

## BUDGET SUMMARY

| Category                   | 2024 Actual         | 2025 Actual         | 2026 Budget         | 2027 Requested Budget | 2026/2027 Variance |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Expenditures</b>        |                     |                     |                     |                       |                    |
| Personnel Costs            | 13,850,490          | 10,776,390          | 10,558,449          | 10,735,740            | 177,291            |
| Operations Costs           | 4,273,571           | 4,124,266           | 4,757,880           | 4,076,290             | (681,590)          |
| Debt & Depreciation        | 0                   | 71                  | 0                   | 0                     | 0                  |
| Capital Outlay             | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0                     | 0                  |
| Interdepartmental Charges  | 182,696             | 195,726             | 227,588             | 219,730               | (7,858)            |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>  | <b>\$18,306,757</b> | <b>\$15,096,453</b> | <b>\$15,543,917</b> | <b>\$15,031,760</b>   | <b>(\$512,157)</b> |
| <b>Revenues</b>            |                     |                     |                     |                       |                    |
| Other Direct Revenue       | 92,791              | 605,599             | 232,650             | 196,500               | (36,150)           |
| State & Federal Revenue    | 8,630,871           | 4,323,902           | 6,922,659           | 6,607,972             | (314,687)          |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>      | <b>\$8,723,662</b>  | <b>\$4,929,501</b>  | <b>\$7,155,309</b>  | <b>\$6,804,472</b>    | <b>(\$350,837)</b> |
| <b>Tax Levy</b>            | <b>\$9,583,095</b>  | <b>\$10,166,953</b> | <b>\$8,388,608</b>  | <b>\$8,227,288</b>    | <b>(\$161,320)</b> |
| <b>Personnel</b>           |                     |                     |                     |                       |                    |
| <b>Full Time Pos (FTE)</b> | 165.00              | 165.00              | 165.00              | 167.00                | 2.00               |
| Overtime \$                | 306,060             | 221,927             | 201,938             | 225,000               | 23,062             |
| Seasonal/Hourly/Pool       | 165,619             | 322,394             | 332,510             | 308,030               | (24,480)           |

**Department Mission:**

The mission of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office (DA's Office) is to promote public peace and safety by just prosecution of criminal cases; to seek and to do impartial justice; to protect the health and welfare of children who are victims of child abuse and neglect; to safeguard the rule of law; and to promote participation with law enforcement and the criminal justice system by treating all persons with fairness, dignity, and respect.

**Department Vision:**

The goal of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office is to help create a safe and just community—one in which children have the stability and resources to learn and grow, neighborhoods can flourish, and residents and businesses can thrive.

To accomplish this mission, the Office targets, investigates, and successfully prosecutes firearm offenses and other violent crimes, focusing resources on offenders who pose the greatest threat to public safety. At the same time, the Office seeks to reduce crime and recidivism by promoting offender accountability through a balanced approach that combines early intervention for eligible non-violent offenders with serious substance use or mental health treatment needs and vigorous prosecution of violent offenders.

The Office remains committed to protecting victims and witnesses by maintaining a permanent Witness Protection Program and a comprehensive Victim/Witness Services program. These programs help ensure that victims and witnesses can safely participate in the criminal justice process, improve case outcomes, and fulfill the Office's statutory and constitutional obligations.

The Office also enhances the prosecution of felony drug cases through partnerships with the Milwaukee High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group (MMDEG), the Violent Crimes Division, and the Community Prosecution Unit. Through these partnerships, the Office targets, investigates, and prosecutes major drug traffickers and drug trafficking organizations, addresses nuisance properties that contribute to neighborhood crime, and works collaboratively to improve community safety.

In addition, the Office remains committed to the timely resolution of cases through specialized initiatives, including the Speedy Trial Drug Courts, which seek to bring felony drug cases to trial within 120 days of a defendant's initial court appearance, and the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services' Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) Speedy Resolution Project. These efforts help ensure that children do not remain in substitute care longer than necessary and can achieve safe, stable, and permanent homes whenever reunification is not possible.

**Department Description:****Department Overview**

As the prosecuting office for Milwaukee County, the District Attorney's Office represents the State in criminal matters, the County in certain non-criminal traffic and ordinance cases, and is responsible for juvenile delinquency, Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS), and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) proceedings. The Office also handles post-conviction litigation, appeals, extraditions, and other matters required by state law, and provides 24-hour legal support to law enforcement agencies. Guided by its mission to promote public safety and pursue justice, the Office works to protect victims, hold offenders accountable, and strengthen the communities it serves.

