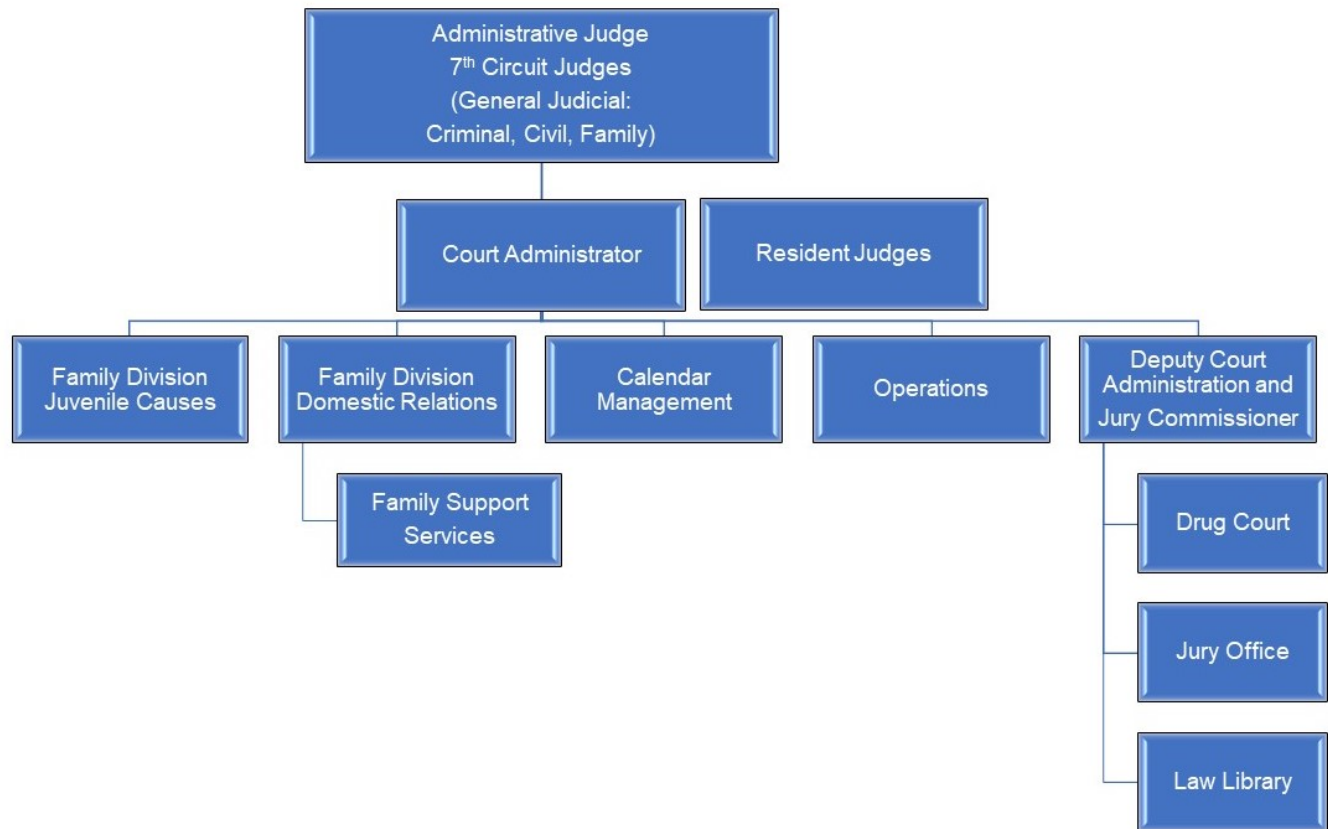


# Judicial Branch/Circuit Court



## 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 2025 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Reduced the backlog for criminal and civil cases.
- Made security enhancements to improve the safety of the courthouse.
- Progressed through various refresh, capital improvement projects.

## FY 2026 BUDGET SUMMARY

The FY 2026 approved budget for the Circuit Court is \$28,768,500, an increase of \$293,700 or 1.0% over the FY 2025 approved budget.

### Expenditures by Fund Type

Fund Types	FY 2024 Actual		FY 2025 Budget		FY 2025 Estimate		FY 2026 Approved	
	Amount	% Total	Amount	% Total	Amount	% Total	Amount	% Total
General Fund	\$21,881,418	84.0%	\$23,447,200	82.3%	\$23,498,600	80.5%	\$23,543,800	81.8%
Grant Funds	4,163,125	16.0%	5,027,600	17.7%	5,700,500	19.5%	5,224,700	18.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,044,543</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$28,474,800</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$29,199,100</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$28,768,500</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### GENERAL FUND

The FY 2026 approved General Fund budget for the Circuit Court is \$23,543,800 an increase of \$96,600 or 0.4% over the FY 2025 approved budget.

