

Office of the State's Attorney



MISSION AND SERVICES

The Office of the State’s Attorney (SAO) strives to secure justice for all residents through firm, fair and consistent prosecutions with the highest level of experience, integrity and professionalism. The Office will be responsive to the very diverse community of Prince George’s County, treating every person with dignity and respect.

CORE SERVICES

- Serve the citizens of Prince George’s County by continuing to increase the number of successful prosecutions of violent and non-violent repeat and chronic offenders
- Strengthen and expand digital discovery and evidence review operations to reduce the number of dismissals and requests for continuances by stabilizing the discovery function
- Advocate for, inform and support victims and witnesses throughout the criminal justice process
- Expand diversion, intervention and re-entry programs for Emerging Adults, Returning Citizens and First-Time Juvenile Offenders
- Increase community engagement and partnerships with law enforcement agencies to decrease crime in the County

FY 2025 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Successfully secured and implemented a \$500,000 Congressional Grant, resulting in the upgrade of the agency’s Digital Evidence System and the purchase of essential equipment.
- Achieved the implementation of a new salary scale for Assistant State’s Attorneys in FY 2025, establishing a clear path for professional advancement and strengthening the Office’s recruitment efforts.
- Reduced the SAO’s dependence on the County’s cloud-based services to house digital evidence from body/cruiser cameras, digital security cameras and other electronic media.

STRATEGIC FOCUS AND INITIATIVES IN FY 2026

The office’s top priorities in FY 2026 are:

- Increase the number of successful prosecutions of violent and non-violent repeat and chronic offenders.
- Continue to advocate for increased staffing and pay parity as a means of recruiting and retaining Assistant State’s Attorneys, Victim Witness Coordinators, Investigators and other critical administrative/support staff.
- Expand diversion, intervention and re-entry programs for the District and Circuit Court Units, Emerging Adults, Returning Citizens and First-Time Juvenile Offenders Programs.
- Inform and support victims and witnesses throughout the criminal justice process by increasing engagement and communication with victims and next of kin. Victim Witness Coordinators will support victims and witnesses by serving as advocates and liaisons between them and the prosecution team assigned to their respective cases.

FY 2026 BUDGET SUMMARY

The FY 2026 proposed budget for the Office of the State’s Attorney is \$30,855,700, an increase of \$2,253,800 or 7.9% over the FY 2025 approved budget.

Expenditures by Fund Type

Fund Types	FY 2024 Actual		FY 2025 Budget		FY 2025 Estimate		FY 2026 Proposed	
	Amount	% Total	Amount	% Total	Amount	% Total	Amount	% Total
General Fund	\$25,932,128	92.2%	\$26,034,100	91.0%	\$28,587,100	91.3%	\$28,304,500	91.7%
Grant Funds	2,185,693	7.8%	2,567,800	9.0%	2,735,900	8.7%	2,551,200	8.3%
Total	\$28,117,821	100.0%	\$28,601,900	100.0%	\$31,323,000	100.0%	\$30,855,700	100.0%

GENERAL FUND

The FY 2026 proposed General Fund budget for the Office of the State’s Attorney is \$28,304,500, an increase of \$2,270,400 or 8.7% over the FY 2025 approved budget.

Reconciliation from Prior Year

	Expenditures
FY 2025 Approved Budget	\$26,034,100
Increase Cost: Compensation - Mandated Salary Requirements	\$1,504,500
Increase Cost: Fringe Benefits — Increase in fringe benefits costs due to compensation adjustments; the fringe benefit rate increases from 35.0% to 35.7%	658,100
Increase Cost: Operating - Technology Cost Allocation — Increase in OIT charges based on anticipated countywide costs for technology	200,400
Increase Cost: Operating — Increase for scheduled vehicle maintenance costs	7,700
Decrease Cost: Recovery Increase — Increase in expenses recoverable from the Drug Enforcement and Education Special Revenue Fund	(100,300)
FY 2026 Proposed Budget	\$28,304,500

GRANT FUNDS

The FY 2026 proposed grant budget for the Office of the State’s Attorney is \$2,551,200, a decrease of -\$16,600 or -0.6% under the FY 2025 approved budget. Major sources of funds in the FY 2026 proposed budget include:

- Prince George’s Strategic Investigation and Charging Unit
- Victim Advocacy Grant (VOCA)

Reconciliation from Prior Year

	Expenditures
FY 2025 Approved Budget	\$2,567,800
Add: New Program — Saturday Family Justice Academy	\$150,000
Increase: Existing Program/Service — Stop the Violence Against Women (VAWA)	28,000
Increase: Existing Program/Service — Special United States Attorney (SAUSA)	6,500
Increase: Existing Program/Service — Gun Violence Reduction Initiative (GVRG)	3,200
Reduce: Existing Program/Service — Vehicle Theft Prevention (VTPC)	(24,500)
Reduce: Existing Program/Service — Office of Problem Solving Court	(27,700)
Reduce: Existing Program/Service — Victim Advocacy Grant (VOCA)	(152,100)
FY 2026 Proposed Budget	\$2,551,200

