

OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY - 07

MISSION

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

CORE SERVICES:

- 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 2006 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Expanded the Auto Theft Team to include an additional grant-funded attorney to handle cases in the Circuit Court Division and an attorney to supervise the team.
- Established a Gun Unit, which screens and prosecutes all gun possession cases in order to provide solid and consistent prosecution.
- Established a Community Prosecution Pilot Project, where grant-funded attorneys are assigned to specific areas in Police Districts I and II to work with civic leaders, district officers and other community members to prevent and reduce crime in those areas.
- Enhanced the Post-Conviction/Collateral Attack Unit with the addition of an experienced attorney who files appropriate motions and argues in court to protect the convictions of the County's most serious violent offenders.
- Combined the District Court Screening Unit with the District Court Trial Unit to pool resources, thereby increasing the efficiency and effectiveness in District Court Units.

FY 2007 FISCAL & STAFFING OVERVIEW:

The FY 2007 approved budget for the State's Attorney's Office is \$13.3 million, an increase of \$891,400 or 7.2% increase from the FY 2006 approved budget.

GENERAL FUNDS:

The FY 2007 approved General Fund budget of \$12.5 million represents an increase of \$583,600 or 4.9% from the FY 2006 approved budget. Major highlights for FY 2007 approved budget include:

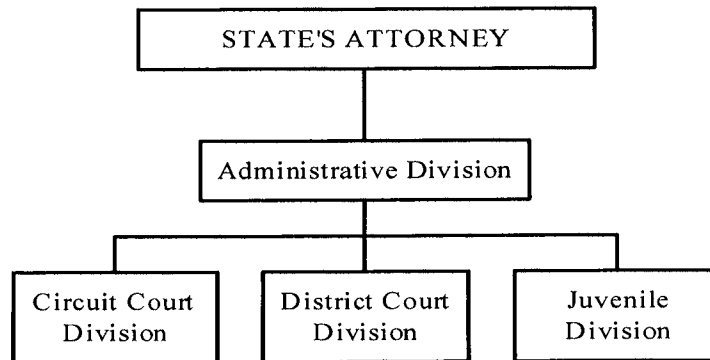
- Cost of living adjustments (COLA) and merit increases for eligible employees.
- Three new attorneys assigned to the Homicide and Violent Crimes Unit.
- Three new law clerks, two assigned to support staff, one assigned as the victims/witness coordinator.

GRANTS:

The FY 2007 approved Grant budget includes estimated Grant contributions of \$848,800, which is an increase of \$321,800 or -61% over the FY 2006 approved budget. Changes in the FY 2007 Grant budget include:

- Non-renewal of the Project Safe Neighborhood and Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution (MACRO) grants.
- Newly awarded Prosecution-Cease Fire Council Grant to provide one attorney assigned to gun crimes.
- Newly awarded Domestic Violence – Victim Witness Advocate Coordinator to reduce domestic violence.
- Increase funding for the Stop the Violence Against Women Grant to cover the cost of salary increases.
- The VOCA Grant is a four-year award. The entire four years are budgeted in FY 2007.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART:



PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT:

SCREENING UNIT DIVISION

FY 2007 Approved General Fund Budget: \$12,479,800

Change: 4.9%

GOAL – To provide accurate case evaluation that best determines the most appropriate course of action.

OBJECTIVE

- ✓ By FY 2007, screen 100% of civilian and generated cases within 48 hours of receipt.

MEASURES

INDICATORS	FY2003 Actual	FY2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Estimated	FY 2007 Projected
Input Measures					
Total Civilian Generated Complaints		3,337	3,312	3,816	3,892
Total Cases Failed to Appear		998	708	1,008	1,028
Output Measures					
Total Screening Interviews Conducted		2,339	936	2,808	2,864
Total Screened Cases nolle prossed		635	2,040	468	477
Total Screened Cases Entered in Diversion Program		783	828	456	465
Forwarded to Trial		921	444	1,029	1,049
Forwarded to Other Divisions/Units			60	120	122
Outcome Measures					
<i>Performance Measures have not yet been developed for this category.</i>					
Efficiency Measures					
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Quality Measures					
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

FY 2007 Approved General Fund Budget: \$12,479,800

Change: 4.9 %

GOAL – Increase the number of victims contacted during the initial crises, encourage prosecution, and discourage intimidation tactics used by abusers.

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ The Domestic Violence Unit will maintain or exceed a 90% initial contact rate for citizen-generated complaints/victims of Domestic Violence.
- ✓ The Domestic Violence Unit will strive to provide follow-up to domestic violence victims within 72 hours of a complaint.