### Reconciliation from Prior Year

	Expenditures
<b>FY 2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>\$23,447,200</b>
<b>Increase Cost: Technology Cost Allocation</b> — Increase in OIT charges based on anticipated countywide costs for technology	\$286,600
<b>Increase Cost: Compensation - Mandated Salary Requirements</b>	204,600
<b>Increase Cost: Capital Outlay</b> — Increase cost to support data storage	50,000
<b>Increase Cost: Operating</b> — Net operating adjustments (contract services, travel, membership fees, data/voice and mileage reimbursement) to align with historical spending	13,800
<b>Decrease Cost: Operating</b> — Decrease in jury fees due to a reduction in backlog after the COVID-19 pandemic	(217,000)
<b>Decrease Cost: Fringe Benefits</b> — Decrease in fringe benefit expenses to support projected costs; the fringe benefit rate decreases from 35.9% to 33.5%	(241,400)
<b>FY 2026 Approved Budget</b>	<b>\$23,543,800</b>

## GRANT FUNDS

The FY 2026 approved grant budget for the Circuit Court is \$5,224,700 an increase of \$197,100 or 3.9% above the FY 2025 approved budget. Major sources of funds in the FY 2026 proposed budget include:

- Family Division Legislative Initiative Grant
- Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement
- Maryland Family Justice Center's "Improving Victim Assistance with Enhanced Ability to Critical Resources and Supportive Services"
- Office of Problem Solving Courts

## Reconciliation from Prior Year

	<b>Expenditures</b>
<b>FY 2025 Approved Budget</b>	<b>\$5,027,600</b>
<b>Add: New Program/Service</b> — Family Justice Center - Improving Victim Assistance with Enhanced Ability to Critical Resources and Supportive Services (VOCG)	\$675,800
<b>Enhance: Existing Program/Service</b> — Family Division Legislative Initiative Grant	391,100
<b>Enhance: Existing Program/Service</b> — Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement	185,200
<b>Enhance: Existing Program/Service</b> — Office of Problem Solving Courts (OPSC)	77,600
<b>Enhance: Existing Program/Service</b> — Economic Justice Initiative (VAWA)	46,800
<b>Add: New Program/Service</b> — Maryland Victims of Crime - Optimizing Survivors Access to Justice and Supportive Services	40,000
<b>Enhance: Existing Program/Service</b> — Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office & Alternative Dispute Resolution Services (MACRO)	8,100
<b>Eliminate: Existing Program/Service</b> — Enhancing Survivors Access to Justice and Support Services	(92,000)
<b>Eliminate: Existing Program/Service</b> — Engaging Men and Boys as Allies	(153,300)
<b>Decrease: Existing Program/Service</b> — Maryland Administrative Courts - Security Goods and Services	(370,700)
<b>Eliminate: Existing Program/Service</b> — Family Justice Center (VOCA)	(611,500)
<b>FY 2026 Approved Budget</b>	<b>\$5,224,700</b>

## STAFF AND BUDGET RESOURCES

Authorized Positions	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Approved	Change FY25-FY26	Positions By Classification	FY 2026		
						Full Time	Part Time	Limited Term
General Fund								
Full Time - Civilian	155	155	155	0	Administrative Aide	52	2	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0	Administrative Assistant	48	0	0
Subtotal - FT	155	155	155	0	Administrative Specialist	5	0	0
Part Time	36	36	36	0	Attorney	1	0	0
Limited Term	0	0	0	0	Bailiff	2	35	0
					Budget Management Analyst	2	0	0
Grant Program Funds					Community Developer	5	1	0
Full Time - Civilian	48	51	49	(2)	Counselor	10	0	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0	Court Administrator	1	0	0
Subtotal - FT	48	51	49	(2)	Court Reporter	9	0	0
Part Time	2	2	4	2	Executive Administrative Aides	26	0	0
Limited Term	0	0	0	0	Facilities Manager	1	0	0
					General Clerk	10	0	0
TOTAL					Human Resource Analyst	3	0	0
Full Time - Civilian	203	206	204	(2)	Human Resource Assistant	0	0	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0	Info Tech Engineer	3	2	0
Subtotal - FT	203	206	204	(2)	Info Tech Project Coordinator	2	0	0
Part Time	38	38	40	2	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	204	40	0