STAFF AND BUDGET RESOURCES

Authorized Positions	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Proposed	Change FY25-FY26
General Fund				
Full Time - Civilian	194	194	194	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Subtotal - FT	194	194	194	0
Part Time	5	5	5	0
Limited Term	0	0	0	0
Grant Program Funds				
Full Time - Civilian	0	0	0	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Subtotal - FT	0	0	0	0
Part Time	0	0	0	0
Limited Term	32	27	28	1
TOTAL				
Full Time - Civilian	194	194	194	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Subtotal - FT	194	194	194	0
Part Time	5	5	5	0
Limited Term	32	27	28	1

Positions By Classification	FY 2026		
	Full Time	Part Time	Limited Term
Administrative Aide	28	0	0
Administrative Assistant	5	0	0
Administrative Specialist	2	0	0
Assistant State's Attorney	96	0	6
Audio Visual Specialist	1	0	0
Budget Management Analyst	2	0	0
Budget Assistant	0	1	0
Community Developer	15	0	11
Community Development Aide	0	1	0
Deputy State's Attorney	2	0	0
Executive Administrative Aide	1	0	0
General Clerk	2	1	0
Human Resources Analyst	1	0	0
Information Technology Project Coordinator	2	0	0
Investigator	11	0	2
Law Clerk	0	0	1
Legal Assistant	21	2	7
Paralegal	3	0	0
Research Analyst	0	0	1
Principal Deputy State's Attorney	1	0	0
State's Attorney	1	0	0
TOTAL	194	5	28

Expenditures by Category - General Fund

Category	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Proposed	Change FY25-FY26	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Compensation	\$17,684,929	\$17,286,800	\$19,100,000	\$18,791,300	\$1,504,500	8.7%
Fringe Benefits	5,496,872	6,050,400	6,685,000	6,708,500	658,100	10.9%
Operating	2,908,427	2,754,700	2,859,900	2,962,800	208,100	7.6%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	
SubTotal	\$26,090,228	\$26,091,900	\$28,644,900	\$28,462,600	\$2,370,700	9.1%
Recoveries	(158,100)	(57,800)	(57,800)	(158,100)	(100,300)	173.5%
Total	\$25,932,128	\$26,034,100	\$28,587,100	\$28,304,500	\$2,270,400	8.7%

In FY 2026, compensation expenditures increase 8.7% over the FY 2025 budget due the annualization of FY 2025 and planned FY 2026 salary adjustments. Compensation costs include funding for 194 full time and five part time positions. Fringe benefit expenditures increase 10.9% over the FY 2025 budget to align with projected costs.

Operating expenditures increase 7.6% over the FY 2025 budget due to countywide technology costs. Funding is provided for professional development training and operating supplies.

Recoveries increase due to anticipated recoverable costs from the Drug Enforcement and Education Special Revenue Fund.

GRANT FUNDS SUMMARY

Expenditures by Category - Grant Funds

Category	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Proposed	Change FY25-FY26	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Compensation	\$1,167,380	\$1,973,300	\$1,433,300	\$1,933,300	\$(40,000)	-2.0%
Fringe Benefits	129,572	241,400	151,800	222,500	(18,900)	-7.8%
Operating	888,741	429,300	1,205,400	450,000	20,700	4.8%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$2,185,693	\$2,644,000	\$2,790,500	\$2,605,800	\$(38,200)	-1.4%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	\$2,185,693	\$2,644,000	\$2,790,500	\$2,605,800	\$(38,200)	-1.4%

The FY 2026 proposed grant budget is \$2,605,800, a decrease of -\$38,200 or -1.4% under the FY 2025 approved budget. This is mainly due to a decrease in funding from the Victims Advocacy Grant (VOCA).

Staff Summary by Division - Grant Funds

Staff Summary by Division & Grant Program	FY 2025			FY 2026		
	FT	PT	LTGF	FT	PT	LTGF
SAO Prosecution						
Gun Violence Reduction Grant	—	—	1	—	—	1
Gun Violence Reduction Grant II	—	—	1	—	—	1
Office of Problem Solving Courts	—	—	1	—	—	1
Prince George's Strategic Investigation and Charging Unit	—	—	13	—	—	14
Special United States Attorney	—	—	1	—	—	1
Stop the Violence Against Women	—	—	2	—	—	2
Vehicle Theft Prevention Program	—	—	2	—	—	2
Victim Advocacy Grant	—	—	6	—	—	6
Total SAO Prosecution	—	—	27	—	—	28
Total	—	—	27	—	—	28

In FY 2026, funding is provided for 28 limited term grant funded (LTGF) positions, an increase of one from the FY 2025 approved budget.