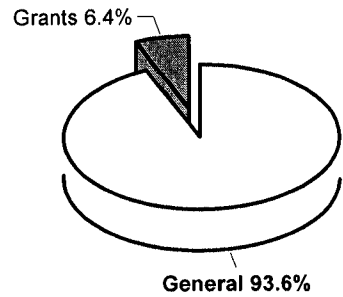
MEASURES

INDICATORS	FY2003 Actual	FY2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Estimated	FY 2007 Projected
Input Measures					
Charging Documents Logged		2282	2955	3100	3200
Interviews Scheduled		715	854	900	1100
Output Measures					
Contact Letters Mailed		1160	1945	2000	2900
Telephone Inquires & Assistance		1218	1536	1600	1800
Outcome Measures					
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Efficiency Measures					
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	FY2005 ACTUAL	FY2006 BUDGET	FY2006 ESTIMATED	FY2007 APPROVED	CHANGE FY06-FY07
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 11,639,798	\$ 12,437,200	\$ 11,983,100	\$ 13,328,600	7.2%
EXPENDITURE DETAIL					
Office Of The State's Attorney	11,240,471	11,971,200	11,691,700	12,479,800	4.2%
Grants	564,571	541,000	366,400	848,800	56.9%
Recoveries	(165,244)	(75,000)	(75,000)	0	-100%
TOTAL	\$ 11,639,798	\$ 12,437,200	\$ 11,983,100	\$ 13,328,600	7.2%
SOURCES OF FUNDS					
General Fund	\$ 11,075,227	\$ 11,896,200	\$ 11,616,700	\$ 12,479,800	4.9%
Other County Operating Funds:					
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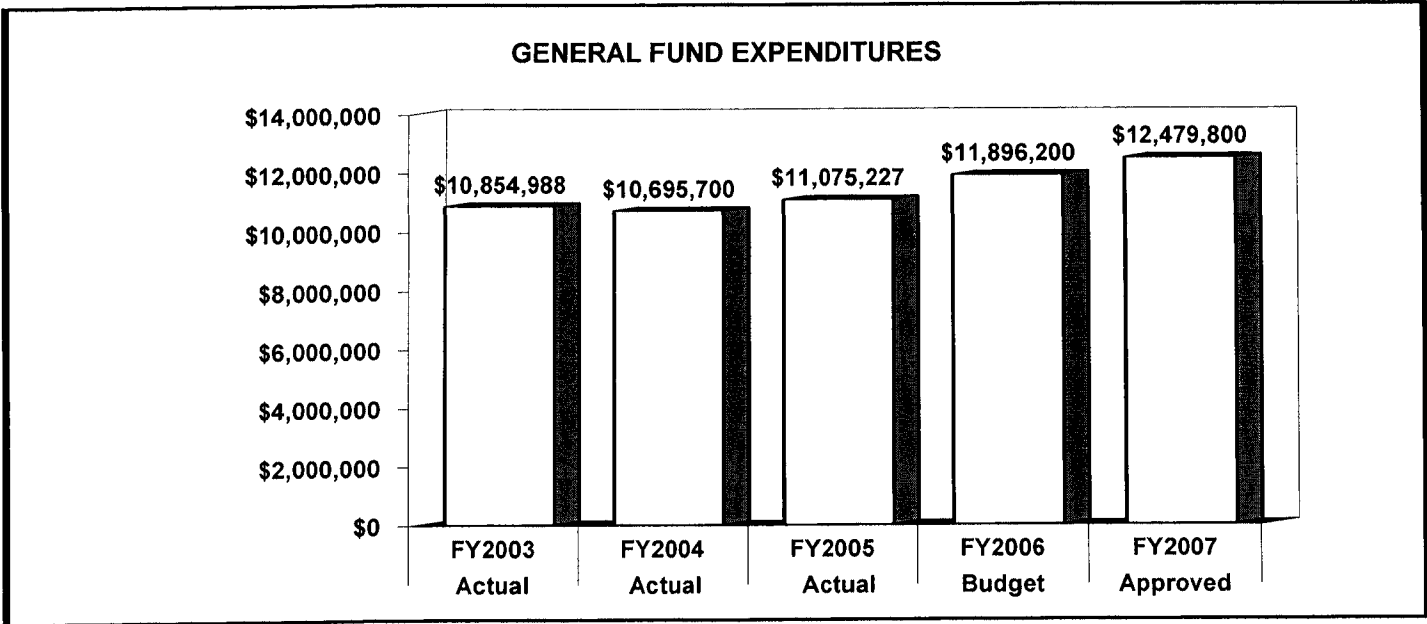
FY2007 SOURCES OF FUNDS

The agency is supported by two funding sources: The General Fund and Grant funding. Major grant programs include the Stop the Violence Against Women Program, the Vehicle Theft Prevention Program, and the Victims of Crime Assistance Program.