The Office is staffed by state-funded Assistant and Deputy District Attorneys and county-funded professional and support staff located at the Milwaukee County Courthouse Complex and the Vel R. Phillips Youth and Family Justice Center. Together, these employees provide the legal, investigative, victim service, administrative, and operational support necessary to fulfill the Office's statutory and constitutional responsibilities.

**Administration**

The District Attorney, is an elected constitution officer for Milwaukee County. The District Attorney establishes the Office's policies, priorities, and strategic direction. The Chief Deputy District Attorney oversees day-to-day operations and implementation of those priorities, while Deputy District Attorneys provide leadership for the Office's legal divisions and specialized units.

The Office's administrative leadership also includes the Director of Victim/Witness Services, the Chief Investigator, and the Network Manager, who oversee the Victim/Witness Services, Investigations, and Information Technology Divisions, respectively. Together, these divisions provide the specialized services and operational support essential to the effective administration of justice.

**Legal Division**

The Legal Division comprises state-funded Assistant District Attorneys assigned to either the Criminal Division or the Juvenile Division. Within those divisions, prosecutors serve in specialized units that focus on general crimes, violent crimes, sensitive crimes, public integrity, child welfare, and juvenile delinquency, ensuring expertise in the prosecution of Milwaukee County's diverse caseload.

**Support Division**

The Support Division is comprised of county employees who provide victim services, investigative support, information technology, fiscal and administrative services, clerical support, and litigation assistance. Working in partnership with prosecutors, these professionals ensure the efficient operation of the Office and support the timely, effective administration of justice.

**The following contracts are included in the 2027 Budget in lieu of separate review  
and approval from the County Board during the fiscal year:**

| <b>Vendor</b>                       | <b>Contract Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Contract Amount</b> |
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| Milwaukee Police Department         | MMDEG grant - MPD officer costs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$159,405              |
| West Allis Police Department        | MMDEG contract - WAPD officer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$24,480               |
| South Milwaukee Police Department   | MMDEG grant - S. Milwaukee officer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$24,480               |
| Axon Enterprise                     | Axon software is used for the DA's Office discovery and body worn cameras (BWC) needs. These two contracts are multi-year contracts. There is an expectation that additional State funding will cover these costs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$514,625              |
| City of Milwaukee                   | The City of Milwaukee administers the Byrne JAG program for community prosecutors and a domestic violence prosecutor. The revenue is offset by prosecutor's salary and fringe costs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$144,000              |
| City of Milwaukee                   | The City of Milwaukee administers the Byrne JAG program for community prosecutors and a domestic violence prosecutor. The revenue is offset by prosecutor's salary and fringe costs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$80,000               |
| City of Milwaukee                   | The City of Milwaukee issues community block grants to fund community prosecutors. The revenue is offset by prosecutor's salary and fringe costs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$190,000              |
| State of Wisconsin - DCF            | The State of Wisconsin awards a grant for TPR (termination of parental rights) and CHiPS (Child in need of protection or services). The revenue is offset by prosecutor's salary and fringe costs plus Milwaukee County employee's salary, FICA, and fringe costs. This grant also reimburses an additional 10% de minimus amount for administrative costs. The de minimus and County fringe reimbursement provides additional funding above and beyond the tax levy. | \$1,095,390            |
| State of Wisconsin - DCF            | The State of Wisconsin awards a grant for TPR (termination of parental rights) and CHiPS (Child in need of protection or services). The revenue is offset by prosecutor's salary and County fringe costs plus Milwaukee County employee's salary, FICA, and fringe costs. This grant also reimburses an additional 10% de minimus amount for administrative costs. The de minimus and fringe reimbursement provides additional funding above and beyond the tax levy. | \$1,158,290            |
| Sojourner Family Peace Center       | Sojourner received an award from the State of Wisconsin - DCF and subcontracted with our office to provide a domestic violence high risk team. The revenue is offset by prosecutor's salary and fringe costs plus Milwaukee County employee's salary, FICA, and fringe costs. The County fringe reimbursement provides additional funding above and beyond the tax levy.                                                                                              | \$68,100               |
| Federal Bureau of Investigations    | The FBI reimburses allowable overtime costs for an investigator that is assigned to work on FBI-involved cases. There is a monthly and annual cap for claims. The revenue is offset by overtime costs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$10,800               |
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| EOP-Office of National Drug Control | The federal government awards a grant for High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) to fund multiple prosecutors. The revenue is offset by prosecutor's salary and fringe costs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$55,500               |

