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New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund

January 14, 2026

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, NH 03301

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Pursuant to RSA 21-M:11-a, XVI, the Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund hereby submits the attached Report for December 2025 and accompanying cover letter. The format and information in this Report have been revised for itemized monthly reporting as required under the 2025 amended statute.

This Report provides information for claims and costs since claims processing began on January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025 (with costs first incurred in late 2022). The format for reporting information about claims is structured to protect the privacy and anonymity of the claimants.

This Report also will be provided to Governor Ayotte, President Carson, and Speaker Packard.

Respectfully submitted,

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New Hampshire House of Representatives
State House, Room 311
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Sharon Carson, President
New Hampshire Senate
State House, Room 302
107 North Main Street
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Ken Weyler, Chairman
And Members of the New Hampshire Joint
Legislative Fiscal Committee
State House, Room 102
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Report for the YDC Claims Administration and Settlement Fund

Dear Governor Ayotte, President Carson, Speaker Packard, Chairman Weyler and Members of the New Hampshire Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee:

Please find enclosed a Report for the YDC Claims Administration and Settlement Fund based on data and information as of December 31, 2025.

The format and information in this Report have been revised for *itemized monthly* reporting as required under the 2025 amended statute. NH RSA 21-M:11-a, XVI.

YDC Claims Administration is continuing operations as much as possible during the vacancy of the claims administrator position. YDC Claims Administration staff continues to participate and assist in the ongoing transition to the Executive Branch.

YDC Claims Administration staff are available to address any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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To: Kelly A. Ayotte, Governor, State of New Hampshire
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Report for the YDC Claims Administration and Settlement Fund

December 2025

The New Hampshire Legislature established the YDC Claims Administration and Settlement Fund ("the Fund") under NH RSA 21-M:11-a, for victims of sexual and other abuse at New Hampshire's youth detention center facilities in prior decades to provide an administrative process as a trauma-informed, victim-centered alternative to litigation for the efficient and fair resolution of claims against the State of New Hampshire.

This Report provides data and information from the YDC Claims Administration, in consultation with the Attorney General's Office, about claims activity and costs to the Fund.

Information about Claims includes: the number and total claim amount requested for filed claims; the nature of filed claims; the number and nature of pending claims; the number of claims resolved with awards under the Fund; the total actual settlement amounts approved for payment under the Fund; and the number of claims denied, dismissed or withdrawn. Information about claims is based on the YDC Claims Administration docket at the close of the reporting period.

Information about Costs includes: payments for resolved claims (including fees and costs of attorneys who represent claimants); costs for claims processing by the YDC Claims Administration; and costs of the Attorney General's Office outside of the ordinary operational expenses of the Department of Justice. Information about the YDC Claims Administration costs for claims processing is provided by the YDC Claims Administration. Other figures for information about costs are provided by the Department of Justice.

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I. Claims Filed per Fiscal Year

SFY	Claims
SFY 2023	92
SFY 2024	460
SFY 2025	1,414
SFY 2026	303
Total	**2,269**[1]

[1] This number is final as the claim filing period has concluded.

II. Claims Assigned a Completion Date

As of December 31, 2025

Claims are reviewed upon receipt for completeness and initial eligibility. Claimants who submit an incomplete claim are notified and given an opportunity to provide the missing information. Once a claim is determined to be administratively complete, it is assigned a completion date and forwarded to the AG Designee for review.

SFY	Claims
SFY 2023	49
SFY 2024	338
SFY 2025	711
SFY 2026 (through 12/31/25)	1,029
Total	**2,127**

III. Status of Pending Claims

As of December 31, 2025

Claims Process Status	Claims
Under Administrative Review	57
In AGO Evaluation & Position Review	1,445
In Resolution Proceeding/Outcome	188
Total Pending	**1,690**[1]

[1] Total amount ***requested*** by claimants for pending claims is $1,831,195,235.25 (statutory cap applied). See Section V for comparison of requested amounts and award amounts for claims resolved with settlement.

IV. Status of Closed Claims

As of December 31, 2025

	Resolved with Settlement	Withdrawn[1]	Denied/Dismissed
SFY 2023	8	2	1
SFY 2024	178	13	0
SFY 2025	200	27	7
SFY 2026 (through 12/31/25)	39[2]	33	71
Totals	**425**	**75**	**79**

[1] Includes 11 claims administrator decisions where no award was given, 13 administrator decisions rejected by the claimant and 6 administrator decisions rejected by the Attorney General's Office. Note: If the claimant and Attorney General's Office reach settlement after an initial rejection, the claim is then included in the "Resolved with Settlement" total.