**Expenditures by Category - General Fund**

Category	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Approved	Change FY25-FY26	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Compensation	\$12,360,041	\$12,915,000	\$13,160,100	\$13,119,600	\$204,600	1.6%
Fringe Benefits	4,033,124	4,636,500	4,408,600	4,395,100	(241,400)	-5.2%
Operating	5,488,253	5,895,700	5,884,900	5,979,100	83,400	1.4%
Capital Outlay	—	—	45,000	50,000	50,000	
<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>\$21,881,418</b>	<b>\$23,447,200</b>	<b>\$23,498,600</b>	<b>\$23,543,800</b>	<b>\$96,600</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,881,418</b>	<b>\$23,447,200</b>	<b>\$23,498,600</b>	<b>\$23,543,800</b>	<b>\$96,600</b>	<b>0.4%</b>

In FY 2026, compensation expenditures increase 1.6% over the FY 2025 budget due to the annualization of FY 2025 and planned FY 2026 salary adjustments. Compensation costs include funding for 143 out of 155 full time positions and 36 part time positions. Fringe benefit costs decrease by -5.2% due to decreasing the fringe rate from 35.9% to 33.5% to align with projected costs.

Operating expenditures increase 1.4% over the FY 2025 budget primarily due to an increased OIT technology allocation charge and increased funding for operating contracts.

**Expenditures by Division - General Fund**

Category	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Approved	Change FY25-FY26	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
General Judicial	\$6,948,031	\$7,068,000	\$7,264,000	\$7,099,900	\$31,900	0.5%
Law Library	557,730	564,600	626,600	573,100	8,500	1.5%
Family Division: Domestic Violence	1,945,199	2,555,700	2,312,100	2,359,000	(196,700)	-7.7%
Calendar Management	1,455,193	1,390,300	1,464,600	1,509,700	119,400	8.6%
Jury Office	1,837,262	1,984,000	1,846,700	1,767,000	(217,000)	-10.9%
Administrative Operations	9,138,003	9,884,600	9,984,600	10,235,100	350,500	3.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,881,418</b>	<b>\$23,447,200</b>	<b>\$23,498,600</b>	<b>\$23,543,800</b>	<b>\$96,600</b>	<b>0.4%</b>

## General Fund - Division Summary

Category	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Approved	Change FY25-FY26	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
General Judicial						
Compensation	\$5,319,461	\$5,183,500	\$5,488,200	\$5,243,200	\$59,700	1.2%
Fringe Benefits	1,552,863	1,784,300	1,671,500	1,756,500	(27,800)	-1.6%
Operating	75,707	100,200	104,300	100,200	—	0.0%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	
SubTotal	\$6,948,031	\$7,068,000	\$7,264,000	\$7,099,900	\$31,900	0.5%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	
Total General Judicial	\$6,948,031	\$7,068,000	\$7,264,000	\$7,099,900	\$31,900	0.5%
Law Library						
Compensation	\$290,824	\$290,900	\$305,100	\$272,800	\$(18,100)	-6.2%
Fringe Benefits	85,792	121,700	101,700	91,400	(30,300)	-24.9%
Operating	181,114	152,000	219,800	208,900	56,900	37.4%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	
SubTotal	\$557,730	\$564,600	\$626,600	\$573,100	\$8,500	1.5%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	
Total Law Library	\$557,730	\$564,600	\$626,600	\$573,100	\$8,500	1.5%
Family Division: Domestic Violence						
Compensation	\$1,420,339	\$1,847,900	\$1,747,900	\$1,755,000	\$(92,900)	-5.0%
Fringe Benefits	507,507	691,700	547,700	587,900	(103,800)	-15.0%
Operating	17,353	16,100	16,500	16,100	—	0.0%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	
SubTotal	\$1,945,199	\$2,555,700	\$2,312,100	\$2,359,000	\$(196,700)	-7.7%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	
Total Family Division: Domestic Violence	\$1,945,199	\$2,555,700	\$2,312,100	\$2,359,000	\$(196,700)	-7.7%
Calendar Management						
Compensation	\$1,034,133	\$1,016,200	\$1,016,200	\$1,123,900	\$107,700	10.6%
Fringe Benefits	413,978	364,800	438,300	376,500	11,700	3.2%
Operating	7,082	9,300	10,100	9,300	—	0.0%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	
SubTotal	\$1,455,193	\$1,390,300	\$1,464,600	\$1,509,700	\$119,400	8.6%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	
Total Calendar Management	\$1,455,193	\$1,390,300	\$1,464,600	\$1,509,700	\$119,400	8.6%