Grant Funds by Division

Grant Name	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Proposed	Change FY25-FY26	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
SAO Prosecution						
Conviction and Sentencing Integrity	\$99	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	
Discretionary Community Project	—	—	963,000	—	—	
Gun Violence Reduction Grant (GVRG) - Paralegal Support	33,916	61,400	47,400	64,600	3,200	5.2%
Gun Violence Reduction Grant (GVRG II)	60,784	100,000	—	100,000	—	0.0%
Office of Problem Solving Courts (OPSC)	—	57,700	30,000	30,000	(27,700)	-48.0%
Prince George's Strategic Investigation and Charging Unit (PGSI)	702,741	1,145,600	830,000	1,145,600	—	0.0%
Prosecuting Cold Case DNA	20,540	—	—	—	—	
Saturday Family Justice Academy	301,370	—	100,000	150,000	150,000	
Special United State's Attorney (SAUSA)	58,711	108,000	98,900	114,500	6,500	6.0%
Stop the Violence Against Women (VAWA)	51,865	83,300	96,900	111,300	28,000	33.6%
Vehicle Theft Prevention Program (VTPC)	59,098	189,000	58,700	164,500	(24,500)	-13.0%
Victim Advocacy Grant (VOCA)	896,569	822,800	511,000	670,700	(152,100)	-18.5%
Total SAO Prosecution	\$2,185,693	\$2,567,800	\$2,735,900	\$2,551,200	\$(16,600)	-0.6%
Subtotal	\$2,185,693	\$2,567,800	\$2,735,900	\$2,551,200	\$(16,600)	-0.6%
Total Transfer from General Fund - (County Contribution/Cash Match)	—	76,200	54,600	54,600	(21,600)	-28.3%
Total	\$2,185,693	\$2,644,000	\$2,790,500	\$2,605,800	\$(38,200)	-1.4%

Grant Descriptions

PARALEGAL SUPPORT – GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION INITIATIVE -- \$64,600

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy provides funding to support the agency's effort to reduce gun violence in the County by funding one part time Legal Assistant position. The position assists the Guns and Drugs Unit with diversion screening and program eligibility for first-time gun offenders charged with wear, carry and transport charges.

GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION GRANT (GVRG II) -- \$100,000

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy provides funding to hire a prosecutor who will be assigned to the Guns and Drugs Unit and will be assigned primarily to gun cases. This will allow for the reduction in caseload for each prosecutor in the unit and will allow for more focus and resources to be directed to criminal cases involving violent repeat offenders and prohibited persons charged with illegal possession of a firearm.

OFFICE OF PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS (OPSC) -- \$30,000

The Maryland Judiciary provides funding to support direct client services focused on program development in substance abuse cases.

PRINCE GEORGE'S STRATEGIC INVESTIGATION AND CHARGING UNIT (PGSI) -- \$1,145,600

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy provides funding for the existing Strategic Investigation Unit which aims to prosecute and imprison violent, repeat and chronic offenders.

SATURDAY FAMILY JUSTICE ACADEMY -- \$150,000

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy provides coordinated advocacy, government, civil legal services and social services for victims of domestic violence and their children.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (SAUSA) -- \$114,500

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy provides funding in support of the investigation and prosecution of violent crime in Prince George's County through an assistant state's attorney cross-designated as an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office (USAO). This position will work to address violent repeat offenders and criminal

organizations involved in illegal drugs and firearms trafficking.

STOP THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAWA) -- \$111,300

The Department of Justice provides funding to support the prosecution of cases resulting from domestic violence and sexual assault. Funding supports two limited term grant funded positions: (1) District Court Assistant State's Attorney and (1) Part-Time Victim Witness Advocate.

VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM (VTPC) -- \$164,500

The Maryland Department of State Police Vehicle Theft Prevention Council provides support to the agency's effort to focus on auto theft cases from the initial apprehension of suspects by police, through pre-trial preparation, victim contact and screening cases for the Circuit Court, to trial and sentencing. Funding supports two limited term grant funded positions: (1) Assistant State's Attorney and (1) Legal Assistant.

VICTIM ADVOCACY GRANT (VOCA) -- \$670,700

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy provides funding to assist in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to aid domestic violence victims in Prince George's County. The program focuses on providing Supportive Assistance and Financial Empowerment (SAFE) solutions to battered individuals and victims of crime. Victims are linked with advocates/coordinators that advise them of their rights and provide supportive assistance throughout the legal process.