

FY 2027 Budget Performance Review

678 Council on Judicial Complaints

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Agency Mission

The mission of the Council on Judicial Complaints is to efficiently and impartially investigate the conduct of persons occupying judicial positions. The Council received complaints of judicial misconduct by any person or may institute its own investigations. The Council determines whether the judicial conduct should be the subject of an action before the Court on the Judiciary pursuant to the Oklahoma Constitution for purposes of removal, should be addressed by the Chief Justice for discipline less than removal, or should be dismissed. Additionally, the Council engages in judicial education for the purpose of bettering the administration of justice in the state of Oklahoma.

Division and Program Descriptions

Note: Please define any acronyms used in program descriptions.

Division or Program Number and Name

General Operations 1000001 - Supports all of the agency's administrative functions and includes the judicial complaint and investigation processes

Judicial Education 1000003 - The Council on Judicial Complaints is authorized to provide funding for the attendance and participation of state, municipal, and administrative judges in professional and educational programs, schools or conferences for the purpose of improving the quality of the Oklahoma Judiciary and to improve the administration of justice in this state. The Council may contract or partner with public or private entities or otherwise fund and participate in the development, implementation, and conduct of professional and educational programs for judges.

Information Services 8800010 - information technology services and products utilized across all divisions

FY'26 Budgeted Department Funding By Source

Dept. #	Department Name	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Local ¹	Other ²	Total
1000001	General Operations	\$300,000		\$370,000			\$670,000
1000003	Judicial Education	\$0		\$30,000			\$30,000
8800010	Information Services	\$0		\$22,000			\$22,000
Total		\$300,000	\$0	\$422,000	\$0	\$0	\$722,000

1. Please describe source of Local funding not included in other categories:

2. Please describe source(s) and % of total of "Other" funding if applicable for each department:

Balances of Appropriated Funds from Prior Fiscal Years

3-digit Class Fund #	Class Fund Name	GA Bill # and Section #	Fiscal Year of Original Appropriation	Original Appropriation Amount (\$)	Total Expended Amount as of 8/31/2025 (\$)	Balance as of 8/31/2025 (\$)
19301	Appropriations	SB1125 Section156	FY25	\$300,000	\$260,469	\$39,531
<i>Total remaining prior year appropriation balance:</i>						\$39,531

Report appropriations that have existing balances from all prior fiscal years at the 3-digit class fund number (i.e. 194, 195). Do not report carryover class funds separately. Include appropriations located in disbursing funds. Report PREP, but not ARPA/SRF, appropriations.

What changes did the agency make between FY'25 and FY'26?

1.) Are there any services no longer provided because of budget cuts?

no

2.) What services are provided at a higher cost to the user?

n/a - COJC does not charge the public to investigate complaints

3.) What services are still provided but with a slower response rate?

The number of complaints received by the agency has doubled since January 1, 2018. It is the Council's duty to investigate every complaint it receives. Due to the sharp increase of complaints received in recent years and several lengthy investigations which resulted in removal proceedings before the Court on the Judiciary, the rate at which the Council was able to issue a disposition on a complaint within 90 days decreased. Beginning FY25, the Council took steps to significantly alleviate this issue and backlog by hiring a full time general counsel. It is anticipated the rate at which a disposition is issued will increase back to expected levels.

4.) Did the agency provide any pay raises that were not legislatively/statutorily required?

Yes. Executive Director received \$15,000 pay raise effective 7/1/25; Principal Assistant received \$5,000 pay raise raise effective 7/1/25; General Counsel received \$15,000 pay raise effective 7/1/25

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Appropriation Increase Review

Appropriation Increase Purpose	Appropriation Increases (Additional to Agency Base Appropriation)			Expenditures	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	Total Amount Received FY 2024-2025	Total Expenditure of Increase as of 6/30/2025	If funds have not been spent, please explain why.
	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000 \$0	\$260,469	a position paid from this fund was not filled for the full fiscal year
Total:	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$260,469	

List appropriation increases that the agency has received in the prior two years. List amounts received in each year. Include PREP, but not ARPA/SRF, appropriations.

