

# OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY - 07

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## MISSION

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The Office of the State's Attorney ensures the fair administration of justice in accordance with the criminal laws of Prince George's County and the Constitution of the State of Maryland. It provides needed services to victims of crime and expeditious prosecution of criminal offenders, and partners with the community, local and Federal agencies to prevent and reduce crimes in Prince George's County.

## CORE SERVICES:

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- Conduct criminal investigations and prosecutions of all persons charged with violating the State, County, and local criminal, motor vehicle laws and ordinances within Prince George's County.
- Assist victims and witnesses as they participate in the criminal justice system by explaining legal terms and procedures to those who are unfamiliar with the criminal justice system.
- Promote intervention, prevention, educational and re-entry programs that can help reduce crime.
- Provide legal advice to law enforcement agencies and work with these agencies to provide training and share information.
- Handle limited civil matters, such as forfeitures of motor vehicles in drug cases and post-convictions/collateral review proceedings.

## FY 2008 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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- Established pre-indictment reviews of cases in an effort to maximize homicide and violent crime prosecutions.
- Expanded the Gun Unit to identify those defendants who are eligible for prosecution in Federal courts, which have stringent standards for the acceptance of cases.
- Expanded the Community Prosecution Project to join forces with law enforcement in the District of Columbia to combat crime in communities that border the District.
- Attained several high profile convictions resulting in restitution for elderly Prince George's County citizens victimized by complex embezzlement schemes used by criminals.

## FY 2009 FISCAL & STAFFING OVERVIEW:

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The FY 2009 approved budget for the State's Attorney's Office is \$15.2 million, an increase of \$1,734,800 million or 12.9% from the FY 2008 approved budget.

### GENERAL FUNDS:

The FY 2009 approved General Fund budget of \$14.3 million represents an increase of \$1.4 million or 10.8% from the FY 2008 approved budget. Major highlights for the FY 2009 approved budget include:

- Cost of living adjustments (COLA) and merit increases for eligible employees.
- Creation of three new positions: two attorneys and one administrative support position.

**GRANTS:**

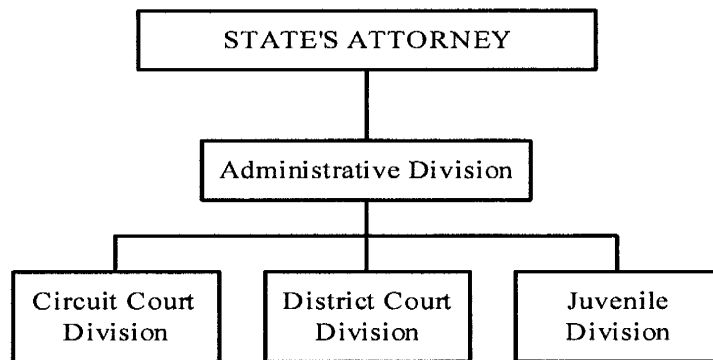
The FY 2009 approved Grant budget includes estimated Grant revenue of \$907,700, which is an increase of \$339,600 or 60% from the FY 2008 approved budget. Highlights in the FY 2009 Grant budget include:

- Increase in funding for the Truancy Reduction Program.
- Increase in funding of the Vehicle Theft Prevention grant.

New Grant Awards for FY 2009 include: The Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant, the Foreclosure Reduction Education Grant and the Mediation in Criminal Justice Matters Grant.

**ORGANIZATIONAL CHART:**

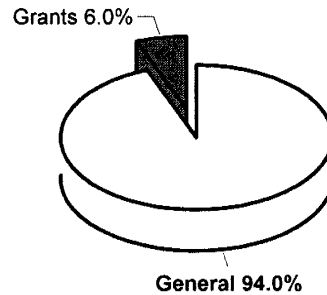
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	FY2007 ACTUAL	FY2008 BUDGET	FY2008 ESTIMATED	FY2009 APPROVED	CHANGE FY08-FY09
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 13,291,397	\$ 13,506,300	\$ 14,165,700	\$ 15,241,100	12.8%
<b>EXPENDITURE DETAIL</b>					
Office Of The State's Attorney	12,484,664	12,938,200	13,557,500	14,333,400	10.8%
Grants	831,696	568,100	608,200	907,700	59.8%
Recoveries	(24,963)	0	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 13,291,397	\$ 13,506,300	\$ 14,165,700	\$ 15,241,100	12.8%
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>					
General Fund	\$ 12,459,701	\$ 12,938,200	\$ 13,557,500	\$ 14,333,400	10.8%
<b>Other County Operating Funds:</b>					
Grants	831,696	568,100	608,200	907,700	59.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 13,291,397	\$ 13,506,300	\$ 14,165,700	\$ 15,241,100	12.8%

