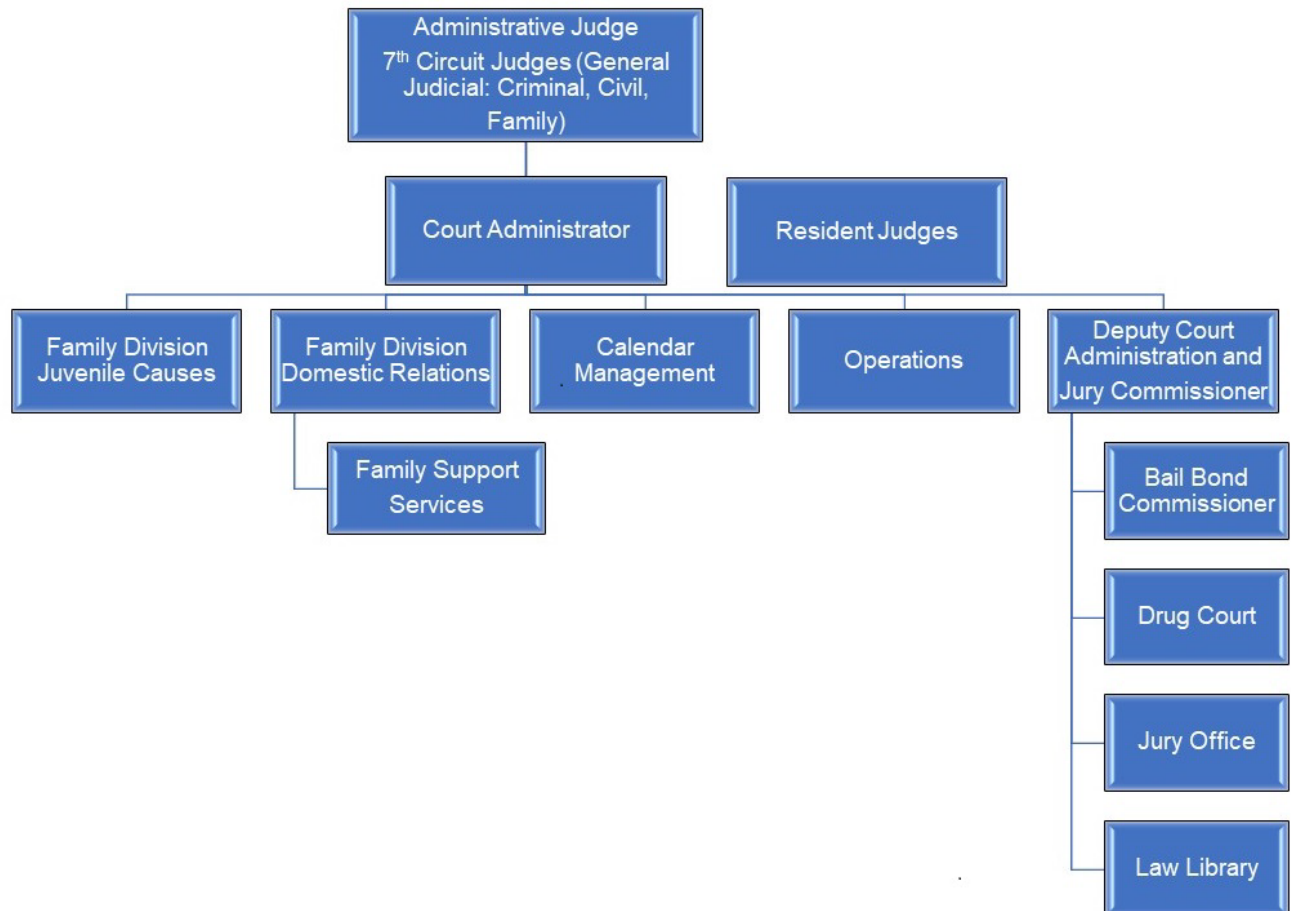


Judicial Branch/Circuit Court



MISSION AND SERVICES

The Circuit Court provides accessible, just, timely and innovative resolutions of legal matters in a secure environment while respecting the dignity of all.