[2] 6 settlements are subject to approval by new claims administrator once appointed.

V. Claims Resolved with Settlement Awards

As of December 31, 2025

As of December 31, 2025, the average award amount (including interest) for the 425 claims resolved with an award is $563,054.73. When taking into account all closed claims, including those that did not receive an award, the average award amount (including interest) is $413,295.78. For the 425 claims resolved with settlement, claimants sought $469,132,825.00[1] before settling for a total of $239,298,259.46.

	Claims	Lump Sum Award Amounts[2]	Periodic Payment Award Amounts[3]	Total Award Amounts
SFY 2023	8	$4,887,500.00	–	$4,887,500.00
SFY 2024	178	$90,740,000.00	–	$90,740,000.00
SFY 2025	200	$6,685,175.00	$119,354,609.71	$126,039,784.71
SFY 2026 (through 12/31/2025)	39[4]	$327,000.00	$17,303,974.75	$17,630,974.75
Totals	**425**	**$102,639,675.00**	**$136,658,584.46[5]**	**$239,298,259.46[5]**

[1] Statutory cap applied to amount sought.

[2] Form of payment was chosen by claimant prior to June 2024 statutory amendment to NH RSA 21-M:11-a.

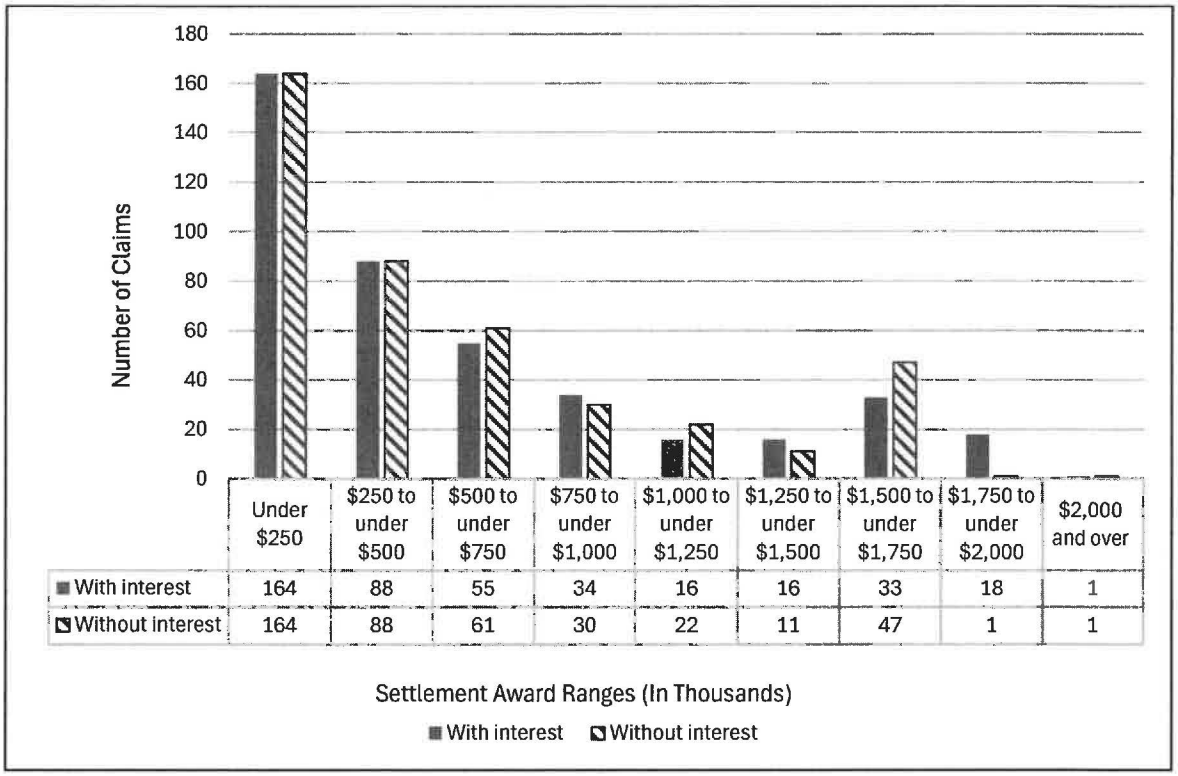
[3] Based on claimant payment type for claims resolved prior to the June 2025 statutory amendment to NH RSA 21-M:11-a, XV, which requires attorney's fees to be paid over the same number of years as claimant's awards.

