



District Attorneys Council

FY 2027 Budget Hearing Presentation

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The **District Attorneys Council (DAC)** serves as the **administrative support to the individually-elected District Attorneys and their staff across Oklahoma.**

Founded in **1976**, this agency now encompasses the following divisions: **Executive Division, Finance Division, Victim Services Division, Federal Grants Division, Information Technology (IT) Division, Training & Outreach Division, and the Uninsured Vehicle Enforcement Diversion (UVED) Program.**

Agency Vision, Mission, and Core Values

Vision: To seek justice, promote public safety, and elevate the voices of crime victims

Mission: The mission of Oklahoma's District Attorneys is to protect the public through proactively advocating as Ministers of Justice for public safety and welfare, and through educating and collaborating with communities, law enforcement, and policy makers while supporting our staff through personal and professional development and peer support

Core Values: Justice, Integrity, Service



Accomplishments

Top accomplishments for FY 2025 – FY 2026

1. DAC supports 27 District Attorney offices and over 1,000 employees.
2. DAC provides training for Oklahoma’s District Attorneys, assistant district attorneys (ADAs), support staff, and law enforcement. 1,126 individuals received training at 23 separate events in FY 2025, plus an additional 443 on-demand. Thus far, 462 individuals have received training at 4 events in FY 2026, plus an additional 57 on-demand.
3. District Attorneys declared 2025 the “Year of the Child,” focusing on protecting Oklahoma’s most vulnerable victims. Thus far this year, over 3,000 cases involving child victims have been filed, underscoring a statewide commitment to justice and safety for children.
4. The UVED Program has enrolled over 140,000 citizens in its diversionary program, reducing the number of uninsured vehicles on Oklahoma roadways and enhancing safety for all.
5. With supplemental funding to pay for the increased cost of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) exams, the length of time for payment to nurses has decreased to less than 20 days for most claims.



Analysis of Agency Challenges

	Challenge	Current Actions (Briefly describe how the agency is currently addressing the challenge.)	Planned Actions (Briefly describe how the agency plans to address the challenge going forward.)
1	Workforce Retention	Concluding the disbursement of the legislatively appropriated one-time retention incentives; continuing efforts to reduce caseloads	Seek additional appropriations for retention of prosecutors and staff, specifically focusing on rural locations and attorney deserts; loan assistance program
2	Workforce Recruitment	Law school classes; career fairs; district internship programs; Oklahoma Bar Association cross-trainings	Recruiter; more robust statewide internship program(s); loan assistance program; hiring incentive program
3	Maintaining Capital Homicide Experience	Forming a committee of experienced prosecutors to provide statewide assistance, case assessment, and trainings	Seek appropriations for national trainings, trial advocacy courses, and secure data storage for sensitive evidence, motion sharing, etc.
4	Case Management System	Migrating from legacy system to a cutting-edge prosecutor case management system	Continue roll out to districts
5	Evidence Storage	Acquiring additional storage for evidence collected by law enforcement agencies statewide used in criminal investigations and trials	Seek additional appropriations to supplement the storage of an ever-increasing volume of digital evidence



Savings & Efficiencies (Current or Planned)

Savings or Efficiency Name	Brief description of how savings were achieved	Savings in Unit of Measurement*	FY 2025 (Actual \$ Savings)	FY 2026 (Projected \$ Savings)	FY 2027 (Projected \$ Savings)
Training Resource Analysis	Assessment of Training contracts and services to more efficiently utilize state resources	Dollars saved and reapplied to additional trainings	n/a	Roughly \$19K	TBD
Improved Technology for Grants Management	Federal Grants migrating to OGX, an updated and modern grants management system that increases efficiency in communication and management of subrecipients	Processing time in hours	n/a	TBD	TBD
Improved Technology for Claim Processing	In Spring FY26, Victim Services is implementing online invoicing and approval along with direct deposit payment	Processing time in days	45	30	15
Reduced Processing Time for SANE Claims	With additional appropriated funds, SANE processing time was reduced from 61 to 15 days	Processing time in days	Reduced from 61 to 15.6	15	15

* Hours, FTE, square feet, etc.