FY 2023 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Incrementally moved the Court into hybrid operations, to include the resumption of jury trials in April 2022. This was done gradually, taking into account the safety of staff and the public. Criminal Voir Dire was held in-person and Civil Voir Dire was held virtually. This process enabled trials to proceed while still minimizing the number of citizens that had to report to the Courthouse. As COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, the Court began summoning all jurors to report in-person for the Voir Dire process and trials.
- Implemented the Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC), single judiciary-wide integrated case management system on Monday, October 17th, 2022. MDEC will be used by all courts in the State court system. Prince George’s County was the 23rd of 24 jurisdictions to go live with MDEC.
- Progressed through various refresh, Capital Improvement Projects such as the new security checkpoint which is now staffed by the K9 Officers of the Prince George’s County Office of the Sheriff. Now, delivery trucks and vehicles are required to undergo searches and inspection at the Checkpoint prior to gaining access to the Courthouse.

FY 2024 BUDGET SUMMARY

The FY 2024 approved budget for the Circuit Court is \$28,491,700, an increase of \$1,111,700 or 4.1% over the FY 2023 approved budget.

Expenditures by Fund Type

Fund Types	FY 2022 Actual		FY 2023 Budget		FY 2023 Estimate		FY 2024 Approved	
	Amount	% Total	Amount	% Total	Amount	% Total	Amount	% Total
General Fund	\$18,906,298	83.7%	\$21,893,900	80.0%	\$21,750,200	80.4%	\$22,784,100	76.7%
Grant Funds	3,679,804	16.3%	5,486,100	20.0%	5,313,600	19.6%	6,908,000	23.3%
Total	\$22,586,102	100.0%	\$27,380,000	100.0%	\$27,063,800	100.0%	\$29,692,100	100.0%

GENERAL FUND

The FY 2024 approved General Fund budget for the Circuit Court is \$27,784,100, an increase of \$890,200 or 4.1% over the FY 2023 approved budget.

Reconciliation from Prior Year

	Expenditures
FY 2023 Approved Budget	\$21,893,900
Increase Cost: Compensation - Mandated Salary Requirements — Annualization of FY 2023 and FY 2024 planned salary adjustments	\$375,400
Increase Cost: Operating - Technology Cost Allocation — Increase in OIT charges based on anticipated countywide costs for technology	259,400
Increase Cost: Fringe Benefits — Increase in fringe benefit costs to align with projected expenses; the fringe benefit rate remains unchanged from FY 2023 at 35.9%	137,900
Increase Cost: Operating — Net increase due to an increase in jury fees, training, other operating equipment maintenance and the GPS satellite tracking contract offset by a decrease in non-capital office based on anticipated expenses	117,500
FY 2024 Approved Budget	\$22,784,100

GRANT FUNDS

The FY 2024 approved grant budget for the Circuit Court is \$6,908,000, an increase of \$1,421,900 or 20.5% over the FY 2023 approved budget. Major sources of funds in the FY 2024 approved budget include:

- Family Division Legislative Initiative Grant
- Office of Violence Against Women (OVW): Improving Criminal Justice Response
- The Development and Enhancement of Programming, Services and Resources for Victims of Human Trafficking

Reconciliation from Prior Year

	Expenditures
FY 2023 Approved Budget	\$5,486,100
Enhance: New Program/Service — The Development and Enhancement of Programming, Services and Resources for Victims of Human Trafficking	\$1,109,600
Enhance: New Program/Service — Engaging Men and Boys as Allies	90,800

Reconciliation from Prior Year *(continued)*

	Expenditures
Enhance: Existing Program/Service — Family Division Legislative Initiative Grant	202,500
Enhance: Existing Program/Service — Family Justice Center: Changing Lives, Restoring Hope	130,200
Enhance: Existing Program/Service — Child Support - Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement	72,800
Eliminate: Existing Program/Service — Maryland Administrative Courts - Security Goods and Services	(184,000)
FY 2024 Approved Budget	\$6,908,000