[4] 6 settlements are subject to approval by new claims administrator once appointed.

[5] Includes installments to be paid in future fiscal years. $149,350,104.33 has been paid as of December 31, 2025. $89,948,155.13 is pending payment in either the current fiscal year or future fiscal years.

VI. Range of Settlement Award Amounts

As of December 31, 2025



	Under $250	$250 to under $500	$500 to under $750	$750 to under $1,000	$1,000 to under $1,250	$1,250 to under $1,500	$1,500 to under $1,750	$1,750 to under $2,000	$2,000 and over
With interest	164	88	55	34	16	16	33	18	1
Without interest	164	88	61	30	22	11	47	1	1

VII. Installment Payments by Fiscal Year[1]

As of December 31, 2025

SFY	Total Installments[2]	Paid Installments	Remaining Installments
2025	$ 34,035,555.33	$ 34,035,555.33	–
2026	$ 25,649,098.75	$ 12,674,874.00	$ 12,974,224.75
2027	$ 23,229,644.43	–	$ 23,229,644.43
2028	$ 15,205,522.00	–	$ 15,205,522.00
2029	$ 9,553,743.41	–	$ 9,553,743.41
2030	$ 7,954,506.54	–	$ 7,954,506.54
2031	$ 6,190,198.00	–	$ 6,190,198.00
2032	$ 5,014,422.00	–	$ 5,014,422.00
2033	$ 4,416,155.00	–	$ 4,416,155.00
2034	$ 3,924,822.00	–	$ 3,924,822.00
2035	$ 1,484,917.00	–	$ 1,484,917.00
Totals	**$ 136,658,584.46**	**$ 46,710,429.33**	**$ 89,948,155.13**

[1] Amounts are based on installment plans only and do not include any lump sum settlement awards. There are currently no lump sum settlement awards pending payment.

[2] Total installments will increase based on settlement awards made after December 31, 2025.

VIII. Appropriations and Expenditures

As of December 31, 2025

	SFY 2023		SFY 2024		SFY 2025		SFY 2026 (through 12/31/25)		Totals
Appropriations	$100,000,000		$60,000,000		$5,000,000		$20,000,000		$185,000,000
Claim Payments[1]	$1,670,000.00		$71,333,000.00		$63,254,930.33		$13,092,174.00		$149,350,104.33
Administrative Costs	$412,873.55		$3,682,016.32		$5,053,751.45		$2,554,215.95		$11,702,857.27
Total Expenditures	$2,082,873.55		$75,015,016.32		$68,308,681.78		$15,646,389.95		$161,052,961.60
Administrative Costs Detail	***DOJ***	***YDCCA***	***DOJ***	***YDCCA***	***DOJ***	***YDCCA***	***DOJ***	***YDCCA***	***Totals***
Salaries & Benefits[2]	–	$240,143.64	$11,883.80	$609,052.09	$190,012.64	$920,830.06	$81,114.97	$367,821.74	$2,420,858.94
Current Expenses[3]	–	$22,590.41	–	$52,427.38	$617.58	$51,717.08	$569.30	$20,717.57	$148,639.32
Verrill Dana LLP	$118,439.50	–	$2,318,918.00	–	$2,774,261.00	–	$1,710,100.00	–	$6,921,718.50
Affiliated Monitors Inc.	–	–	–	$311,060.00	–	$516,231.89	–	$218,522.50	$1,045,814.39
Trauma Informed Professionals (2)	–	–	–	$293,580.57	–	$579,823.68	–	$141,044.87	$1,014,449.12
Case IQ	–	–	–	$23,345.00	–	$14,613.99	–	$14,325.00	$52,283.99
Other Consultants[4]	–	$31,700.00	–	$61,749.48	–	$5,643.53	–	–	$99,093.01
Total Administrative Costs	$118,439.50	$294,434.05	$2,330,801.80	$1,351,214.52	$2,964,891.22	$2,088,860.23	$1,791,784.27	$762,431.68	$11,702,857.27

[1] Does not include amounts for claims that have been settled but not yet paid from Settlement Fund.

[2] Includes contract for former YDCCA Assistant Administrator.

[3] Includes expenses such as rent, travel, telecommunications, equipment, office supplies, etc.

[4] Includes previous contracts that are no longer active.

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