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| EOP-Office of National Drug Control | The federal government awards a grant for High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) to fund multiple prosecutors. The revenue is offset by prosecutor's salary and fringe costs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$271,000              |
| State of Wisconsin - DAS            | The State of Wisconsin awards a grant for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group (MMDEG) to fund prosecutor's salary and fringe costs plus subcontracts with three police departments - Milwaukee, South Milwaukee, and West Allis. The revenue is offset by prosecutor's salary and fringe costs plus the police departments officer's salary, overtime, and fringe costs.                                                                                                                             | \$543,365              |
| State of Wisconsin - DOJ            | The State of Wisconsin awards a grant for Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) Gun Unit Continuation within set boundaries established in the City of Milwaukee for a prosecutor. The revenue is offset by prosecutor's salary and fringe costs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$124,700              |
| State of Wisconsin - DAS            | Wis. Stats 978.13(1)(b)(c)(d) and 20.475(1)(i) provides funding for three Special Prosecution Clerks and three clerks dedicated to the homicide, sexual assault, and drug speedy trial projects. The revenue maximum is specified within the State's biannual budget. The revenue is offset by County employee's salary, FICA, and fringe costs. The fringe reimbursement is used to offset unreimbursed salary and fringe costs. Any remaining balance provides additional funding above and beyond the tax levy. | \$103,500              |
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| State of Wisconsin - OCVS           | The State of Wisconsin Chapter 950 program funds DA Office's Victim/Witness functions. A partial reimbursement, fluctuating around the 50% mark, is received for VW and Investigative staff who are assigned to this function plus a portion of selected department expenditures. The revenue is offset by County employee's salary, FICA, and fringe costs plus the selected expenditure charges.                                                                                                                 | \$1,765,200            |

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| State of Wisconsin - DOJ      | The State of Wisconsin awards a grant for Victims of Crimes Acts (VOCA) for two County victim witness advocates. The grant reimburses 80% of the award amount and the remaining 20% is a required match. This grant is awarded competitively every four or five years. During the non-competitive years, the grant award amount does not change. This results in unreimbursed costs in the later years. The revenue is offset by County employee's salary, FICA, and fringe costs. The County fringe reimbursement offsets the match and unreimbursed costs. | \$81,092               |
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| Sojourner Family Peace Center | Rent for designated space within the SOJO building.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$15,000               |
| US Dept of Justice - OVW      | DOJ - OVW' has a funding opportunity for a FY 2026 grant to improve the Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$246,580              |
| State of Wisconsin            | The State of Wisconsin and the County of Milwaukee have proposed multiple methods to provide additional funding for the DA's Office.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$501,265              |

## Strategic Program Area: Investigations & Criminal Prosecutions

**Service Provision:** Mandated

### How We Do It: Program Budget Summary

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### Strategic Overview:

As the prosecuting agency for Milwaukee County, the District Attorney's Office represents the State in criminal matters and the County in non-criminal traffic and ordinance cases. The Office also has exclusive responsibility for prosecuting juvenile delinquency cases and handling all Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS) and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) proceedings.

The District Attorney's Office is committed to protecting public safety by prioritizing resources toward offenders and offenses that pose the greatest threat to the health and safety of the community, while advocating for children who require protection and services to ensure their safety and well-being. At the same time, the Office recognizes that both public safety and individualized justice are advanced by diverting appropriate individuals from the criminal justice system when their involvement with law enforcement is primarily driven by substance use disorders or mental health needs, provided such diversion can be accomplished safely and in the interests of justice.

The General Crimes Division serves as the foundation of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, processing the majority of criminal referrals received each year. In 2025, Assistant District Attorneys assigned to the General Crimes Teams reviewed more than 15,000 referrals that were not directed to specialized units. The Division prosecutes felony, misdemeanor, and applicable ordinance violations in Milwaukee County's general criminal courts while working closely with the Early Intervention Unit to identify appropriate opportunities for diversion when doing so is consistent with public safety and the interests of justice.

The Community Prosecution Unit strengthens public safety through proactive partnerships with law enforcement, local government, businesses, neighborhood organizations, and faith-based communities. Working directly from Milwaukee police districts, Community Prosecutors identify emerging crime trends, address chronic nuisance issues, and develop collaborative, community-based strategies to improve neighborhood safety and quality of life.

