

# OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY - 07

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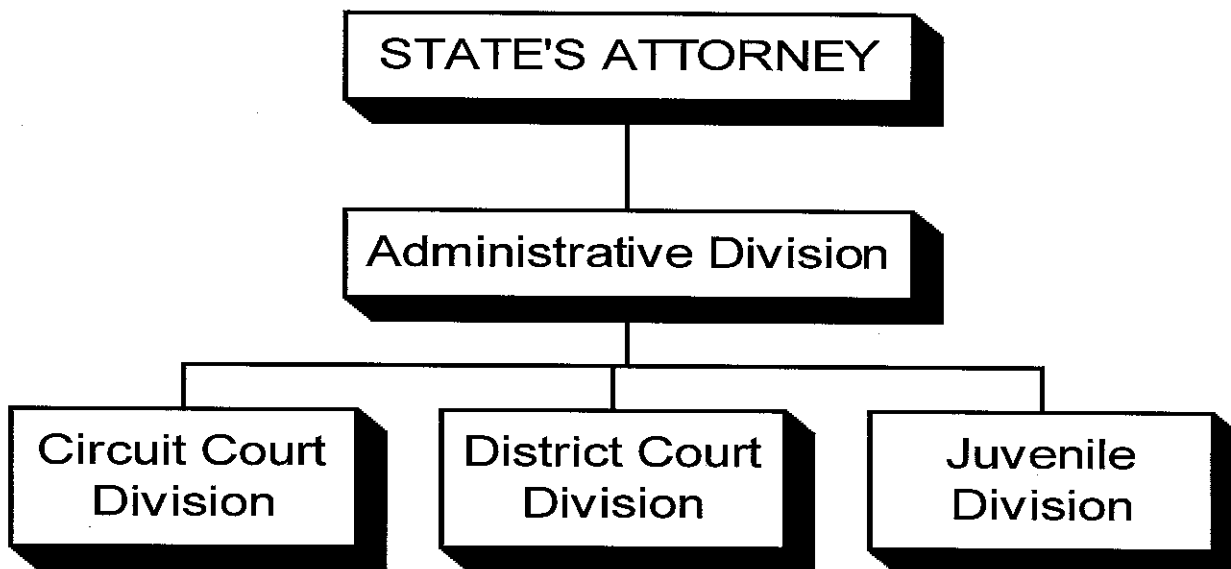
## ***MISSION***

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The mission of the Office of the State's Attorney is to ensure fair, professional, and expeditious prosecution of criminal offenders; to develop innovative programs to attack ever-changing criminal problems; and to work with the community to address, prevent, and reduce crime in Prince George's County.

## ***ORGANIZATION CHART***

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## ***DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES***

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- Conducts trial-level criminal prosecutions of all persons charged with violating State, County, and Local criminal and motor vehicle laws and ordinances.
- Reviews charges and complaints to determine whether they warrant prosecution and trial.
- Appears before the Circuit and District Courts in Upper Marlboro and Hyattsville.
- Appears before the Grand Jury, serves as its chief legal advisor, and assists in its investigations.
- Provides legal advice in criminal matters to all law enforcement agencies and works with these agencies to provide in-service training.
- Assists victims and witnesses as they participate in the criminal justice system. Victim/witness coordinators aid prosecutors in explaining legal language and procedures, provide a secure witness reception room, offer support during the trial, and make referrals to appropriate human service agencies.
- Operates a Narcotics Prosecution Unit for the aggressive and effective prosecution of drug traffickers who violate laws relating to production, possession, sale, and distribution of narcotics.
- Handles certain civil matters such as forfeitures of motor vehicles in drug cases and *habeas corpus* proceedings.

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***FY2003 HIGHLIGHTS***

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- The State's Attorney's Office implemented a Drug Court for Prince George's County. The State's Attorney has identified partners for this effort and will utilize the U.S. Department of Justice's National Office of Drug Court Planning to sponsor work/study sessions on Drug Courts.
- The State's Attorney's Office continued to conduct on-site screening of criminal arrests made by police officers. On-site screening has led to a significant reduction in police man-hours consumed by officers traveling to Upper Marlboro to screen cases.

