State's Attorney

APPROVED FY27 BUDGET	FULL TIME EQUIVALENTS
$28,468,053	172.25

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MISSION STATEMENT

The State's Attorney's Office is a constitutionally-created independent agency. The mission of the State's Attorney's Office is to serve the public interest through the fair and honest administration of justice by exercising its responsibilities to:

- Prosecute criminal violations in Montgomery County.
- Educate the public concerning criminal justice issues.
- Provide training to lawyers for future service.
- Address inequality and promote fairness in the criminal justice system.
- Ensure access to the criminal justice system.
- Promote professional relations with judges and attorneys.
- Further the efficient use of criminal justice resources.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The total approved FY27 Operating Budget for the State's Attorney's Office is $28,468,053, an increase of $1,089,323 or 3.98 percent from the FY26 Approved Budget of $27,378,730. Personnel Costs comprise 95.14 percent of the budget for 167 full-time position(s) and eight part-time position(s), and a total of 172.25 FTEs. Total FTEs may include seasonal or temporary positions and may also reflect workforce charged to or from other departments or funds. Operating Expenses account for the remaining 4.86 percent of the FY27 budget.

Consistent with the County Charter, the County Executive makes recommendations on the operating budget for all County departments, offices, and agencies. However, recognizing the Charter-defined roles, the County Executive defers significantly to Legislative and Judicial Branch agencies on their budget priorities.

COUNTY PRIORITY OUTCOMES

While this program area supports all seven of the County Executive's Priority Outcomes, the following is emphasized:

Safe Neighborhoods

INITIATIVES

- Funding to sustain the Body-Worn Camera Program previously established through grant funding, including equipment replacement, video storage, software licensing, training, and program administration.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Contact Lisa Russo of the State's Attorney's Office at 240-777-7407 or Derrick Harrigan of the Office of Management and Budget at 240-777-2759 for more information regarding this department's operating budget.

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance measures for this department are included below (where applicable), with multi-program measures displayed at the front of this section and program-specific measures shown with the relevant program. The FY26 estimates reflect funding based on the FY26 Approved Budget. The FY27 and FY28 figures are performance targets based on the FY27 Approved Budget and funding for comparable service levels in FY28.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Administration

Staff provides central services in areas of budget, personnel, automated systems management, general office management, and public information. In addition, staff coordinates efforts and initiatives with other criminal justice agencies.

FY27 Approved Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY26 Approved	**3,230,541**	**20.28**
Replace: Continuation Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Previously Funded by Grant Funds	314,118	3.18
Add: FY26 Mid-Year Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant Positions	198,734	2.00
Increase Cost: Case Management System (CMS) Annual Maintenance Cost	39,000	0.00
Technical Adj: Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant	2,431	0.02
Technical Adj: Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant	(2,128)	(0.02)
Replace: Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Previously Funded by Grant Funds	(290,761)	(3.18)
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	286,176	0.02
FY27 Approved	**3,778,111**	**22.30**

Circuit Court Prosecution

The Circuit Court Prosecution program reviews cases for possible filing in the Circuit Court by presenting these cases to the grand jury for indictment or filing a Circuit Court information (charging document). After charges are filed, the State's Attorney's Office litigates these cases to disposition. Senior Assistant State's Attorneys provide support and guidance to ongoing police investigations and conduct grand jury investigations of major felonies, drug distribution cases, gang crimes, internet crimes, and environmental cases. The Family Violence Unit prosecutes crimes of domestic violence, child abuse, and elder abuse. Appeals and demands for jury trials in the District Court cases are litigated in the Circuit Court.

FY27 Approved Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY26 Approved	**11,546,742**	**64.75**
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	433,299	0.00
FY27 Approved	**11,980,041**	**64.75**

District Court Prosecution

The District Court Prosecution program prosecutes criminal cases including misdemeanor arrests, citizen complaints, and serious or incarcerable traffic offenses. The State's Attorney's Office has also implemented a domestic violence docket in District Court to ensure that assault cases of a domestic nature and violations of protective orders are given special attention.

FY27 Approved Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY26 Approved	**3,933,891**	**27.14**
Technical Adj: Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)/ Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (STOP) Grants - Personnel Cost	17,462	0.04
Technical Adj: Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)/ Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (STOP) Grants - Personnel Cost	(17,462)	(0.04)
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	60,418	0.00
FY27 Approved	**3,994,309**	**27.14**

District Court Screening and Mediation

The District Court Screening program resolves cases before the trial date by contacting victims and witnesses to determine what outcome they would like to obtain from the criminal justice system. This program relies on volunteers and is supervised by permanent staff. It provides victim/witness assistance by delivering information about the criminal justice system to victims and witnesses whose cases are expected to go to trial. The Pre-Trial Mediation program is designed to resolve non-violent disputes between individuals. Trained volunteers and a mediation specialist work to resolve issues and come to an agreement by which all sides will abide.

