accident or injury
 - 3 Coronary
 - 2 Covid
 - 1 pneumonia
 - 1 appendicitis
 - 4 Non- Emergent Applications
 - All denied for resources or Medicaid
 - 2 cancer or cancer related
 - Coronary

- Pneumothorax
- Non-Medical Indigent assistance
 - 4 cremations
- Quick recap of the time commitment involved in a single case investigation
- Assistance to Veterans

FY22 Highlights

- Idaho Code §31-35 Repeal
 - All of the Idaho code pertaining to medical indigent has been repealed.
 - We have until March 2023 to get any cases submitted to CAT and the CAT will be dissolved as of June 30 2023.
 - 5 cases on suspension that will need follow-up
 - Will continue to send statements and collect reimbursement from applicants
 - The state will keep us up to date on any law and or policy changes that come out of this next Legislative session.
- Backlog catch up
 - I have been working to get payments out to providers on all approved cases
 - 4 past approvals
 - 4 involuntary commitments
 - 3 that were just approved earlier this week

FY23 Budget Request Highlights

- Indigent costs have decreased significantly
 - Only budgeted for the 5 possible cases that are currently suspended

– Grants

FY22 Highlights

- New employee – Deidre joined the team in January she is helping to support departments through the grant process; ensuring compliance with both county policies and the requirements of the grant.
- Since coming on in January she has
 - Completed a training on Federal Grants Management
 - Written and submitted an LHTAC (Local Highway Technical Assistance Council) grant that would provide funding to replace four bridges.
 - Closed a Waterways grant
 - Closed a Department of Commerce CDBG (Community Development Block Grant)

FY22 Performance Metrics

- Since joining the County
 - Seven grants have been submitted for an approximate total of \$379,000 and
 - Two of those have been awarded to the county for an approximate total of \$15,000.

FY23 Budget Request Highlights

- Education, travel and per diem lines have been increased
 - To allow Deidre to attend trainings that will help her become a certified grants manager.
- New line for legal publications
 - This is a small expense but required for published legal notices