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***FY2004 OVERVIEW***

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In FY2004 the State's Attorney's Office, in cooperation with the District Court; Prince George's County Police Department, Parole and Probation, Health Department, Department of Corrections and others will continue the implementation of case screening and diversion programs for District Court cases. The goal is for the State's Attorney Office to reduce the lag time between arrest, first hearing date and case resolution from 45 days to less than a week. Cases are referred for mediation, counseling, mental health and substance abuse referrals to the Health Department, community service and/or dismissal.

***Code Enforcement***

- The State's Attorney's Office has targeted the prosecution of municipal infractions as a priority in fiscal year 2004. The effort will be to collaborate with the County's incorporated and unincorporated cities and towns in order to maintain or elevate the quality of life for the residents of Prince George's County.

***Asset Forfeiture/Nuisance Abatement***

- The State's Attorney's Office has developed an Asset Forfeiture/Nuisance Abatement Team to work closely with community associations and law enforcement agencies to seek prompt legal action to enjoin the use of residential communities in Prince George's County.

***Latino Community Affairs***

- The Latino Community Affairs Office has been established to provide the vital link between the State's Attorney Office and the Latino community in Prince George's County. The Latino Community Affairs Office will reach out to the largest non-English speaking minority group in the County. This Office will report on matters regarding community crime prevention programs with particular focus on the Latino population.

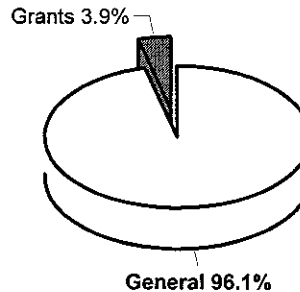
***Faith-Based Community Affairs***

- The State's Attorney's Office will build a partnership between itself and the faith-based community. This partnership will provide an alternative to incarceration for people who need guidance rather than penalty. The State's Attorney's Office will recommend faith-based programs to individuals on an as-needed basis.

	FY2002 ACTUAL	FY2003 BUDGET	FY2003 ESTIMATED	FY2004 PROPOSED	CHANGE FY2003-FY2004
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 10,344,360	\$ 11,361,300	\$ 10,982,100	\$ 10,921,300	-3.9%
<b>EXPENDITURE DETAIL</b>					
Office Of The State's Attorney	10,258,060	10,936,400	10,845,700	10,571,400	-3.3%
Grants	161,300	499,900	211,400	424,900	-15%
Recoveries	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 10,344,360	\$ 11,361,300	\$ 10,982,100	\$ 10,921,300	-3.9%
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>					
General Fund	\$ 10,183,060	\$ 10,861,400	\$ 10,770,700	\$ 10,496,400	-3.4%
<b>Other County Operating Funds:</b>					
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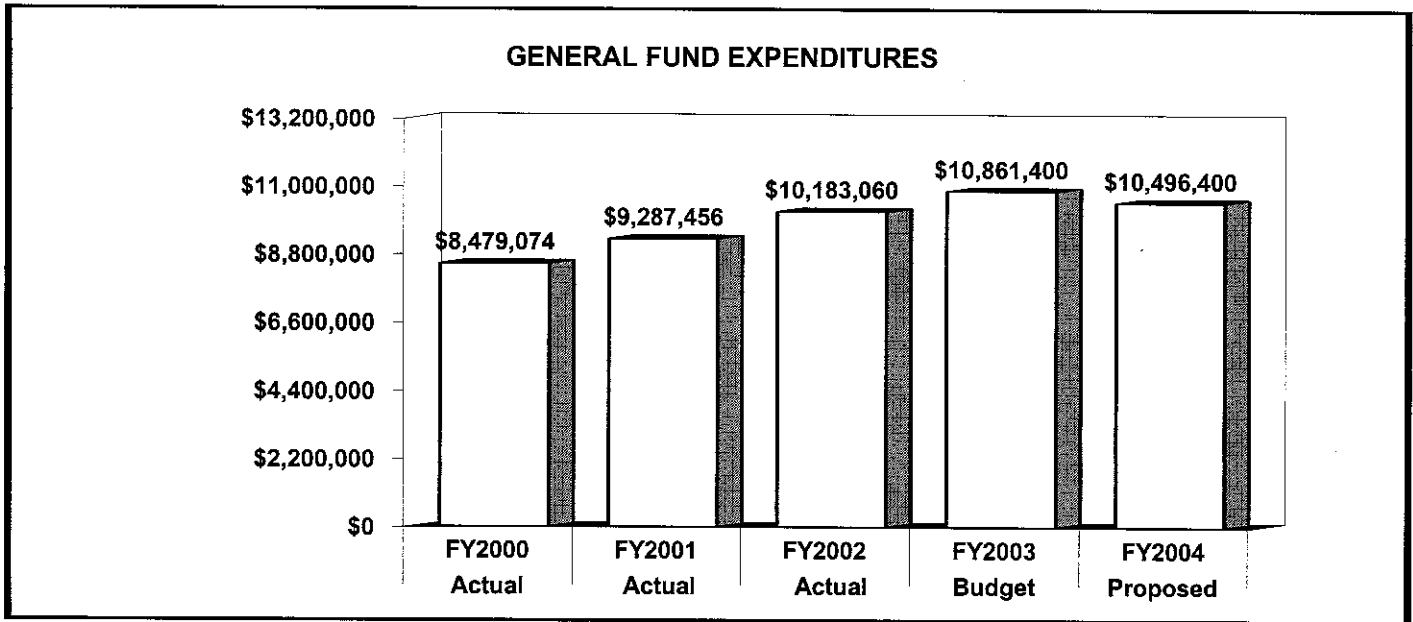
**FY2004 SOURCES OF FUNDS**