STAFF AND BUDGET RESOURCES

Authorized Positions	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Approved	Change FY23-FY24	Positions By Classification	FY 2024		
						Full Time	Part Time	Limited Term
General Fund								
Full Time - Civilian	155	155	155	0	Administrative Aide	53	1	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0	Administrative Assistant	48	2	0
Subtotal - FT	155	155	155	0	Administrative Specialist	6	0	0
Part Time	37	36	36	0	Attorney	1	0	0
Limited Term	0	0	0	0	Bailiff	2	34	0
					Budget Management Analyst	2	0	0
Grant Program Funds					Community Developer	1	0	0
Full Time - Civilian	46	48	48	0	Counselor	12	0	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0	Court Administrator	1	0	0
Subtotal - FT	46	48	48	0	Court Reporter	9	0	0
Part Time	2	2	2	0	Executive Administrative Aides	23	0	0
Limited Term	0	0	0	0	Facilities Manager	1	0	0
					General Clerk	11	0	0
TOTAL					Human Resource Analyst	4	0	0
Full Time - Civilian	201	203	203	0	Human Resource Assistant	0	0	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0	Info Tech Engineer	3	1	0
Subtotal - FT	201	203	203	0	Info Tech Project Coordinator	2	0	0
Part Time	39	38	38	0	Info Tech Programming Engineer	1	0	0
Limited Term	0	0	0	0	Instructor	1	0	0
					Paralegal	19	0	0
					Procurement Officer	1	0	0
					Public Information Officer	1	0	0
					Transit Operator	1	0	0
					TOTAL	203	38	0

Expenditures by Category - General Fund

Category	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Approved	Change FY23-FY24	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Compensation	\$11,528,868	\$13,054,700	\$12,983,300	\$13,430,100	\$375,400	2.9%
Fringe Benefits	3,745,377	4,683,500	4,661,000	4,821,400	137,900	2.9%
Operating	3,632,053	4,155,700	4,105,900	4,532,600	376,900	9.1%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	
SubTotal	\$18,906,298	\$21,893,900	\$21,750,200	\$22,784,100	\$890,200	4.1%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	
Total	\$18,906,298	\$21,893,900	\$21,750,200	\$22,784,100	\$890,200	4.1%

In FY 2024, compensation expenditures increase 2.9% over the FY 2023 budget to align with annualization of FY 2023 and planned FY 2024 salary adjustments. Compensation costs include funding for 147 out of 155 full time positions and 36 part time positions. Fringe benefit costs increase 2.9% over the FY 2023 budget to align with projected workers compensation, healthcare and pensions costs.

Operating expenditures increase 9.1% over the FY 2023 budget primarily due to additional funding for jury fees, training, equipment maintenance and the GPS satellite tracking contract. Funding also increases to support the OIT technology allocation charge. These increases are offset by a reduction in non-capital office equipment to align with anticipated costs.

Expenditures by Division - General Fund

Category	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Approved	Change FY23-FY24	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
General Judicial	\$6,097,383	\$7,269,000	\$6,997,100	\$7,313,400	\$44,400	0.6%
Law Library	471,811	549,000	524,300	556,900	7,900	1.4%
Family Division: Domestic Violence	2,310,868	2,319,400	2,559,200	2,438,600	119,200	5.1%
Bail Bond Commissioner	178,223	266,000	303,200	282,900	16,900	6.4%
Calendar Management	1,229,851	1,470,000	1,433,600	1,602,700	132,700	9.0%
Jury Office	393,458	457,000	457,000	657,000	200,000	43.8%
Administrative Operations	8,224,704	9,563,500	9,475,800	9,932,600	369,100	3.9%
Total	\$18,906,298	\$21,893,900	\$21,750,200	\$22,784,100	\$890,200	4.1%