Agency Goals and Key Performance Metrics

Goal		Metric	FY 25 Target	FY 25 Actuals	FY 26 Target
1	Increase Recruitment of Prosecutors by 5% Per Year	Number of prosecutors	297	334	351
2	Decrease Turnover Rate of Prosecutors	Turnover rate statewide	35%	16.6%	15%
3	Training of Prosecutors and Key Personnel	Number of trainings offered	24	23	24
4	Reduction in Processing Time for Sexual Assault Nurse Exam (SANE) Claims	Turnaround time in days	30	15.6	15
5	Reduction in Processing Time for Victims Compensation Fund Claims	Turnaround time in days	25	12.5	12
6	Efficient Information Technology Support of District Attorney System	Resolution time in hours	0.3	0.3	0.3
7	Increased Participation in Uninsured Vehicle Enforcement Diversion (UVED) Program	Number of citizens enrolled in diversion	120,000	140,000	150,000



Projects for FY 2026

- 1) DAC's top priority is securing additional funding for the District Attorney System to effectively address recruitment and retention of prosecutors in the state.
- 2) Create targeted programs to address issues with recruitment and retention specifically in attorney deserts.
- 3) Establish a Capital Homicide Resource Committee (CHRC) to support prosecutors statewide by providing experienced attorney assistance, legal research, accessing national training opportunities, and hosting specialized programs.
- 4) The District Attorneys Council is deploying a multi-district case management system, which will allow the districts to be more efficient and data-driven. In addition, DAC is replacing firewall appliances for DA offices in 75 of the 77 counties, which will enhance security and increase network performance.
- 5) The Federal Grants Division is implementing indirect cost rates to maximize available resources.



Projects for FY 2027

1. DAC's top priority is increasing the number of prosecutors statewide.
2. Establishing a recruitment program that would allow for internship opportunities at all District Attorney offices.
3. Enhancing the IT infrastructure of the 77 DA offices.
4. Developing comprehensive statewide storage to accommodate evidence generated by cellular phones, dashboard cameras, and body-worn cameras.
5. Victims Services Division will expand its outreach to crime victims through increased use of online and technological solutions.
6. Continue to offer comprehensive training opportunities for prosecutors, staff, and law enforcement.



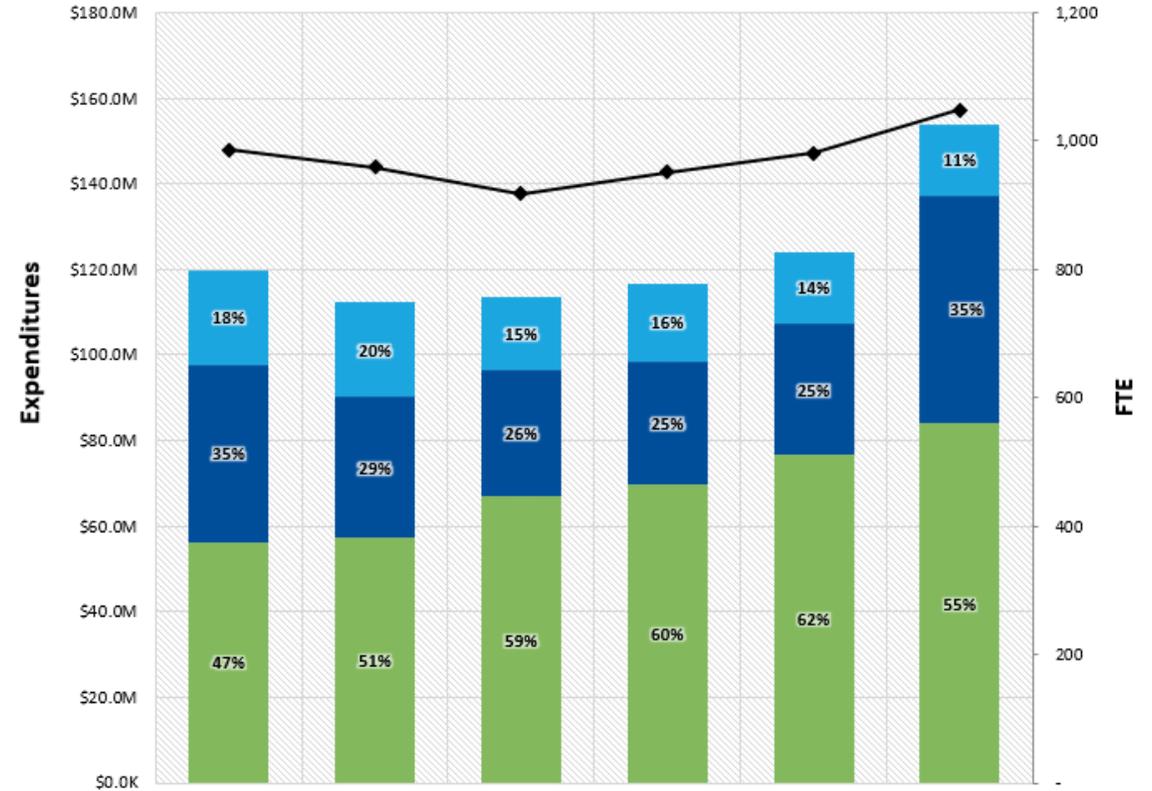
Total Historic Actual Expenditures (FY 2021-25) and Current Year Budget (FY 2026)