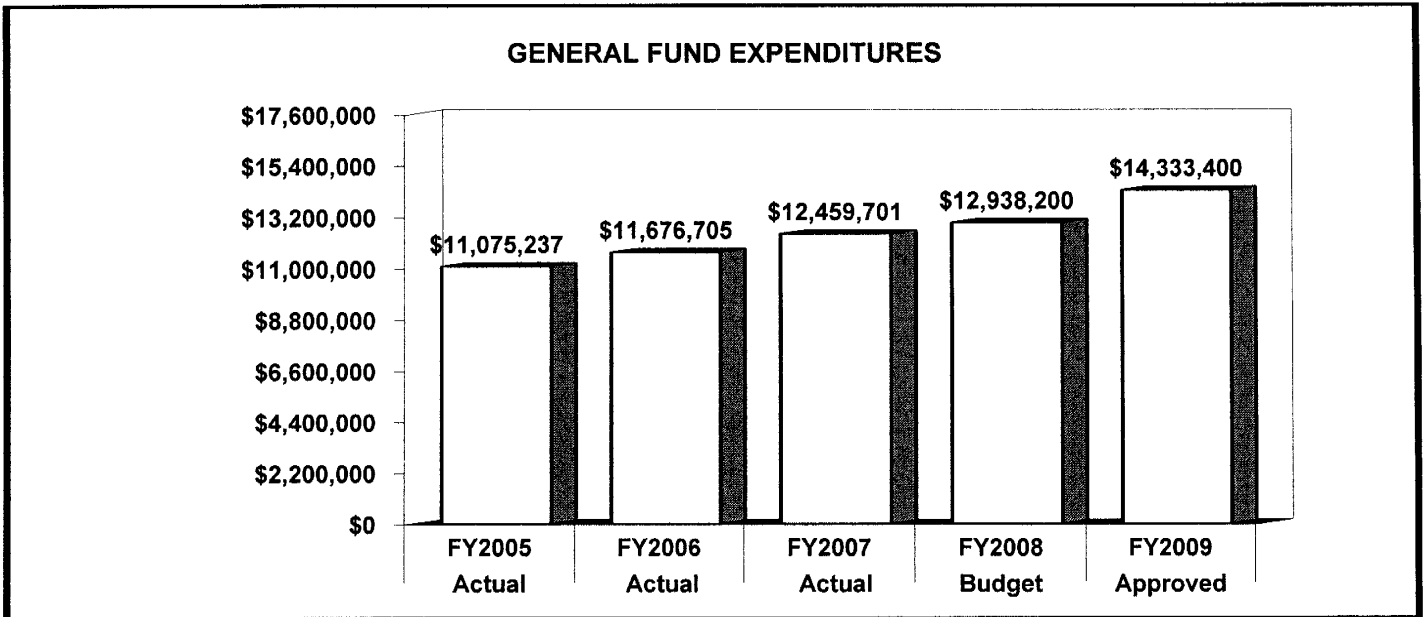
**FY2009 SOURCES OF FUNDS**

The agency is supported by two funding sources: The General Fund and Grant funds. Major grant programs include Stop the Violence against Women and Vehicle Theft Prevention.