General Fund - Division Summary

Category	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Approved	Change FY23-FY24	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
General Judicial						
Compensation	\$4,648,424	\$5,259,100	\$5,111,500	\$5,383,600	\$124,500	2.4%
Fringe Benefits	1,415,212	1,939,700	1,815,400	1,859,600	(80,100)	-4.1%
Operating	33,747	70,200	70,200	70,200	—	0.0%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$6,097,383	\$7,269,000	\$6,997,100	\$7,313,400	\$44,400	0.6%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total General Judicial	\$6,097,383	\$7,269,000	\$6,997,100	\$7,313,400	\$44,400	0.6%
Law Library						
Compensation	\$248,009	\$278,300	\$278,400	\$285,100	\$6,800	2.4%
Fringe Benefits	72,063	119,500	94,500	120,600	1,100	0.9%
Operating	151,739	151,200	151,400	151,200	—	0.0%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$471,811	\$549,000	\$524,300	\$556,900	\$7,900	1.4%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Law Library	\$471,811	\$549,000	\$524,300	\$556,900	\$7,900	1.4%
Family Division: Domestic Violence						
Compensation	\$1,701,565	\$1,662,500	\$1,838,100	\$1,735,100	\$72,600	4.4%
Fringe Benefits	596,666	641,500	705,700	688,100	46,600	7.3%
Operating	12,637	15,400	15,400	15,400	—	0.0%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$2,310,868	\$2,319,400	\$2,559,200	\$2,438,600	\$119,200	5.1%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Family Division: Domestic Violence	\$2,310,868	\$2,319,400	\$2,559,200	\$2,438,600	\$119,200	5.1%
Bail Bond Commissioner						
Compensation	\$138,291	\$188,100	\$225,600	\$200,200	\$12,100	6.4%
Fringe Benefits	39,696	77,700	77,400	82,500	4,800	6.2%
Operating	236	200	200	200	—	0.0%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$178,223	\$266,000	\$303,200	\$282,900	\$16,900	6.4%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Bail Bond Commissioner	\$178,223	\$266,000	\$303,200	\$282,900	\$16,900	6.4%

General Fund - Division Summary *(continued)*

Category	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Approved	Change FY23-FY24	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Calendar Management						
Compensation	\$888,961	\$1,095,400	\$1,063,700	\$1,162,900	\$67,500	6.2%
Fringe Benefits	333,018	365,300	360,600	430,500	65,200	17.8%
Operating	7,872	9,300	9,300	9,300	—	0.0%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	
SubTotal	\$1,229,851	\$1,470,000	\$1,433,600	\$1,602,700	\$132,700	9.0%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	
Total Calendar Management	\$1,229,851	\$1,470,000	\$1,433,600	\$1,602,700	\$132,700	9.0%
Jury Office						
Compensation	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	
Fringe Benefits	—	—	—	—	—	
Operating	393,458	457,000	457,000	657,000	200,000	43.8%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	
SubTotal	\$393,458	\$457,000	\$457,000	\$657,000	\$200,000	43.8%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	
Total Jury Office	\$393,458	\$457,000	\$457,000	\$657,000	\$200,000	43.8%
Administrative Operations						
Compensation	\$3,903,618	\$4,571,300	\$4,466,000	\$4,663,200	\$91,900	2.0%
Fringe Benefits	1,288,722	1,539,800	1,607,400	1,640,100	100,300	6.5%
Operating	3,032,364	3,452,400	3,402,400	3,629,300	176,900	5.1%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	
SubTotal	\$8,224,704	\$9,563,500	\$9,475,800	\$9,932,600	\$369,100	3.9%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	
Total Administrative Operations	\$8,224,704	\$9,563,500	\$9,475,800	\$9,932,600	\$369,100	3.9%
Total	\$18,906,298	\$21,893,900	\$21,750,200	\$22,784,100	\$890,200	4.1%

DIVISION OVERVIEW

General Judicial

The General Judicial Division is responsible for individual judges, courtroom operations staff, judicial decision making (court reporters and bailiffs) and operating expenses directly attributable to judges’ functions.

- A decrease in fringe benefit costs to align with projected costs.
- Operating expenses remain unchanged from the FY 2023 budget.

Fiscal Summary

In FY 2024, the division expenditures increase \$44,400 or 0.6% over the FY 2023 budget. The part time staffing complement decreases by one position. The primary budget changes include:

- An increase in personnel costs due to the annualization of FY 2023 and planned FY 2024 salary adjustments.

	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Approved	Change FY23-FY24	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$7,269,000	\$7,313,400	\$44,400	0.6%
STAFFING				
Full Time - Civilian	59	59	0	0.0%
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0.0%
Subtotal - FT	59	59	0	0.0%
Part Time	35	34	(1)	-2.9%
Limited Term	0	0	0	0.0%

Law Library

The Law Library provides reference and legal information services to judges, members of the bar, State and County employees and Prince George’s County residents. The collection is for reference purposes only and does not circulate. The Law Library maintains numerous standard references and serial subscriptions, and it provides access to several computer-assisted legal research services. Its reference facilities are extended through close cooperation with the County’s Memorial Library System and other law libraries in the area.