Explanation of Changes and Trends

Non-appropriated revenue sources (i.e., “Revolving”; e.g., court fines and fees) have continued to decline in recent years.

Thankfully, declining staffing levels and higher turnover rates have been mitigated in recent years due to increased appropriations from the Legislature to help with recruitment and retention efforts. This included one-time appropriation increases in FY24 for incentive payments to prosecutors that were structured over two fiscal years (FY24 and FY25).

Historic Actual Expenditures and Current Year Budget



	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026 Current Budget
Appropriated	\$56.4M	\$57.2M	\$67.0M	\$69.7M	\$76.7M	\$84.1M
Revolving	\$22.2M	\$22.0M	\$17.4M	\$18.1M	\$16.8M	\$16.7M
Federal	\$41.4M	\$33.1M	\$29.3M	\$28.9M	\$30.7M	\$53.2M
Total	\$119.9M	\$112.3M	\$113.7M	\$116.7M	\$124.2M	\$154.0M
FTE	987	959	918	951	981	1,048



Estimated Impact of Federal Funding Changes

<i>Program Name</i>	<i>Federal Agency</i>	<i>Description of expected change (s) (i.e. change in state match, admin costs, program requirements or client eligibility, etc.)</i>	<i>Actual FY 25 Total Federal Funding Received (\$)</i>	<i>Projected FY 26 Total Federal Funding To Be Received (\$)</i>	<i>Estimated FY 27 Total Federal Funding To Be Received (\$)</i>