The Early Intervention Unit advances the Office's commitment to evidence-based prosecution by identifying eligible non-violent offenders whose risks can be safely addressed through community-based alternatives. The Unit administers diversion and deferred prosecution agreements, as well as Drug Treatment Court, Mental Health Court, and Veterans Treatment Court programs, managing these cases from the pre-charging stage through complete circuit court proceedings. By connecting eligible individuals with treatment and supportive services, the Unit promotes accountability, reduces recidivism, and preserves prosecutorial resources for the most serious offenses.

The Homicide Unit is responsible for prosecuting homicides and related offenses in Milwaukee County's five homicide and sensitive crimes courts. At any given time, the Unit manages approximately 120 to 140 pending homicide cases, reflecting the complexity and duration of these prosecutions. In 2025, the Unit reviewed more than 220 homicide referrals, while ensuring that the most serious violent crimes receive thorough investigation, careful case preparation, and vigorous prosecution.

The Gun Unit prosecutes felony-level non-fatal shootings and related firearm offenses, excluding domestic violence-related cases, in two specialized gun courts. By focusing exclusively on firearm violence, the Unit promotes swift, coordinated prosecution of offenders who pose a significant threat to public safety and supports the Office's broader efforts to reduce gun violence in Milwaukee County.

Funded through a grant from the Office of National Drug Control Policy to the North Central High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program, the HIDTA Unit partners with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute high-level drug traffickers, violent offenders, and organized criminal enterprises. Through these collaborative efforts, the Unit plays a critical role in disrupting and dismantling drug trafficking organizations operating throughout the region.

The Drug Unit addresses felony drug trafficking and opioid- and methamphetamine-related offenses through a balanced strategy that combines enforcement with opportunities for treatment and rehabilitation. Working closely with the Early Intervention Unit, prosecutors screen eligible possession and low-level trafficking cases for diversion into evidence-based intervention programs, while pursuing traditional prosecution for higher-level traffickers, violent or armed offenders, and individuals who decline intervention. The Unit also reviews all Len Bias homicide cases, ensuring a consistent and specialized approach to these complex prosecutions.

The Sensitive Crimes Unit provides a multidisciplinary response to some of the most vulnerable victims in the criminal justice system. Assistant District Attorneys and Victim Advocates work collaboratively to investigate and prosecute sexual assault, human trafficking, child sexual abuse material offenses, invasion of privacy, sextortion, and other sensitive crimes. Human trafficking prosecutions are among the most complex cases handled by the Office, requiring extensive coordination with victims, law enforcement, and community partners.

The Sexually Violent Persons Unit is responsible for civil commitment proceedings involving individuals who meet the criteria of Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 980. These cases involve offenders convicted of sexually violent offenses who have been determined to suffer from a qualifying mental disorder that makes future acts of sexual violence substantially likely. The Unit reviews referrals for potential civil commitment, litigates commitment petitions, and responds to petitions for discharge filed by individuals previously committed under Chapter 980, helping to protect the community while ensuring compliance with statutory requirements.

The Child Protection and Advocacy Unit (CPAU) specializes in the prosecution of the County's most serious child abuse and neglect cases. Assistant District Attorneys and Victim Witness Advocates work collaboratively to prosecute cases involving abusive head trauma, inflicted burn injuries, severe malnutrition, chronic abuse and neglect, serial child torture, and other egregious crimes against children. The Deputy District Attorney who leads the Unit also prosecutes all homicide cases arising from child abuse and neglect, ensuring specialized oversight in these exceptionally complex and sensitive matters.

The Domestic Violence Unit provides a coordinated, victim-centered response to intimate partner violence by reviewing and prosecuting domestic violence cases in Milwaukee County's specialized Domestic Violence Courts. With prosecutors and victim advocates located in both the Milwaukee County Courthouse Complex and the Sojourner Family Peace Center, the Unit works alongside law enforcement, victim service providers, medical professionals, and community partners to enhance victim safety, increase offender accountability, and improve access to support services for survivors and their families.

The Child Welfare Division represents Milwaukee County in all Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) proceedings. Because approximately one-third of Wisconsin's child welfare cases originate in Milwaukee County, the Division serves a critical role in protecting some of the community's most vulnerable children. Following referrals from the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS), attorneys, paralegals, and support staff manage highly complex, time-sensitive litigation to ensure children receive the protection and permanency they need. The Division relies on extensive administrative and litigation support to meet statutory deadlines.