Fiscal Summary

In FY 2024, the division expenditures increase \$7,900 or 1.4% over the FY 2023 budget. Staffing resources remain unchanged from the FY 2023 budget. The primary budget changes include:

- An increase in personnel costs due to the annualization of FY 2023 and planned FY 2024 salary adjustments.
- An increase in fringe benefit costs to align with the projected costs.
- The operating budget remains unchanged from the FY 2023 budget.

	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Approved	Change FY23-FY24	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$549,000	\$556,900	\$7,900	1.4%
STAFFING				
Full Time - Civilian	3	3	0	0.0%
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0.0%
Subtotal - FT	3	3	0	0.0%
Part Time	0	0	0	0.0%
Limited Term	0	0	0	0.0%

Family Division: Domestic Relations

Domestic Relations consists of five masters and the equivalent of four Circuit Court judges. The masters hear uncontested divorces, annulments, paternity actions and contested matters including the custody of children, alimony, child support and visitation. The masters also hear dependents’ “Pendente lite” requests (requests for relief until the merits of the case can be heard) as well as child support contempt cases. Master recommendations are reviewed and signed by a Circuit Court judge. Hearings on more complex cases are scheduled before a judge. Through the Family Division Legislative Initiative grant, services have been expanded to include a Family Division Information and Referral Center which provides free procedural assistance and clinical assessment services to assist in judicial decision making.

Fiscal Summary

In FY 2024, the division expenditures increase \$119,200 or 5.1% over the FY 2023 budget. Staffing resources remain unchanged from the FY 2023 budget. The primary budget changes include:

- An increase in personnel costs due to the annualization of FY 2023 and planned FY 2024 salary adjustments.
- An increase in fringe benefits costs due to compensation adjustments and to align with projected costs.
- Operating costs remain at the FY 2023 budget level.

	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Approved	Change FY23-FY24	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$2,319,400	\$2,438,600	\$119,200	5.1%
STAFFING				
Full Time - Civilian	28	28	0	0.0%
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0.0%
Subtotal - FT	28	28	0	0.0%
Part Time	0	0	0	0.0%
Limited Term	0	0	0	0.0%

Bail Bond Commissioner

The Bail Bond Commissioner oversees and administers the bail bonding activities of licensed bail bondsmen and surety companies operating in the seventh circuit. To meet the expenses of the office, the Bail Bond Commissioner is authorized to levy a fee against each bail bond written. The Commissioner collects these fees and all absolute Circuit Court bond forfeitures involving a licensed bondsman or surety company. The revenue is deposited in the County’s General Fund.

Fiscal Summary

In FY 2024, the division expenditures increase \$16,900 or 6.4% over the FY 2023 budget. Staffing resources remain unchanged from the FY 2023 budget. The primary budget changes include:

- An increase in personnel costs due to the annualization of FY 2023 and planned FY 2024 salary adjustments.

- An increase in fringe benefits costs to align with projected costs.
- Operating expenses remain at the FY 2023 budget level.

	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Approved	Change FY23-FY24	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$266,000	\$282,900	\$16,900	6.4%
STAFFING				
Full Time - Civilian	2	2	0	0.0%
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0.0%
Subtotal - FT	2	2	0	0.0%
Part Time	0	0	0	0.0%
Limited Term	0	0	0	0.0%

Calendar Management

The Calendar Management Division provides for the daily allocation of judicial resources and the scheduling of all civil, criminal, juvenile and family proceedings.

- An increase in fringe benefit costs to align with projected costs.
- The operating budget remains unchanged in FY 2024.

Fiscal Summary

In FY 2024, the division expenditures increase \$132,700 or 9.0% over the FY 2023 budget. Staffing resources remain unchanged from the FY 2023 budget. The primary budget changes include:

- An increase in personnel costs due to the annualization of FY 2023 and planned FY 2024 salary adjustments.