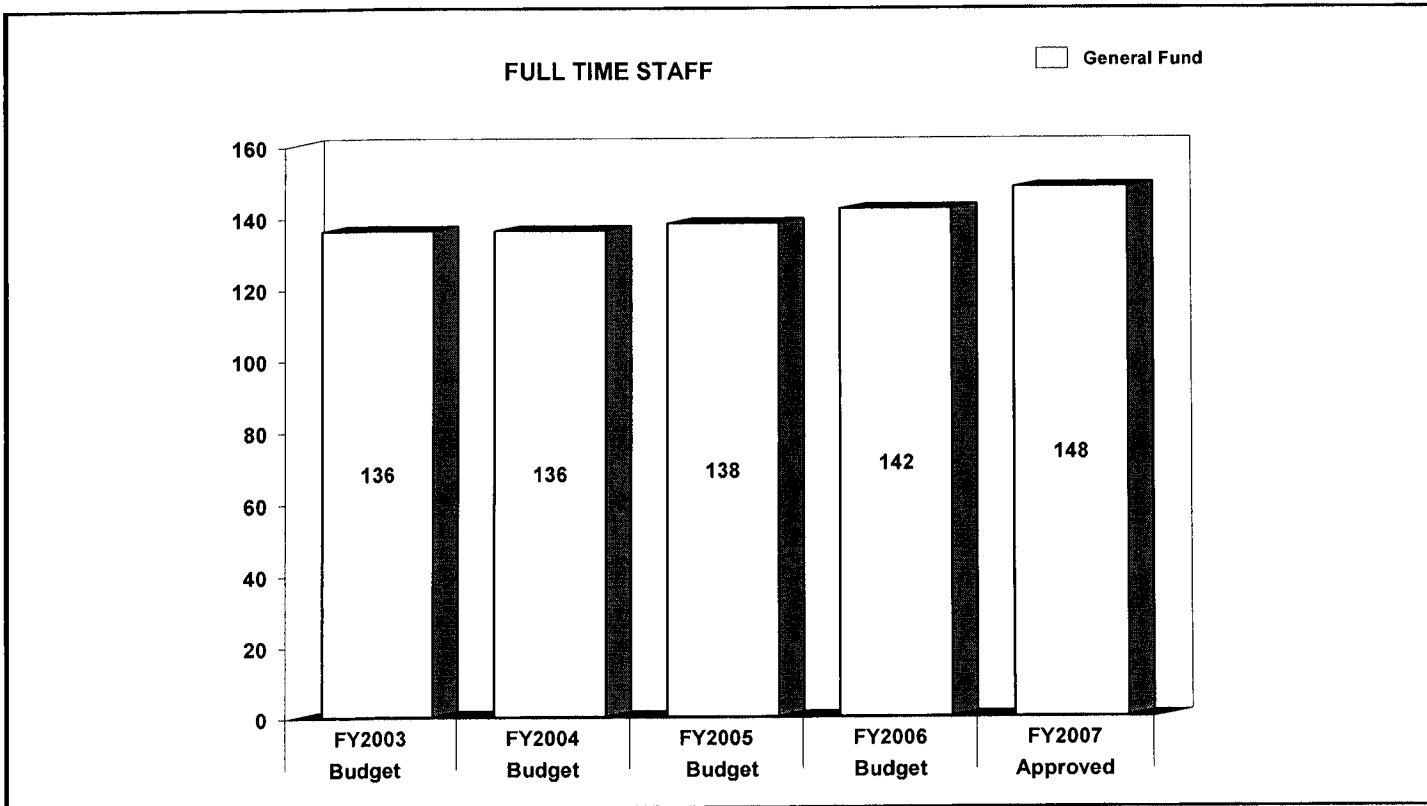


	FY2005 BUDGET	FY2006 BUDGET	FY2007 APPROVED	CHANGE FY06-FY07
GENERAL FUND STAFF				
Full Time - Civilian	138	142	148	6
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	2	2	2	0
Limited Term	0	0	0	0
OTHER STAFF				
Full Time - Civilian	0	0	0	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	0	0	0	0
Limited Term Grant Funded	12	12	11	-1
TOTAL				
Full Time - Civilian	138	142	148	6
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Part Time	2	2	2	0
Limited Term	12	12	11	-1

POSITIONS BY CATEGORY	FULL TIME	PART TIME	LIMITED TERM
State's Attorney	1	0	0
Deputy State's Attorneys	2	0	0
Attorneys	73	0	6
Law Clerks and Investigators	30	2	5
Professional Support	4	0	0
Administrative Support	38	0	0
TOTAL	148	2	11



The agency's expenditures have increased by 2% from FY 2003 to FY 2005. This increase is primarily driven by cost of living and merit adjustments. The FY 2007 budget will increase by 4.9% over the approved FY 2006 budget.