National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)	US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics	New solicitation not yet issued; unknown if funding will be reduced.	\$55,822	\$2,774,571	TBD
Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN East, PSN West, PSN North)	US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance	For FY26 projections, approximately \$154K is on hold (may not be released until FY27); there is uncertainty regarding the continuation of this program.	\$555,707	\$313,019	\$153,787
Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)	US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women	Due to federal mandate regarding the use of funds, additional state funding may be necessary.	\$885,548	\$882,324	TBD
NICS Act Records Improvement Program (NARIP)	US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics	New solicitation not yet issued; highly possible this grant is up for elimination.	\$3,339,293	\$1,267,044	\$844,696
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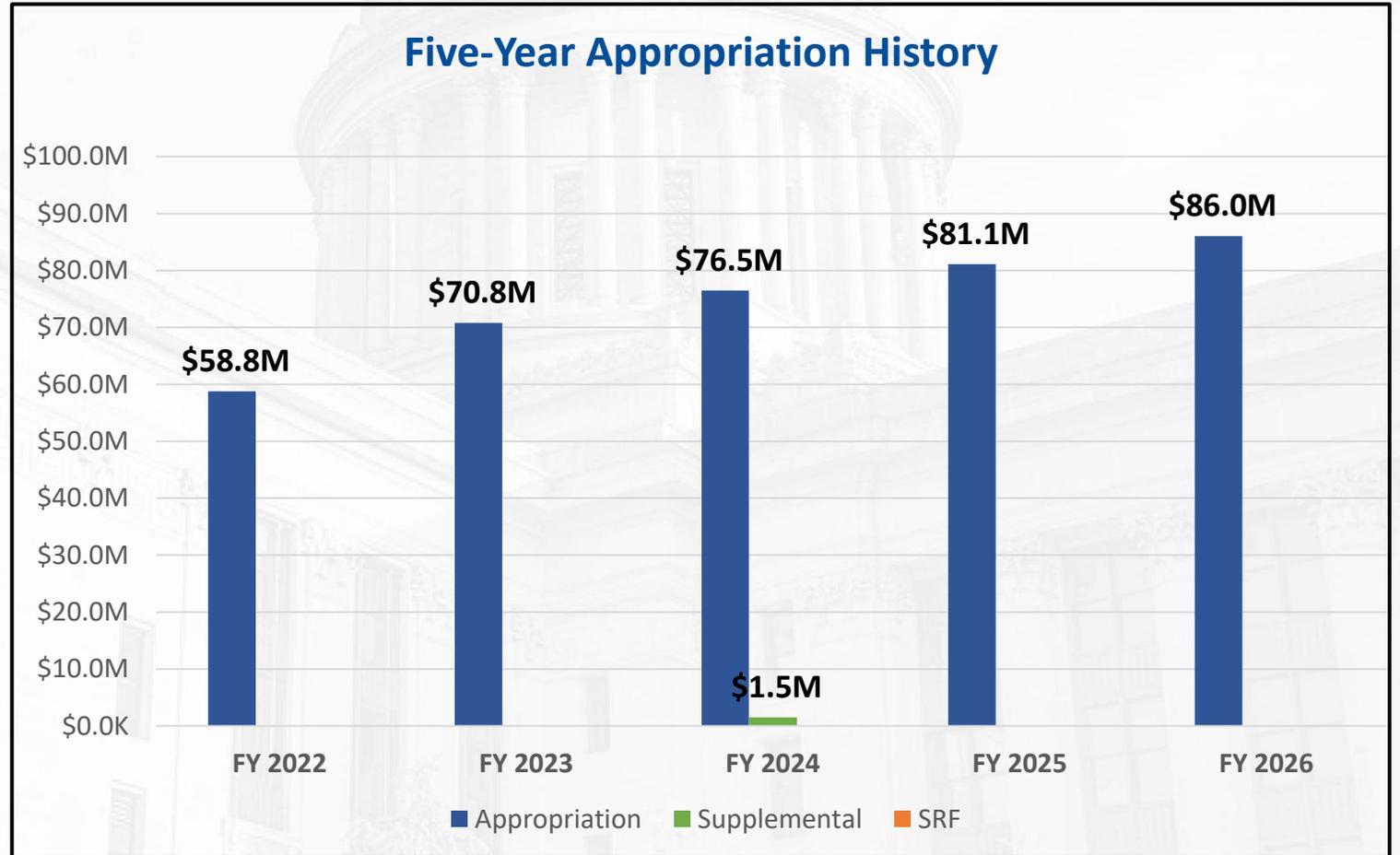


FY 2026 Budgeted Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

	FY 2026 Budgeted FTE
Total FTE	1,048
Supervisor FTE	28
Supervisors to Total FTE Ratio (%)	2.7%
Current Budgeted but Unfilled FTE	107