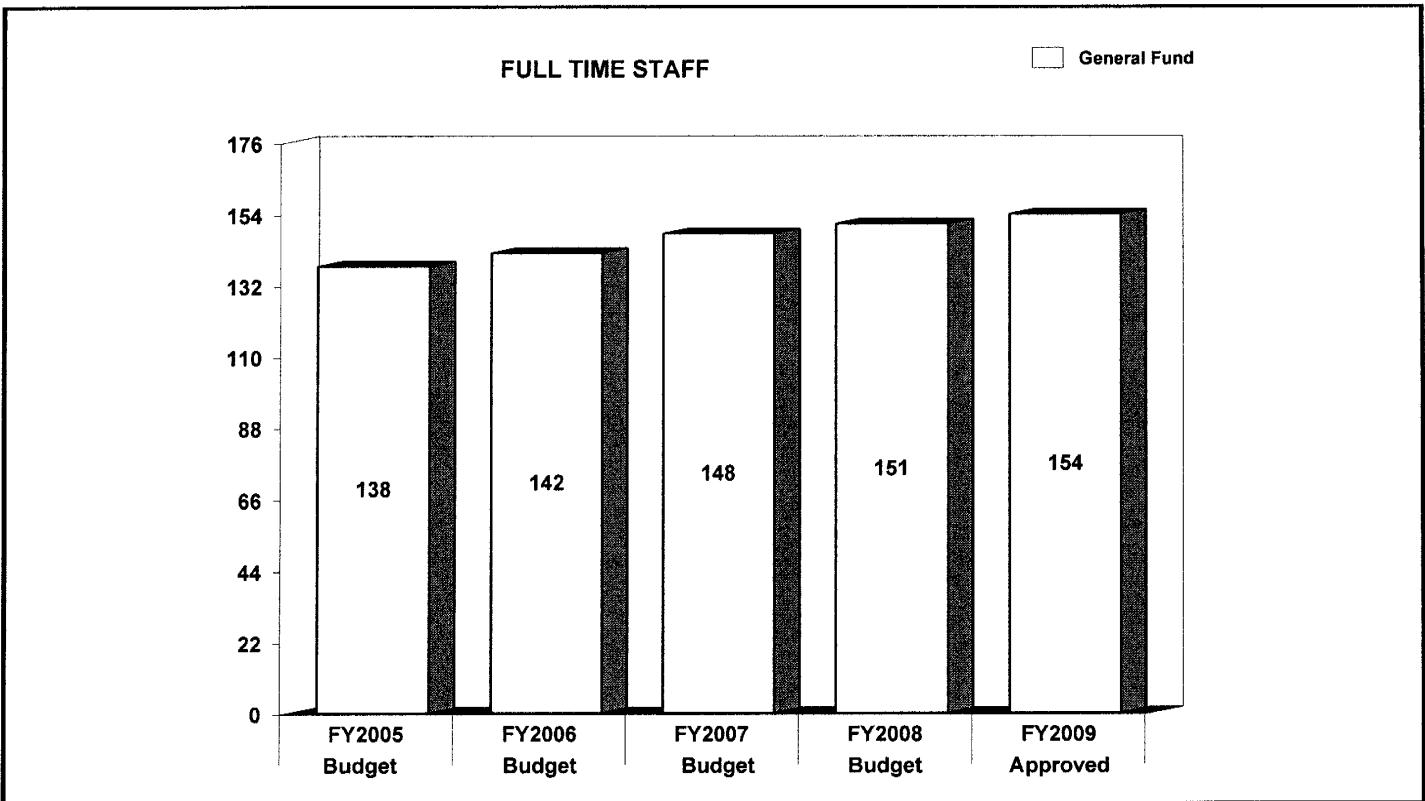


	<b>FY2007 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY2008 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY2009 APPROVED</b>	<b>CHANGE FY08-FY09</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND STAFF</b>				
Full Time - Civilian	148	151	154	3
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	2	2	1	-1
Limited Term	0	0	0	0
<b>OTHER STAFF</b>				
Full Time - Civilian	0	0	0	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	0	0	0	0
Limited Term Grant Funded	11	14	16	2
<b>TOTAL</b>				
Full Time - Civilian	148	151	154	3
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	2	2	1	-1
Limited Term	11	14	16	2

<b>POSITIONS BY CATEGORY</b>	<b>FULL TIME</b>	<b>PART TIME</b>	<b>LIMITED TERM</b>
State's Attorney	1	0	0
Deputy State's Attorneys	2	0	0
Attorneys	77	0	10
Law Clerks and Investigators	31	1	6
Professional Support	4	0	0
Administrative Support	39	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>



The agency's actual expenditures increased by 12.5% from FY 2005 to FY 2007. This increase is driven primarily by cost of living and merit adjustments, as well as additional staff. The FY 2009 approved budget increases by 10.8% over the FY 2008 approved budget.