	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Approved	Change FY23-FY24	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$1,470,000	\$1,602,700	\$132,700	9.0%
STAFFING				
Full Time - Civilian	15	15	0	0.0%
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0.0%
Subtotal - FT	15	15	0	0.0%
Part Time	0	0	0	0.0%
Limited Term	0	0	0	0.0%

Jury Office

The Jury Office is responsible for the summons of registered voters for service in petit and grand juries. The office is also responsible for administrative matters related to jury service.

Fiscal Summary

In FY 2024, the division expenditures increase \$200,000 or 43.8% over the FY 2023 budget. There are no positions allocated in the division. The primary budget changes include:

- The operating budget includes additional funding in miscellaneous for jury fees.

	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Approved	Change FY23-FY24	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$457,000	\$657,000	\$200,000	43.8%
STAFFING				
Full Time - Civilian	0	0	0	0.0%
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0.0%
Subtotal - FT	0	0	0	0.0%
Part Time	0	0	0	0.0%
Limited Term	0	0	0	0.0%

Administrative Operations

Administrative Operations is responsible for all administrative functions including automation support, personnel services, budgeting, purchasing, maintenance and public information services. The Administrative Operations Division also acts as the primary liaison with other government offices and community groups.

Fiscal Summary

In FY 2024, the division expenditures increase \$369,100 or 3.9% over the FY 2023 budget. Staffing resources increases by one position from the FY 2023 budget due to a realignment between divisions to support operations. The part time staffing complement increases one position. The primary budget changes include:

- An increase in personnel costs due to the annualization of FY 2023 and planned FY 2024 salary adjustments.

- Fringe benefit expenses increase to align with projected costs.
- The operating budget changes due to increases in the technology allocation charge, training budget and additional funding for the GPS satellite tracking contract.

	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Approved	Change FY23-FY24	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$9,563,500	\$9,932,600	\$369,100	3.9%
STAFFING				
Full Time - Civilian	48	48	0	0.0%
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0.0%
Subtotal - FT	48	48	0	0.0%
Part Time	1	2	1	100.0%
Limited Term	0	0	0	0.0%

GRANT FUNDS SUMMARY

Expenditures by Category - Grant Funds

Category	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Approved	Change FY23-FY24	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Compensation	\$1,691,431	\$2,863,000	\$3,160,300	\$3,937,560	\$1,074,560	37.5%
Fringe Benefits	538,869	844,500	800,400	953,304	108,804	12.9%
Operating	1,449,504	2,233,100	1,747,700	2,504,436	271,336	12.2%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$3,679,804	\$5,940,600	\$5,708,400	\$7,395,300	\$1,454,700	24.5%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	\$3,679,804	\$5,940,600	\$5,708,400	\$7,395,300	\$1,454,700	24.5%

The FY 2024 approved grant budget is \$7,395,300, an increase of \$1,454,700 or 24.5% over the FY 2023 budget. The increase is due to enhancements in the: Family Division Legislative Initiative, the Family Justice Center's "Changing Lives, Restoring Hope" and the Child Support - Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement grant programs. There was also an addition of two grant programs: Engaging Boys as Allies and The Development and Enhancement of Programming, Services and Resources for Victims of Human Trafficking.

Staff Summary by Division - Grant Funds

Staff Summary by Division & Grant Program	FY 2023			FY 2024		
	FT	PT	LTGF	FT	PT	LTGF
General Judicial						
Family Justice Center: Changing Lives, Restoring Hope (VOCA)	5	—	—	5	—	—
Veterans Treatment Court	3	—	—	3	—	—
Office of Problem Solving Court (OPSC)	3	1	—	3	1	—
Total General Judicial	11	1	—	11	1	—
Family Division: Domestic Violence						
Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement	6	1	—	6	1	—
Family Division Legislative Initiative Grant	31	—	—	31	—	—
Total Family Division: Domestic Violence	37	1	—	37	1	—
Total	48	2	—	48	2	—

In FY 2024, funding is provided for 48 full time and 2 part time employees that are partially grant funded.