FY27 Approved Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY26 Approved	**2,178,493**	**13.50**
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	15,478	0.00
FY27 Approved	**2,193,971**	**13.50**

Juvenile Court Prosecution

The Juvenile Court Prosecution program prosecutes criminal violations committed by juvenile offenders in Montgomery County, and performs a preliminary review of all cases in which a juvenile is charged with a violent crime. This includes cases that have been reviewed by the Juvenile Services Administration and then referred to the State's Attorney's Office. In such cases, formal charges are filed where appropriate and litigated to disposition in the Juvenile Court, attempting to obtain restitution for victims when possible. This program also provides administrative support to Teen Court, a Countywide peer adjudication initiative for non-violent juvenile offenses.

FY27 Approved Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY26 Approved	**2,821,562**	**17.50**
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	(5,501)	0.00
FY27 Approved	**2,816,061**	**17.50**

Major Fraud and Special Investigations

The Major Fraud and Special Investigations Division investigates allegations of complex financial crimes such as real estate and other business investment fraud schemes for which the Police Department is unable to provide investigative resources. The division also investigates allegations of thefts involving attorneys stealing from clients, financial exploitation of elderly victims, and misconduct by public officials. When these investigations support criminal charges, the cases are charged, generally in the Circuit Court, and litigated to disposition by Senior Assistant State's Attorneys. A significant part of this program is attempting to obtain restitution for victims and businesses that have lost money in these complex cases. Program staff also provide guidance to police officers and investigators from other agencies in situations where financial crimes may be suspected.

FY27 Approved Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY26 Approved	**662,951**	**5.00**
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	17,465	0.00
FY27 Approved	**680,416**	**5.00**

Prosecution Management

Prosecution Management staff coordinate case loads, schedule docket assignments, receive visitors, direct phone calls, and enter and audit data in the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) for the Circuit, District, and Juvenile Courts.

FY27 Approved Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY26 Approved	**2,374,702**	**17.00**
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	(6,429)	0.00
FY27 Approved	**2,368,273**	**17.00**

Victim/Witness Court Assistance

This program assists victims in criminal cases that have been designated as "victim-intensive" by virtue of the vulnerability of the victim or the type of crime. Victims receive direct court assistance from a Victim/Witness Coordinator. The coordinator guides the victim through the judicial process, provides assistance where necessary, and makes referrals to other County agencies as needed. In all other cases, Assistant State's Attorneys provide information and assistance to victims and witnesses. This program is staffed with permanent and volunteer personnel.

FY27 Approved Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY26 Approved	**629,848**	**5.08**
Technical Adj: Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant - Personnel Cost	5,562	0.05
Technical Adj: Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant - Personnel Cost	(5,230)	(0.05)

FY27 Approved Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
Multi-program adjustments, including negotiated compensation changes, employee benefit changes, changes due to staff turnover, reorganizations, and other budget changes affecting multiple programs.	26,691	(0.02)
FY27 Approved	**656,871**	**5.06**

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY25	Budget FY26	Estimated FY26	Approved FY27	%Chg Bud/App
COUNTY GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	18,505,642	19,525,986	19,275,325	20,188,343	3.4 %
Employee Benefits	5,017,726	5,660,720	5,309,084	6,125,794	8.2 %
County General Fund Personnel Costs	**23,523,368**	**25,186,706**	**24,584,409**	**26,314,137**	**4.5 %**
Operating Expenses	1,396,348	1,308,079	1,415,599	1,382,259	5.7 %
Capital Outlay	1,941	0	0	0	—
County General Fund Expenditures	**24,921,657**	**26,494,785**	**26,000,008**	**27,696,396**	**4.5 %**
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	154	154	154	158	2.6 %
Part-Time	7	7	7	7	—
FTEs	160.96	161.44	161.44	164.69	2.0 %
REVENUES					
Miscellaneous Revenues	1,786	0	0	0	—
Federal Grants	(159,918)	0	0	0	—
County General Fund Revenues	**(158,132)**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**—**
GRANT FUND - MCG					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	757,647	619,808	619,808	533,800	-13.9 %
Employee Benefits	247,596	264,137	264,137	237,857	-10.0 %
Grant Fund - MCG Personnel Costs	**1,005,243**	**883,945**	**883,945**	**771,657**	**-12.7 %**
Operating Expenses	339,484	0	0	0	—
Grant Fund - MCG Expenditures	**1,344,727**	**883,945**	**883,945**	**771,657**	**-12.7 %**
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	8	11	11	9	-18.2 %
Part-Time	1	1	1	1	—
FTEs	6.29	8.81	8.81	7.56	-14.2 %
REVENUES					
Federal Grants	765,484	290,761	290,761	0	-100.0 %
State Grants	517,514	593,184	593,184	771,657	30.1 %
Grant Fund - MCG Revenues	**1,282,998**	**883,945**	**883,945**	**771,657**	**-12.7 %**
DEPARTMENT TOTALS					