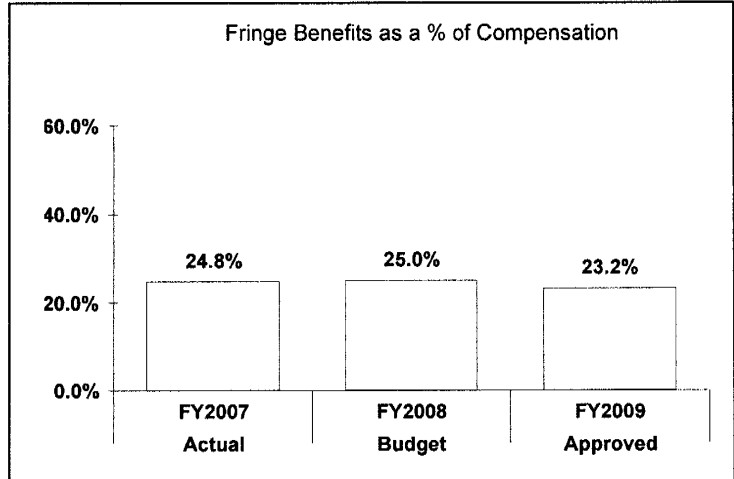
The agency's authorized staffing complement increased by 16 positions from FY 2005 to FY 2009. This increase is the result of the creation of 11 Attorneys, four Law Clerks and one Administrative Support position. The FY 2009 approved budget includes three additional positions.

	FY2007 ACTUAL	FY2008 BUDGET	FY2008 ESTIMATED	FY2009 APPROVED	CHANGE FY08-FY09
<b>EXPENDITURE SUMMARY</b>					
Compensation	\$ 8,917,920	\$ 9,159,000	\$ 9,733,900	\$ 10,464,600	14.3%
Fringe Benefits	2,211,269	2,291,700	2,336,100	2,430,000	6%
Operating Expenses	1,355,475	1,487,500	1,487,500	1,438,800	-3.3%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0%
	<b>\$ 12,484,664</b>	<b>\$ 12,938,200</b>	<b>\$ 13,557,500</b>	<b>\$ 14,333,400</b>	<b>10.8%</b>
Recoveries	(24,963)	0	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,459,701</b>	<b>\$ 12,938,200</b>	<b>\$ 13,557,500</b>	<b>\$ 14,333,400</b>	<b>10.8%</b>
<b>STAFF</b>					
Full Time - Civilian	-	151	-	154	2%
Full Time - Sworn	-	0	-	0	0%
Part Time	-	2	-	1	-50%
Limited Term	-	0	-	0	0%

In FY 2009, compensation and fringe benefits increase due to the addition of three new positions and cost of living and merit adjustments for employees.

Operating expenses decrease by 3.3% from the FY 2008 budget.

MAJOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES FY2009	
Office Automation	\$ 652,500
General and Administrative	\$ 130,000
Contracts	
Operating and Office Supplies	\$ 116,000
Telephones	\$ 88,900
Operating Equipment-Non-Capital	\$ 80,000



	FY2007 ACTUAL	FY2008 BUDGET	FY2008 ESTIMATED	FY2009 APPROVED	CHANGE FY08-FY09
<b>EXPENDITURE SUMMARY</b>					
Compensation	\$ 585,755	\$ 407,100	\$ 475,700	\$ 663,700	63.0%
Fringe Benefits	73,069	128,800	99,600	138,000	7.1%
Operating Expenses	191,972	60,200	60,900	143,500	138.4%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 850,796</b>	<b>\$ 596,100</b>	<b>\$ 636,200</b>	<b>\$ 945,200</b>	<b>58.6%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 850,796</b>	<b>\$ 596,100</b>	<b>\$ 636,200</b>	<b>\$ 945,200</b>	<b>58.6%</b>

The FY 2009 approved grant budget is \$945,200 an increase of 59% from the FY 2008 approved budget. New funding awards for FY 2009 include the Mediation in Criminal Justice Matters, Foreclosure and Mortgage Fraud Initiative and the Bureau of Justice Assistance grant awards.

**Note:** The Firearms Reduction, Prisoner Re-Entry, Technology and Victims of Crime Assistance grants are multi-year awards. Full funding amounts for these awards was recorded in FY 2007.

STAFF SUMMARY BY DIVISION & GRANT PROGRAM	FY 2008			FY 2009		
	FT	PT	LTGF	FT	PT	LTGF
Community Prosecution	0	0	1	0	0	1
DV-Victims Witness Adv.	0	0	1	0	0	1
Firearms Reduction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gun Reduction Cease Fire	0	0	1	0	0	1
Prisoner Re-Entry Program	0	0	1	0	0	1
PSN-Anti gang initiative	0	0	1	0	0	2
Stop the Violence	0	0	2	0	0	2
Teen C-Safe	0	0	1	0	0	1
Truancy Reduction Unit	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vehicle Theft Prevention	0	0	4	0	0	4
Victims of Crime Asst(VOCA)	0	0	2	0	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>

In FY 2009, the agency's grant staffing will increase by two limited term grant funded positions.