Appropriation History

Fiscal Year	Legislated Appropriation (\$) (Includes supplementals and SRF/ARPA.)
FY 2022	\$58,779,782
FY 2023	\$70,779,782
FY 2024	\$77,929,782*
FY 2025	\$81,103,492
FY 2026	\$86,040,957



***Includes \$2.2MM one time funding for FY24. Also includes a \$1.45MM supplemental appropriation to help implement HB2236. The recurring appropriation amount is \$74,279,782.*



Financial Resource Analysis

Carryover	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total appropriated carryover amount expended (\$)	\$ 929,347	\$ 1,956,944	\$ 5,112,352	\$ 5,214,092

Historical Cash Balances	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Year End Revolving Fund Cash Balances <i>(All Revolving Funds)</i>	\$ 7,842,103	\$ 7,019,040	\$ 13,414,743*	\$17,626,928.47*

Revolving Class Fund # <i>(Unrestricted only)</i>	Revolving Class Fund Name <i>(Unrestricted only)</i>	Current cash balance (\$)	Projected FY 2026 year-end cash balance (\$)
210	District Attorneys Council Revolving Fund	\$11,005,522	\$10,000,000
#		\$	\$
#		\$	\$
	Total Unrestricted Revolving Fund Cash balance:	\$	\$

*Includes cash in restricted funds. For FY2025 year-end balances, it includes roughly \$711KK in the 'Evidence Fund' (class fund 225), roughly \$1.4MM in the 'Sexual Assault Examination Fund' (class fund 240), and roughly \$5.7MM in the 'Crime Victims Compensation Revolving Fund' (class fund 230). These cash balances include cash transferred from appropriations pursuant to each respective years' appropriations bill.



Unrestricted funds are those that are not limited by state or federal law, rule, regulation, other legally binding method, or donor restriction.

FY 2024 – 2025 Appropriation Change Review

<i>Purpose of appropriation increase or decrease</i>	<i>Amount FY 2024</i>	<i>Amount FY 2025</i>	<i>Total amount received FY 2024 - 25</i>	<i>Total amount expended by 11/1/2025</i>	<i>Included in FY 2026 approp? (Yes/No)</i>	<i>If not expended fully, please explain.</i>
Funding Removal: One-Time Incentive Payments	\$2,200,000	(\$2,200,000)	\$0	\$0	No	
DA pay raise tied to Judicial pay raises	\$0	\$373,710	\$373,710	\$373,710	Yes	
Recruitment and Retention	\$0	\$3,950,000	\$3,950,000	\$3,950,000	Yes	
SANE Funding (sexual assault exams)	*\$1,450,000	\$2,500,000	\$3,950,000	\$3,215,129	Yes	Timing of payment for claim requests
	\$	\$	\$	\$		
	\$	\$	\$	\$		
	\$	\$	\$	\$		
	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Totals	\$3,650,000	\$4,623,710	\$8,273,710	\$7,538,839		

*\$1.45MM supplemental appropriation to help implement HB2236.



*Do not include SRF / ARPA appropriation increases.

FY 2026 Appropriation Change Review

<i>Purpose of appropriation increase or decrease</i>	<i>Amount of increase or decrease (\$)</i>	<i>Does this need to be included in your FY 2027 appropriation? (Yes/No)</i>	<i>If yes, included in appropriation for same purpose? (Yes/No)</i>	<i>If not included for same purpose, please explain.</i>
One-Time IT Upgrades	\$1,937,465	No	N/A	
Workforce Recruitment and Retention	\$3,000,000	Yes	Yes	
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Total adjustment	\$4,937,465			



**Do not include SRF / ARPA appropriation increases.*

Incremental & Supplemental Request Summary

Request Name		FY 2027 Incremental Appropriation Request Amount (\$) {or FY 2026 for Supplementals}	Type of Request: Recurring, One-time, or Supplemental
1	Strategic Funding for Prosecution of Child Abuse	\$8,019,000	Recurring
2	Rural Loan Assistance Program	\$2,500,000	Recurring
3	Locality Incentive Program (LIP)	\$4,500,000	Recurring
4	Capital Homicide Resource Committee (CHRC)	\$500,000	Recurring
5	I.T. Refresh and Archiving	\$1,650,000	Recurring



