



# New Hampshire Governor's Commission on Disability

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RE: House Finance Division I Budget Hearing  
Responses to Questions posed by House Finance Division I

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On behalf of the Governor's Commission on Disability (GCD), I respectfully submit that the continued adequate funding of the GCD is essential to ensure that the mandates delegated to the GCD are effectively carried out. The GCD worked diligently with the Governor's Office to produce a well drafted and efficient Governor's Recommended Budget in both years of the new biennium, which will carry out the core fundamentals of the GCD, while instituting reductions across some of its General Fund Classes. Below please find responses to the questions posed by the Honorable Chair of House Finance Division I.

**1. Question: What new full-time staff has been added to your budget?**

Answer: No new full-time staff have been added to the GCD's budget.

**2. Question: What new part-time staff has been added to your budget?**

Answer: No new part-time staff have been added to the GCD's budget.

**3. Question: What positions had to be eliminated in order to meet the governor's budget requirements?**

Answer: No positions had to be eliminated by the GCD.

When the GCD submitted its Efficiency Budget, it included the unfunding of an occupied, full time classified position with benefits. Discussions with the Governor's Budget Director ensued wherein I explained that the loss of a full time person will not only impact the GCD's operations, it will also impact state government as a whole. Each position at the GCD is uniquely designed to work with

other positions while providing ADA information about the specific subject matter of the position. The Governor's Budget Director agreed to the replacement of the position in the current Budget proposal.

**4. Question: Is your agency adequately staffed to complete all work assigned to your agency in state law?**

Answer: Yes, the GCD is adequately staffed, as confirmed by the Governor's Recommended Budget.

**5. Question: If the answer to Q. 4 is no, please describe.**

Answer: N/A

**6. Question: What things are you doing (found in state law) that could be eliminated and why?**

Answer: There are no items which should or could be eliminated.

**7. Question: What priorities did you have that were not funded? Cost? Description? Impact of not funding?**

Answer: None. Additional Prioritized Needs are present in Class 27, DoIt, which are all funded. The General Funds Additional Prioritized Needs Request of \$1,511 for FY 22 and \$1,508 for FY 23 represents the increases as received from DoIT to cover the latter's costs/expenses as transferred to the GCD.

**8. Please be prepared to discuss any HB2 sections that apply to your agency.**

Answer: There are no HB 2 sections applicable to the GCD.

As with all new budget submissions, expenses increase as delineated across predominantly Classes 10 (Payroll), 27 (DoIT) 40 (Indirect Costs) 49 (Rent) and 60 (Benefits). In an effort to continually reduce expenses, the GCD decreased its General Fund Budget by \$7,084 in FY 22 and by \$10,333 in FY 23.