	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 BUDGET	FY 2008 ESTIMATED	FY 2009 APPROVED	\$ CHANGE FY08 - FY09	% CHANGE FY08 - FY09
<b>Administrative Division</b>						
Bureau of Justice Assistance	-	-	-	45,000	45,000	0.0%
BYRNE-Community Prosecution Outreach	\$ 63,316	\$ 56,700	\$ 56,700	\$ -	\$ (56,700)	-100.0%
Cease Fire Council-Gun Reduction Using Community Prosecution	95,092	95,400	75,900	96,400	1,000	1.0%
DV-Victim Witness Advocate Coordination (MVOC)	58,400	26,000	26,000	17,500	(8,500)	-32.7%
Firearms Reduction Education Grant	18,162	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Foreclosure and Mortgage Fraud Grant	-	-	-	116,700	116,700	0.0%
Mediation in Criminal Justice Matters Grant	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	0.0%
Prisoner Re-Entry Program	62,795	-	51,200	-	-	0.0%
PSN-Anti Gang Initiative	78,778	100,000	21,200	-	(100,000)	-100.0%
PSN Safe Neighborhoods	85,750	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Stop the Violence Against Women Program	98,553	105,000	82,200	105,000	-	0.0%
Technology Grant	26,327	-	73,500	-	-	0.0%
Teen Court C-Safe	32,183	35,000	31,800	119,100	84,100	240.3%
Truancy Reduction	-	-	65,000	120,000	120,000	100.0%
Vehicle Theft Prevention Program	161,802	150,000	124,700	220,000	70,000	46.7%
Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA)	50,537	-	-	65,000	65,000	100.0%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 831,696</b>	<b>\$ 568,100</b>	<b>\$ 608,200</b>	<b>\$ 907,700</b>	<b>\$ 339,600</b>	<b>59.8%</b>
<b>Total Transfer from General Fund (County Contribution/Cash Match)</b>	<b>\$ 19,100</b>	<b>\$ 28,000</b>	<b>\$ 28,000</b>	<b>\$ 37,500</b>	<b>\$ 9,500</b>	<b>33.9%</b>
<b>Total Grant Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 850,796</b>	<b>\$ 596,100</b>	<b>\$ 636,200</b>	<b>\$ 945,200</b>	<b>\$ 349,100</b>	<b>58.6%</b>

**BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE -- \$45,000**

This grant award funds a victims advocate to provide direct services to non-English speaking victims and their families involved in the Prince George's County criminal court system.

**GUN REDUCTION USING COMMUNITY PROSECUTION (LEASE FIRE) -- \$96,400**

This grant supports the agency's effort to reduce gun violence in the County by developing strategies, preventive measures and prosecuting offenders.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (DV)-VICTIMS WITNESS ADVOCATE COORDINATION (MVOC) -- \$17,500**

This grant supports the agency's effort in contacting domestic violence victims once charges have been filed and in assisting with the preparation and processing of the case.

**FORECLOSURE AND MORTGAGE FRAUD - \$116,700**

This grant award provides funding to investigate and prosecute individuals and entities involved in foreclosure and mortgage fraud.

**MEDIATION IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE MATTERS - \$3,000**

This grant supports the importance and relevance of mediation in misdemeanor level criminal cases.

**STOP THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN -- \$105,000**

This grant supports the agency's effort to increase the number of victims contacted during the initial crisis and encourage victims to participate in follow up interviews to ensure the successful prosecution of violent domestic offenders.

**TEEN COURT C-SAFE -- \$119,100**

This grant supports students learning about the criminal justice system. Students interact with judges, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys and adult volunteers. This experience encourages students interested in careers in the criminal justice system.

**TRUANCY REDUCTION UNIT -- \$120,000**

This program seeks to reduce the County's percentage of habitually truant students.

**VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM -- \$220,000**

This grant supports the agency's effort to focus on auto theft cases and devote resources to them 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.

**VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE (VOCA) - \$65,000**

Funding supports the agency's efforts to provide Spanish-speaking advocates.