The General Fund continues to provide the majority of the support to this Office.

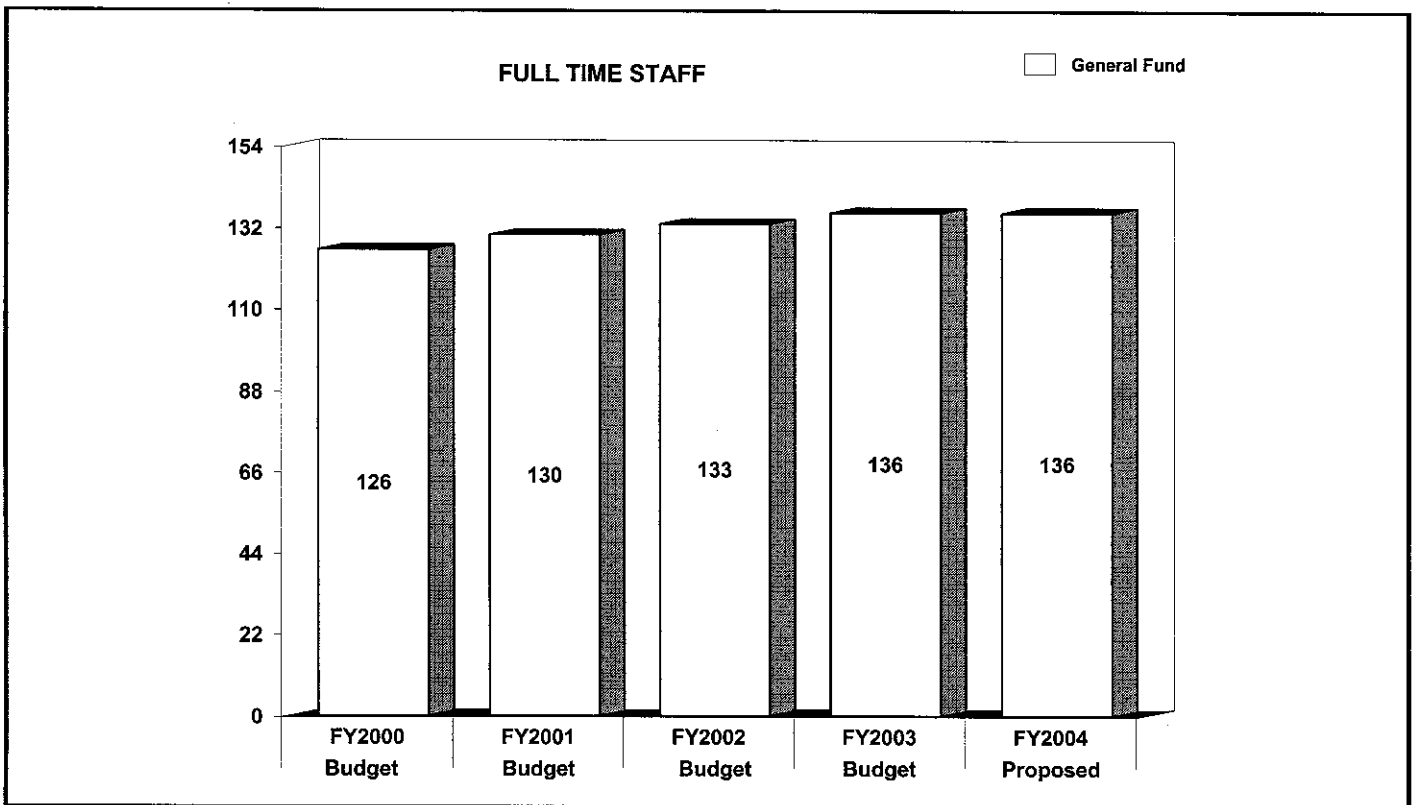


	FY2002 BUDGET	FY2003 BUDGET	FY2004 PROPOSED	CHANGE FY2003- FY2004
<b>GENERAL FUND STAFF</b>				
Full Time - Civilian	133	136	136	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	2	2	2	0
Limited Term Grant Funded	0	0	0	0
<b>OTHER STAFF</b>				
Full Time - Civilian	0	0	0	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	0	0	0	0
Limited Term Grant Funded	15	12	12	0
<b>TOTAL</b>				
Full Time - Civilian	133	136	136	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	2	2	2	0
Limited Term	15	12	12	0

POSITIONS BY CATEGORY	FULL TIME	PART TIME	LIMITED TERM
State's Attorney	1	0	0
Deputy State's Attorneys	2	0	0
Attorneys	65	0	5
Law Clerks and Investigators	26	2	7
Professional Support	4	0	0
Administrative Support	38	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>



The General Fund budget for the Office of the State's Attorney will decrease by 3.4%.



The full-time general fund staff will not change in FY04 from levels approved for FY2003.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY2000 ACTUAL	FY2001 ACTUAL	FY2002 ACTUAL	FY2003 ESTIMATED	FY2004 PROJECTED