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY25	Budget FY26	Estimated FY26	Approved FY27	%Chg Bud/App
Total Expenditures	**26,266,384**	**27,378,730**	**26,883,953**	**28,468,053**	**4.0 %**
Total Full-Time Positions	**162**	**165**	**165**	**167**	**1.2 %**
Total Part-Time Positions	**8**	**8**	**8**	**8**	**—**
Total FTEs	**167.25**	**170.25**	**170.25**	**172.25**	**1.2 %**
Total Revenues	**1,124,866**	**883,945**	**883,945**	**771,657**	**-12.7 %**

FY27 APPROVED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
FY26 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	**26,494,785**	**161.44**
Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)		
Increase Cost: FY27 Compensation Adjustment	1,021,185	0.00
Replace: Continuation Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Previously Funded by Grant Funds [Administration]	314,118	3.18
Increase Cost: Annualization of FY26 Compensation Increases	243,539	0.00
Increase Cost: Printing and Mail	39,039	0.00
Increase Cost: Case Management System (CMS) Annual Maintenance Cost [Administration]	39,000	0.00
Technical Adj: Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)/ Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (STOP) Grants - Personnel Cost [District Court Prosecution]	17,462	0.04
Technical Adj: Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant - Personnel Cost [Victim/Witness Court Assistance]	5,562	0.05
Technical Adj: Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant [Administration]	(2,128)	(0.02)
Decrease Cost: Motor Pool Adjustment	(3,859)	0.00
Decrease Cost: Retirement Adjustment	(12,916)	0.00
Decrease Cost: Annualization of FY26 Personnel Costs	(459,391)	0.00
FY27 APPROVED	**27,696,396**	**164.69**
GRANT FUND - MCG		
FY26 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	**883,945**	**8.81**
Federal/State Programs		
Add: FY26 Mid-Year Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant Positions	198,734	2.00
Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)		
Technical Adj: Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant [Administration]	2,431	0.02
Technical Adj: Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) Grant - Personnel Cost [Victim/Witness Court Assistance]	(5,230)	(0.05)
Technical Adj: Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)/ Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (STOP) Grants - Personnel Cost [District Court Prosecution]	(17,462)	(0.04)
Replace: Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Previously Funded by Grant Funds [Administration]	(290,761)	(3.18)

FY27 APPROVED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
FY27 APPROVED	**771,657**	**7.56**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Program Name	FY26 APPR Expenditures	FY26 APPR FTEs	FY27 APPR Expenditures	FY27 APPR FTEs
Administration	3,230,541	20.28	3,778,111	22.30
Circuit Court Prosecution	11,546,742	64.75	11,980,041	64.75
District Court Prosecution	3,933,891	27.14	3,994,309	27.14
District Court Screening and Mediation	2,178,493	13.50	2,193,971	13.50
Juvenile Court Prosecution	2,821,562	17.50	2,816,061	17.50
Major Fraud and Special Investigations	662,951	5.00	680,416	5.00
Prosecution Management	2,374,702	17.00	2,368,273	17.00
Victim/Witness Court Assistance	629,848	5.08	656,871	5.06
Total	**27,378,730**	**170.25**	**28,468,053**	**172.25**

CHARGES TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Charged Department	Charged Fund	FY26 Total$	FY26 FTEs	FY27 Total$	FY27 FTEs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND					
Police	General Fund	241,991	1.00	249,359	1.00

FUNDING PARAMETER ITEMS

CC APPROVED ($000S)

Title	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32
COUNTY GENERAL FUND						
EXPENDITURES						
FY27 Approved	**27,696**	**27,696**	**27,696**	**27,696**	**27,696**	**27,696**
No inflation or compensation change is included in outyear projections.						
Labor Contracts	**0**	**282**	**282**	**282**	**282**	**282**
These figures represent the estimated annualized cost of general wage adjustments, service increments, and other negotiated items.						
Subtotal Expenditures	**27,696**	**27,978**	**27,978**	**27,978**	**27,978**	**27,978**

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