**Strategic Implementation:**

Victim/Witness Services



Victim-Witness Services provides comprehensive support to victims and witnesses throughout the criminal justice process. Victim-Witness Advocates deliver services in person, by telephone, and through written communication, helping individuals navigate often complex circumstances that may include trauma, homelessness, mental health challenges, substance use disorders, and language barriers. Staff educate victims about their rights, explain court proceedings, assist with Crime Victim Compensation applications, provide crisis intervention, develop individualized safety plans, and keep victims informed as cases progress.

Beyond direct services, Victim/Witness Services works closely with criminal justice agencies and community organizations to strengthen victim support throughout Milwaukee County. Staff actively participate in multidisciplinary initiatives, including the Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT), Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), Collaborative Rapid Advocacy for Youth (CRAY), and the Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, helping to improve coordinated responses for victims of crime.

#### Investigations Division

The Investigations Division provides specialized investigative support that strengthens prosecutions, protects victims and witnesses, and enhances public safety through collaboration with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

The Maurice V. Pulley Jr. Witness Protection Program (WITSEC) safeguards victims and witnesses whose safety is threatened because of their participation in the criminal justice process. While originally established to address retaliation in homicide cases, the program now frequently serves victims of domestic violence and other serious offenses. Investigators conduct threat assessments, develop safety plans, and investigate witness intimidation, bribery, perjury, and related crimes. These efforts have supported successful prosecutions that otherwise may not have been possible.

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) investigates critical incidents, public corruption, and complex multi-jurisdictional crimes while providing investigative resources to law enforcement agencies throughout Milwaukee County. SIU investigators collaborate closely with local, state, and federal partners, including participation on the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force. The Unit also provides specialized digital forensic services for cellular phones, computers, and other electronic devices, as well as criminal intelligence analysis that supports complex investigations across the county.

The Outreach Unit ensures the successful service of subpoenas on reluctant or difficult-to-locate witnesses in serious criminal cases. By securing witness participation in court proceedings, the Unit plays a vital role in maintaining case integrity and supporting successful prosecutions.

#### Administrative Division

The Administrative Division provides the operational foundation that enables the District Attorney's Office to fulfill its public safety mission. The Division oversees budget development and fiscal management, grant administration, procurement, personnel administration, records management, and compliance with county and state administrative requirements. It also serves as the primary liaison with Milwaukee County departments, the Wisconsin Department of Administration, the Office of State Public Defender, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, and other governmental partners to ensure efficient and accountable operations.

#### Information Technology Division

The Information Technology Division supports the technology infrastructure essential to the Office's daily operations across the Milwaukee County Courthouse Complex, the Vel R. Phillips Juvenile Justice Center, and the Sojourner Family Peace Center. Staff maintain the Office's computer network, hardware, software, user accounts, licensing, and technology inventory, ensuring secure and reliable access to the systems prosecutors and staff rely upon every day.



The Division also manages the Office's case management and criminal discovery systems. Through the administration of PROTECT, the Office's case management platform, IT staff facilitate the secure receipt, organization, and electronic distribution of digital evidence. Working in partnership with the Legal Division's paralegals, the Division ensures discovery materials are complete, accurately organized, and provided to defense counsel in a timely manner, supporting compliance with constitutional obligations and the efficient progression of criminal cases. The amount of work in this area has exponentially increased over the past few years, as law enforcement agencies have increased their use and gathering of digital information, including body cameras and surveillance video. Due to the type and volume of this information, this process must be guided by skilled individuals, and although the automation technology is improving, each piece of evidence still has to be individually managed.

#### Clerical Division

The Clerical Division provides essential administrative support to every operational area of the District Attorney's Office. Staff process new criminal and juvenile referrals seven days a week, manage reception functions, assist with discovery, maintain records, and provide day-to-day support that enables prosecutors, investigators, paralegals, and victim advocates to serve the public efficiently. Dedicated executive support staff also provide direct administrative assistance to the Office's Deputy District Attorneys and the elected District Attorney.

#### Paralegals

Paralegals are integral members of the District Attorney's Office, providing specialized litigation and administrative support throughout the criminal and juvenile divisions. They assist in reviewing and issuing adult and juvenile referrals, coordinating the acquisition and dissemination of criminal discovery, preparing legal documents, organizing evidence, and managing complex case files. Paralegals' work is essential to ensuring timely case preparation, statutory compliance, and the effective administration of justice. Additionally, paralegals are largely responsible for compiling and disseminating electronic discovery to defendants and/or their attorneys, thereby preserving each individual's right to discovery.

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