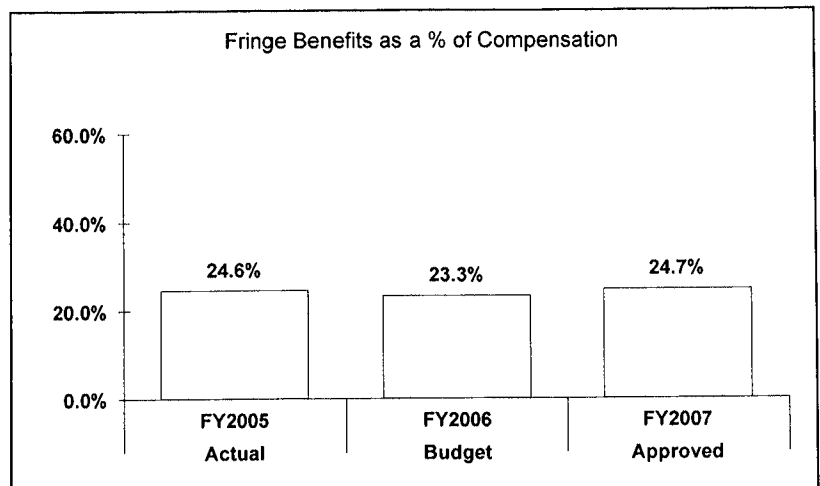
The agency's staffing complement increased by 6 positions from FY 2003 to FY 2006. This increase is due to the creation of 5 Attorneys and 1 Law Clerk. The FY 2007 staffing complement will increase by 6 positions. The increase is due to the creation of 3 Attorneys and 3 Law Clerks.

	FY2005 ACTUAL	FY2006 BUDGET	FY2006 ESTIMATED	FY2007 APPROVED	CHANGE FY06-FY07
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY					
Compensation	\$ 7,926,793	\$ 8,509,000	\$ 8,247,400	\$ 8,854,500	4.1%
Fringe Benefits	1,947,316	1,983,900	1,983,900	2,190,800	10.4%
Operating Expenses	1,366,362	1,478,300	1,460,400	1,434,500	-3%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0%
	\$ 11,240,471	\$ 11,971,200	\$ 11,691,700	\$ 12,479,800	4.2%
Recoveries	(165,244)	(75,000)	(75,000)	0	-100%
TOTAL	\$ 11,075,227	\$ 11,896,200	\$ 11,616,700	\$ 12,479,800	4.9%
STAFF					
Full Time - Civilian	-	142	-	148	4.2%
Full Time - Sworn	-	0	-	0	0%
Part Time	-	2	-	2	0%
Limited Term	-	0	-	0	0%

In FY 2007, compensation will increase by 4.1% over the FY 2006 budget due to COLA and merit increases, as well as the addition of new staff. Compensation costs include funding for 148 full-time and 2 part-time positions. Fringe expenditures will increase by 10.4%, due to an increase in benefits.

Operating expenditures will decrease by 3% from the FY 2006 budget. This decrease is the result of lower office automation charges in FY 2007. Operating expenses include court reporter fees shown in miscellaneous.

MAJOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES FY2007	
Office Automation	\$ 652,500
Telephones	\$ 145,000
Operating and Office Supplies	\$ 110,000
General and Administrative Contracts	\$ 88,600
Miscellaneous	\$ 65,000



	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2006 ESTIMATED	FY 2007 APPROVED	% CHANGE FY 2006-FY 2007
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY					
Compensation	474,925	436,500	281,800	710,700	62.8%
Fringe Benefits	57,500	61,400	59,700	112,900	83.9%
Operating Expenses	46,271	43,200	39,000	60,200	39.4%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	
SUB TOTAL	\$ 578,696	\$ 541,100	\$ 380,500	\$ 883,800	63.3%
TOTAL GRANTS	\$ 578,696	\$ 541,100	\$ 380,500	\$ 883,800	63.3%

Grant funding for FY 2007 is \$883,800. Major grant initiatives include the Vehicular Theft Prevention Program which was established to track the number of auto theft cases in the County from arrest through prosecution. It also provides for community awareness and educational services in an attempt to reduce vehicle thefts.