Grant Funds by Division

Grant Name	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Approved	Change FY23-FY24	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
General Judicial						
BJA Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program	\$—	\$398,800	\$134,400	\$398,800	\$—	0.0%
Engaging Men and Boys as Allies	—	—	—	90,800	90,800	
Family Justice Center 'Changing Lives, Restoring Hope (VOCA)	429,515	491,300	621,500	621,500	130,200	26.5%
Maryland Administrative Courts - Security Goods and Services	308,401	184,000	23,500	—	(184,000)	-100.0%
Office of Problem Solving Courts (OPSC)	409,031	525,000	553,000	525,000	—	0.0%
Office of Problem Solving Courts (OPSC): Justice Reinvestment Fund	176,333	—	—	—	—	
Veterans Treatment Court	77,253	277,400	96,300	277,400	—	0.0%
Total General Judicial	\$1,400,534	\$1,876,500	\$1,428,700	\$1,913,500	\$37,000	2.0%
Family Division: Domestic Violence						
Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement (CRA)	\$307,228	\$540,100	\$612,900	\$612,900	\$72,800	13.5%
Economic Justice Initiative	27,328	20,000	20,000	20,000	—	0.0%
Family Division Legislative Initiative	1,934,607	2,071,100	2,273,600	2,273,600	202,500	9.8%
Family Justice Center's: We See You	10,107	—	—	—	—	
Office of Violence Against Women (OVW): Improving Criminal Justice Response	—	978,400	978,400	978,400	—	0.0%
The Development and Enhancement of Programming, Services and Resources for Victims of Human Trafficking	—	—	—	1,109,600	1,109,600	
Total Family Division: Domestic Violence	\$2,279,270	\$3,609,600	\$3,884,900	\$4,994,500	\$1,384,900	38.4%
Subtotal	\$3,679,804	\$5,486,100	\$5,313,600	\$6,908,000	\$1,421,900	25.9%
Total Transfer from General Fund - (County Contribution/Cash Match)	—	454,500	394,800	487,300	32,800	7.2%
Total	\$3,679,804	\$5,940,600	\$5,708,400	\$7,395,300	\$1,454,700	24.5%

Grant Descriptions

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) ADULT DRUG AND VETERANS TREATMENT COURT DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM -- \$398,800

This grant integrates evidence-based substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over substance-abusing offenders.

COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT (CRA) -- \$612,900

This Federal formula funding is provided by the State of Maryland under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, with matching funding provided by the County. Funding supports the Circuit Court's child support enforcement programs. The Office of Master of Domestic Relations hears and makes recommendations to the Circuit Court on cases concerning the establishment of civil support obligations and enforcement of the collection of Court-ordered child support. The Office of Master of Domestic Relations hears and makes recommendations to the Circuit Court on cases concerning the establishment of civil support obligations and enforcement of the collection of Court-ordered child support.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE INITIATIVE – STOP THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAWA) – VAWA FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER -- \$20,000

The Prince George's County Family Justice Center's Economic Justice initiative program assists in the development and implementation of an economic empowerment program designed to help survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking in Prince George's County. The program provides efforts for the survivors to overcome immediate economic barriers to achieve long-term financial independence and safety. Funding supports the Circuit Court's child support enforcement program.

ENGAGING MEN AND BOYS AS ALLIES -- \$90,800

This program supports projects that create educational programming and community organizing to encourage men and boys to work as allies with women and girls to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and sex trafficking.

FAMILY DIVISION LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE GRANT -- \$2,273,600

This grant provided by the State of Maryland funds the Court's Family Division that provides three services: (1) a

one-stop information and referral center; (2) the Family Support Services unit which provides certain family support services (e.g. mediation, domestic violence coordination, clinical assessment and referral services); and (3) enhanced monitoring, scheduling, and oversight functions in the family law area.

MARYLAND FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER: CHANGING LIVES, RESTORING HOPE (VOCA) -- \$621,500

The Prince George's County, Maryland's Family Justice Center's Changing Lives, Restoring Hope project will strengthen and improve ongoing efforts to provide survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and elder abuse a range of comprehensive services by a multi-disciplinary team of professionals who are co-located in one facility for community-wide intervention. Recognized as a "best-practice," this collaborative initiative will eliminate barriers to service and enhance victims access to critically needed resource in the aftermath of trauma and victimization.