<i>Office of the State's Attorney</i>					
Percentage of adult trials resulting in guilty verdicts	98%	98%	95%	95%	95%
Percentage of juvenile cases successfully prosecuted	99%	99%	95%	95%	95%
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>The Office of the State's Attorney maintains a high success rate in the prosecution of criminal cases. The percentages of guilty verdicts in both adult and juvenile trials have been stable.</p> </div>					

	FY2002 ACTUAL	FY2003 BUDGET	FY2003 ESTIMATED	FY2004 PROPOSED	CHANGE FY2003-FY2004
<b>EXPENDITURE SUMMARY</b>					
Compensation	\$ 7,445,230	\$ 7,974,600	\$ 7,974,600	\$ 7,699,900	-3.4%
Fringe Benefits	1,340,027	1,478,500	1,478,500	1,523,800	3.1%
Operating Expenses	1,472,803	1,483,300	1,392,600	1,347,700	-9.1%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0%
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<b>STAFF</b>					
Full Time - Civilian	-	136	-	136	0%
Full Time - Sworn	-	0	-	0	0%
Part Time	-	2	-	2	0%
Limited Term Grant	-	0	-	0	0%

MAJOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES FY2004	
Office Automation	\$ 776,100
Telephones	\$ 120,000
Operating and Office Supplies	\$ 89,000
Books and Periodicals	\$ 50,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 48,400