The Stop the Violence against Women Program provides assistance to victims of domestic violence by initiating outreach, counseling and support services to victims, and assistance in navigating through the legal process.

New grant awards for FY 2007 include the Gun Reduction using Community Prosecution award, which supports the effort to reduce gun violence in the County, and the DV-Victim Witness Advocate Coordination award which supports programs on reducing domestic violence.

Note: The Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) grant is a four year award. The entire four years are budgeted in FY07.

STAFF SUMMARY BY DIVISION & GRANT PROGRAM	FY 2006			FY 2007		
	FT	PT	LTGF	FT	PT	LTGF
Administration						
BRYN-Community Prosecution Outreach	0	0	1	0	0	1
DV-Victims Witness Advocate Coordination	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gun Reduction using Community Prosecution-Cease Fire Council	0	0	0	0	0	1
Stop the Violence against Women	0	0	2	0	0	2
Teen Court (S-SAFE)	0	0	1	0	0	1
Vehicle Theft Prevention Program	0	0	3	0	0	3
Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA)	0	0	1	0	0	2
Maryland Mediation & Conflict Resolution (MARCO)	0	0	1	0	0	0
Project Safe Neighborhood-(PRN)	0	0	3	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	12	0	0	11

GRANTS BY DIVISION	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2006 ESTIMATE	FY 2007 APPROVED	FY 2006 - FY 2007 \$ CHANGE	FY 2006 - FY 2007 % CHANGE
Administration						
BYRNE-Community Prosecution Outreach	\$ -	\$ 42,400	\$ 56,500	\$ 57,200	\$ 14,800	34.9%
DV-Victim Witness Advocate Coordination	-	-	-	35,000	35,000	0.0%
Gun Reduction using Community Prosecution-Cease Fire Council	-	-	-	89,200	89,200	0.0%
Stop the Violence against Women Program	84,609	88,300	88,300	95,600	7,300	8.3%
Teen Court- C-SAFE	16,000	31,000	31,000	37,100	6,100	19.7%
Vehicle Theft Prevention Program	231,100	150,000	75,000	150,000	-	0.0%
Victims of Crime Assistance- VOCA	39,690	40,000	39,700	384,700	344,700	861.8%
MACRO	42,985	44,900	46,600	-	(44,900)	-100.0%
Stop the Violence Intern Training Program	15,073	20,000	20,000	-	(20,000)	-100.0%
Project Safe Neighborhood Task Force	135,114	101,100	-	-	(101,100)	-100.0%
Project Safe Neighborhood-PR	-	9,300	9,300	-	(9,300)	-100.0%
Sub-Total	\$ 564,571	\$ 527,000	\$ 366,400	\$ 848,800	\$ 321,800	61.1%
Total Transfer from General Fund - (County Contribution/Cash Match)	\$ 14,125	\$ 14,100	\$ 14,100	\$ 35,000	\$ 20,900	148.2%
Total Grant Expenditures	\$ 578,696	\$ 541,100	\$ 380,500	\$ 883,800	\$ 342,700	63.3%

STOP THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROGRAM-- \$95,600

Funding supports the agency's effort to increase the awareness and services to victims of domestic violence.

VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM--\$150,000

Funding supports the agency's effort to track auto theft cases from arrest through prosecution.

VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE (VCOA) -- \$384,700

Funding supports the agency's effort to provide Spanish-speaking advocates who provide victims assistance services.

TEEN COURT (C-SAFE) -- \$37,100

Funding provides guidance and supports teenagers with life coping skills with the goal of helping them avoid future legal problems.

GUN REDUCTION USING COMMUNITY PROSECUTION (CEASE FIRE COUNCIL) -- \$89,200

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

COMMUNITY PROSECUTION OUTREACH (BYRNE) -- \$57,200

This grant continues the agency's focus on violent crime issues in the cross border jurisdictions of Seat Pleasant, Capitol Heights, Fairmount Heights, District Heights, and Suitland, all of which are in Prince George's County's Police District III.

DV VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCATE COORDINATION -- \$35,000

Funding supports the agency's effort to quickly contact domestic violence victims once charges have been filed, assist with the processing and preparation of misdemeanor domestic violence cases, and expand services that are already provided to victims of felony domestic abuse cases.