OFFICE OF PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS (OPSC) -- \$525,000

The Maryland Office of Problem Solving Courts provides funding to enhance operational Problem Solving Courts in Maryland. Funding received may only be used to support Judiciary staff assigned to problem solving courts and enhance the Problem Solving Courts and any other ancillary services that will be utilized by and for the betterment of the community members served by this court program.

OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (OVW): IMPROVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE -- \$978,400

The program fosters victim safety and offender accountability in cases of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking by encouraging State, local, and tribal governments and courts to work collaboratively with community partners to identify problems and share ideas that will result in effectively responding to these crimes. An integral component of this program is the development, revitalization or enhancement of a coordinated community response that brings together criminal justice agencies, victim services providers and community-based organizations that respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

**THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT OF PROGRAMMING,
SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN
TRAFFICKING -- \$1,109,600**

The purpose of this program is to develop, expand and/or strengthen victim service programs for victims of human trafficking.

VETERANS' TREATMENT COURT -- \$ 277,400

The program effectively integrates evidence based substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over veteran substance-abusing offenders.

SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN AND PERFORMANCE

GOAL 1 - To provide legal forums to all those brought before the County in order to ensure fair, just and timely resolution of legal disputes.

Please refer the footnotes for additional information about the data reported below.

Performance Measures					
Measure Name	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Projected
Workload, Demand and Production					
Number of criminal cases filed	2,154	1,975	2,194	3,192	3,212
Number of civil cases filed	33,586	16,814	22,030	30,766	27,095
Foreclosure filings (also included above)	2,108	249	784	1,134	1,608
Number of family cases filed	8,590	8,552	9,934	9,424	9,299
Number of juvenile cases filed (delinquency, children in need of assistance, termination of parental rights and adoption)	639	395	654	717	608
Number of criminal cases reopened	877	766	778	693	515
Number of civil cases reopened	86	375	122	182	164
Number of family cases reopened	3,643	2,591	3,862	4,040	4,115
Number of juvenile cases reopened (delinquency, children in need of assistance, termination of parental rights and adoption)	23	11	38	16	10
Total	49,598	31,479	39,612	49,030	45,054
Total Hearings Held					
Criminal hearings held	9,998	8,885	10,675	12,690	13,029
Civil hearings held	526	1,505	1,911	2,073	2,766
Family hearings held	19,761	18,908	19,205	19,830	19,036
Juvenile hearings held	6,120	5,109	5,483	6,351	4,817
Total	36,405	34,407	37,274	40,994	39,647
Total Trials Held					
Criminal trials held	125	15	83	117	214
Civil trials held	167	57	161	189	253
Family trials held	1,236	1,347	1,238	1,467	1,241
Total	1,528	1,419	1,482	1,773	1,708

Footnotes:

1 - Case time standards were suspended at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic through FY 2021. As such annual case assessment reports were not conducted for FY 2020 and FY 2021. Due to the Court's implementation of MDEC in FY 2023, the Court did not perform a case assessment analysis for FY 2022. The time standard performance measures

used in the FY 2021 budget and prior could not be used for FY 2022, FY 2023, and FY 2024. Actuals for FY 2021 have all been updated for accuracy.

2 - Due to a change in the Court's criminal case management plans, fewer jury trial prayer cases are coming to the Circuit Court from District. The decrease in jury trial prayers accounts for the bulk of the decrease in criminal cases.

3 - Liens are included in the total and can vary greatly from year to year. As of FY 2022, the Comptroller's Office has resumed processing liens after pausing in 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

4 - A moratorium was placed on foreclosure filings for federally backed mortgages on March 18, 2020 and was lifted on July 31, 2021. Homeowners were permitted to file a forbearance. Depending on the forbearance filing date, the forbearance would not have expired until 12/30/21-06/30/22. The Court expects foreclosure filings to return to pre-pandemic levels though the timing is uncertain.

5 - Projections are based on historical data as well as FY 2023 data as of 11/3/2022.

6 - Jury trials were suspended from March 16, 2020 until October 5, 2020 and again from November 16, 2020 through April 23, 2021. Social distancing requirements limited the number of jurors who could be called in and the number of trials that could be scheduled. As of 10/03/2022, the Court has resumed full in-person jury operations.