(1) Incremental Budget Request

Name of Request: Strategic Funding for Prosecution of Child Abuse	
Type: Recurring	\$ 8,019,000
<p>This request focuses on strengthening Oklahoma’s ability to protect children by enhancing the recruitment and retention of prosecutors with specialized expertise in child-related cases. The proposal seeks funding to support attorneys who handle child abuse, sex crimes, juvenile deprived, delinquent, and Youthful Offender cases, and related civil issues. These areas of law demand advanced training, professional experience, and significant emotional resilience.</p> <p>The request is designed to give District Attorneys the flexibility to build and sustain specialized prosecutorial capacity within their offices. By allowing resources to be directed toward child-related prosecutions, each district can tailor its approach to meet local needs while ensuring consistent, high-quality prosecution of cases involving our most vulnerable victims. Strengthening this specialized workforce is essential to protecting children and delivering justice across Oklahoma.</p>	



(2) Incremental Budget Request

Name of Request: Rural Loan Assistance Program	
Type: Recurring	\$2,500,000
<p>The Rural Loan Assistance Program is designed to improve recruitment and retention of Assistant District Attorneys in underserved communities by offering structured student loan support. Using the framework of existing law, eligible prosecutors serving in high-need locations may receive up to \$50,000 over 10 years in loan assistance, with payments made directly to loan servicers.</p> <p>Eligibility will be determined by a committee of District Attorneys and the District Attorneys Council, based on factors such as remoteness, vacancy history, and population needs. Participants must verify their loan obligations annually, and current rural ADAs may also apply. The program focuses on long-term service commitments and helps stabilize chronically understaffed jurisdictions.</p>	



(3) Incremental Budget Request

Name of Request: Locality Incentive Program	
Type: Recurring	\$4,500,000
<p>The Locality Incentive Program (LIP) is designed to strengthen recruitment and retention of prosecutors in high-need geographic areas identified by District Attorneys and the District Attorneys Council. The program provides up to \$50,000 per eligible employee over a five-year period, with payments structured at key service milestones to encourage long-term commitment.</p> <p>Eligibility and incentive amounts will be determined through a DAC committee, allowing flexibility based on factors such as population, remoteness, vacancy history, and staffing needs. All current employees in designated areas will begin the same incentive track to ensure fairness. The program aims to stabilize staffing, promote transparency, and sustainably support prosecutors serving in underserved communities and attorney deserts.</p>	



(4) Incremental Budget Request

Name of Request: Capital Homicide Resource Committee	
Type: Recurring	\$500,000
<p>This request will fund a Capital Homicide Resource Committee (CHRC) to strengthen the quality, consistency, and expertise of death-penalty casework across Oklahoma. The CHRC will be composed of seasoned prosecutors who provide direct support to District Attorneys through case assessments, legal research, and assistance with complex motions in capital cases. In addition, the committee will lead year-round training, including a Statewide Death Penalty Conference and an Advanced Trial Bootcamp focused on trial strategy, forensic evidence, and preventing wrongful convictions.</p> <p>The request includes funding for national training for committee members, specialized instructional events, and a dedicated data analyst responsible for collecting and reporting major crime and capital-case data. Resources for secure long-term storage of death-penalty case materials are included to ensure compliance with legal retention requirements and to support efficient information-sharing among CHRC members.</p>	



(5) Incremental Budget Request

Name of Request: I.T. Refresh and Archiving	
Type: Recurring	\$1,650,000
<p>This request seeks funding for two critical, previously unfunded needs. \$1,500,000 will expand physical and digital storage capacity across all 27 districts and disaster-recovery sites to support long-term archiving of case files required for appellate preservation—often spanning multiple years or even decades. An additional \$150,000 will establish an annual computer refresh cycle, ensuring ADAs have up-to-date equipment and can keep pace with evolving technology essential to modern prosecution work.</p>	



Thank You