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The Judgment Fund was established to pay court judgments and Justice Department compromise settlements of actual or imminent lawsuits against the government. It is administered by the Judgment Fund Branch, which is a part of the United States Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service. The Judgment Fund Internet Claims System (JFICS) is the application used to process all Judgment Fund claims.

The Judgment Fund is a permanent, indefinite appropriation available to pay judicially and administratively ordered monetary awards against the United States. The Judgment Fund is also available to pay amounts owed under compromise agreements negotiated by the U.S. Department of Justice in settlement of claims arising under actual or imminent litigation, if a judgment on the merits would be payable from the Judgment Fund. The statutory authority for Judgment Fund is authorized under 31 U.S.C. § 1304.

If funds are otherwise provided for in the appropriations of the defendant agency, the Judgment Fund may not pay an award. A federal agency may request that payment of an award be made on its behalf from the Judgment Fund only in those instances where funds are not legally available to pay the award from the agency's own annual appropriations. Amounts paid vary significantly from year-to-year. Federal agencies are not required to reimburse the Judgment Fund except when cases are filed under the Contract Disputes Act (CDA) or the No FEAR Act

Updates

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- [Judgment Fund Payments Suspended 11/14/12 through 12/5/2012](#)

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(Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act).

For answers to any frequently asked questions that you may have, click on the Common Questions link or contact the Judgment Fund at (202) 874-6523.

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