FY'27 Requested Funding By Department and Source

Dept. #	Department Name	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Other ¹	Total	% Change
1000001	General Operations	\$365,000	\$0	\$370,000	\$0	\$735,000	9.70%
1000003	Judicial Education	\$60,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$90,000	200.00%
8800010	Information Services	\$0	\$0	\$22,000	\$0	\$22,000	0.00%
Total		\$425,000	\$0	\$422,000	\$0	\$847,000	17.31%

1. Please describe source(s) and % of total of "Other" funding for each department:

FY'27 Top Five Incremental Appropriated Funding Increase Requests

Request by Priority	Request Description	Is this a Supplemental Request? (Yes/No)	Timeframe (One-Time or Recurring)	Appropriation Request Increase Amount (\$)
Request 1:	cost of operations increase (mileage, mail, expendables) Funding to host Judicial College for new judges following November 2026 election before they take then bench in January 2027 (occurs once every 4 years)	no	recurring	\$25,000
Request 2:	employee pay increases in conformity with HCM 2025-1 and HB1794	no	one-time	\$60,000
Request 3:		no	recurring	\$40,000
Request 4:				
Request 5:				
Top Five Request Subtotal:				\$125,000
Total Increase above FY-26 Budget (including all requests)				\$125,000
Difference between Top Five requests and total requests:				\$0

* Capital requests in the table above should be listed in the next table.

What are the agency's top 2-3 capital or technology (one-time) requests, if applicable?			
Description of requested increase in order of priority	Total Project Cost (\$)	Needed State Funding for Project (\$)	Submitted to LRCPC? (Yes/No)
Priority 1 none			
Priority 2			
Priority 3			

Does the agency has any costs associated with the Pathfinder retirement system and federal employees? If so, please describe the impact.

no

* Include the total number of federally funded FTE in the Pathfinder system.

How would the agency be affected by receiving the same appropriation for FY '27 as was received in FY '26? (Flat / 0% change)

The agency is facing increased costs related to investigations due to the increased number investigations and associated mileage costs. A flat budget may strain the agency's ability to conduct full investigations across the state

How would the agency handle a 2% appropriation reduction in FY '27?

The agency is facing increased costs related to investigations due to the increased number investigations and associated mileage costs. A reduced budget may strain the agency's ability to conduct full investigations across the state

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Is the agency seeking any fee increases for FY '27?

Description of requested increase in order of priority		Fee Increase Request (\$)	Statutory change required? (Yes/No)
Increase 1			
Increase 2			
Increase 3			

Federal Funds

CFDA	Federal Program Name	Agency Dept. #	FY 26 budget (\$)	FY 25 actuals (\$)	FY 24 actuals (\$)	FY 23 actuals (\$)	FY 25 budgeted FTE (#)
	n/a						

Federal Government Impact

1.) How much federal money received by the agency is tied to a mandate by the Federal Government?
n/a
2.) Are any of those funds inadequate to pay for the federal mandate?
n/a
3.) What would the consequences be of ending all of the federal funded programs for your agency?
n/a
4.) How will your agency be affected by federal budget cuts in the coming fiscal year?
n/a
5.) Has the agency requested any additional federal earmarks or increases?
n/a

FY 2026 Budgeted FTE

Division #	Division Name	Supervisors	Non-Supervisors	\$0 - \$35 K	\$35 K - \$70 K	\$70 K - \$100K	\$100K+
1000001	General Operations	1	2			1	2
Total		1	2	0	0	1	2

FTE History by Fiscal Year

Division #	Division Name	FY 2026 Budgeted	FY 2026 YTD	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2017
1000001	General Operations	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Total		3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

Performance Measure Review

	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021
Program Name					

Revolving Funds (200 Series Funds)

Fund: Fund Number, Fund Name	FY'23-25 Avg. Revenues	FY'23-25 Avg. Expenditures	June 2025 Balance
COJC Revolving Fund (200) - all revenue is derived from civil filing fees (28 O.S. 152).	\$403,292	\$443,336	\$595,034

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List each agency physical location (not division), then report the number of employees associated with that location in the teleworking categories indicated. Use "No specified location" to account for remote employees not associated with a site. Use actual current employees (headcount), not budgeted or actual FTE.

Agency Location / Address	City	County	Full-time and Part-time Employees (#)			
			Onsite (5 days onsite, rarely remote)	Hybrid (2-4 days onsite weekly)	Remote (1 day or less weekly onsite)	Total Employees
Headquarters / 1901 N Lincoln Blvd	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma	3	0	0	3
Total Agency Employees						0
						3