

KANSAS GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM

Budget Committee Report

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Executive Summary

Summary of Total Expenditures, FY 2023 – FY 2027					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2023 Actual	\$ 1,308,534	\$ -	\$ 1,308,534	10.0	
FY 2024 Actual	1,426,456	-	1,426,456	10.0	
FY 2025 Actual	1,521,758	-	1,521,758	10.0	
FY 2026					
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 1,429,874	\$ -	\$ 1,429,874	10.0	
Agency Revised Estimate	1,473,075	-	1,473,075	10.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget	1,473,075	-	1,473,075	10.0	
House Committee of the Whole	1,473,075	-	1,473,075	10.0	
Senate Committee of the Whole	1,473,075	-	1,473,075	10.0	
Legislative Approved	1,473,075	-	1,473,075	10.0	
Governor's Recommendation	1,473,075	-	1,473,075	10.0	
FY 2027					
FY 2026 Approved, without Reappropriations	\$ 1,429,874	\$ -	\$ 1,429,874	10.0	
Agency Request	1,521,243	-	1,521,243	10.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget	1,521,243	-	1,521,243	10.0	
House Committee of the Whole	1,521,243	-	1,521,243	10.0	
Senate Committee of the Whole	1,521,243	-	1,521,243	10.0	
Legislative Approved	1,527,415	-	1,527,415	10.0	
Governor's Recommendation	1,521,243	-	1,521,243	10.0	

The Kansas Guardianship Program (KGP) ensures eligible adults without family or financial resources have access to court-appointed guardians or conservators. Adults are typically identified through other state services such as Adult Protective Services, Department for Children and Families (DCF), and Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), or are identified by hospital social workers. KGP maintains a list of between 800 and 900 volunteers who can take wards under their care in exchange for a monthly stipend.

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FY 2026

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2026					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 1,429,874	\$ -	\$ 1,429,874	10.0	
Agency Revised Estimate	1,473,075	-	1,473,075	10.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
Change from Agency Revised Estimate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 1,473,075	\$ -	\$ 1,473,075	10.0	
House Committees					
Social Services Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – House Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 1,473,075	\$ -	\$ 1,473,075	10.0	
Senate Committees					
Public Health and Welfare	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 1,473,075	\$ -	\$ 1,473,075	10.0	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 1,473,075	\$ -	\$ 1,473,075	10.0	

Agency

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$1.5 million, all from SGF, and 10.0 FTE positions in FY 2026. This is an increase of \$43,201, or 3.0 percent, above the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature. This increase is largely due to increases in **travel expenses** (\$41,880), **computer services** (\$24,100), **salaries and wages increases** (\$14,215), and **professional fees** (\$13,300), partially offset by decreases in **guardianship stipends** (\$51,180).

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency's revised estimate in FY 2026.

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House Committees

House Committee on Social Services Budget

The **Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the House Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

The **Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **Senate Committee** concurs with the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

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FY 2027

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2027					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Position	
FY 2026 Approved, without Reappropriations	\$ 1,429,874	\$ -	\$ 1,429,874	10.0	
Agency Request	1,521,243	-	1,521,243	10.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
Change from Agency Request	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 1,521,243	\$ -	\$ 1,521,243	10.0	
House Committees					
Social Services Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – House Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 1,521,243	\$ -	\$ 1,521,243	10.0	
Senate Committees					
Public Health and Welfare	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 1,521,243	\$ -	\$ 1,521,243	10.0	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
Certifications	6,172	-	6,172	-	
Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC	\$ 6,172	\$ -	\$ 6,172	-	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 1,527,415	\$ -	\$ 1,527,415	10.0	

Agency

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$1.5 million, all from SGF, and 10.0 FTE positions for FY 2027. This is an increase of \$91,369, or 6.0 percent, above the approved amount approved by the 2025 Legislature for FY 2026. This increase is largely due to **travel expenses** (\$46,380), **computer services** (\$26,200), **salaries and wages increases** (\$25,520), and **professional fees** (\$14,900), partially offset by decreases in **guardianship stipends** (\$28,200).

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency's request for FY 2027.

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House Committees

House Committee on Social Services Budget

The **Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the House Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

The **Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **Senate Committee** concurs with the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Legislative Approved

HB 2513 authorized the following statewide adjustments which were certified following the conclusion of the 2026 Session:

1. Add \$6,172 SGF to implement the Executive Branch pay plan approved by the 2026 Legislature and certified by the State Finance Council for FY 2027.