

Hi Terry,

The amount of funding spent in the Court Appointed Special Advocates fund is not dependent upon caseload or CASA utilization, but upon the amount collected by statute. The funding for this program is primarily collected through the Clerk of Court offices as part of the Liquidated Costs. This fund receives \$2 of the \$40 assessed on criminal convictions (SDCL 23-3-53). Toward the end of each fiscal year, the CASA organizations submit grant requests to the CASA Commission, per SDCL 16-2-50 to 16-2-54. Based upon funding available, the Commission awards grants to the CASA organizations.

The UJS had expenditure authority of \$300,264 for FY10 for the CASA program but only enough funds for \$225,849 in payments. This left approximately \$74,000 other fund authority available. The authority was transferred to federal fund authority in the Court Improvement program which also provides grants to CASA organizations. Please see below for the revenue and expenses received in the CASA program for the past five years.

	Revenue	Expenses
FY10	\$238,567	\$225,849
FY09	\$258,499	\$256,112
FY08	\$262,777	\$266,318
FY07	\$271,595	\$275,838
FY06	\$273,340	\$270,398