**General Fund - Division Summary** *(continued)*

Category	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Approved	Change FY25-FY26	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Jury Office						
Compensation	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	
Fringe Benefits	—	—	—	—	—	
Operating	1,837,262	1,984,000	1,846,700	1,767,000	(217,000)	-10.9%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	
SubTotal	\$1,837,262	\$1,984,000	\$1,846,700	\$1,767,000	\$(217,000)	-10.9%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	
Total Jury Office	\$1,837,262	\$1,984,000	\$1,846,700	\$1,767,000	\$(217,000)	-10.9%
Administrative Operations						
Compensation	\$4,295,284	\$4,576,500	\$4,602,700	\$4,724,700	\$148,200	3.2%
Fringe Benefits	1,472,984	1,674,000	1,649,400	1,582,800	(91,200)	-5.4%
Operating	3,369,735	3,634,100	3,687,500	3,877,600	243,500	6.7%
Capital Outlay	—	—	45,000	50,000	50,000	
SubTotal	\$9,138,003	\$9,884,600	\$9,984,600	\$10,235,100	\$350,500	3.5%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	
Total Administrative Operations	\$9,138,003	\$9,884,600	\$9,984,600	\$10,235,100	\$350,500	3.5%
Total	\$21,881,418	\$23,447,200	\$23,498,600	\$23,543,800	\$96,600	0.4%

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.

Fiscal Summary

In FY 2026, the division expenditures increase \$31,900 or 0.5% above the FY 2025 budget. Staffing resources remain unchanged from the FY 2025 budget. The primary budget changes include:

- An increase in compensation costs due to the annualization of FY 2025 and planned FY 2026 salary adjustments.

- A decrease in fringe benefit costs to align with projected costs.
- The operating budget remains unchanged in FY 2026.

	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Approved	Change FY25-FY26	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$7,068,000	\$7,099,900	\$31,900	0.5%
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	34	34	0	0.0%
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 2026, the division expenditures increase \$8,500 or 1.5% over the FY 2025 budget. Staffing resources remain unchanged from the FY 2025 budget. The primary budget changes include:

- A decrease in personnel costs to align with anticipated salary requirements.
- A decrease in fringe benefit costs to align with compensation costs.
- An increase in operating expenses due to increased OIT charge.

	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Approved	Change FY25-FY26	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$564,600</b>	<b>\$573,100</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>STAFFING</b>				
Full Time - Civilian	3	3	0	0.0%
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal - FT</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
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 2026, the division expenditures decrease -\$196,700 or -7.7% below the FY 2025 budget. Staffing resources

remain unchanged from the FY 2025 budget. The primary budget changes include:

- A decrease in personnel costs to align with anticipated salary requirements.
- A decrease in fringe benefits costs to align with compensation adjustments.
- Operating costs remain unchanged.

	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Approved	Change FY25-FY26	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$2,555,700	\$2,359,000	\$(196,700)	-7.7%
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%

## BCalendar Management

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

### Fiscal Summary

In FY 2026, the division expenditures increase \$119,400 or 8.6% over the FY 2025 budget. Staffing resources remain unchanged from the FY 2025 budget. The primary budget changes include:

- An increase in personnel costs due to the annualization of FY 2025 and planned FY 2026 salary adjustments.

- An increase in fringe benefit costs to align with projected costs.
- The operating budget remains unchanged in FY 2026.

	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Approved	Change FY25-FY26	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$1,390,300</b>	<b>\$1,509,700</b>	<b>\$119,400</b>	<b>8.6%</b>
<b>STAFFING</b>				
Full Time - Civilian	15	15	0	0.0%
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal - FT</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
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 2026, the division expenditures decrease -\$217,000 or -10.9% below the FY 2025 budget. There are no positions allocated in the division. The primary budget change includes:

- The operating budget includes reduced funding for jury fees due to a decrease in the number of backlogged trials post-pandemic.

	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Approved	Change FY25-FY26	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$1,984,000	\$1,767,000	\$(217,000)	-10.9%
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 2026, the division expenditures increase \$350,500 or 3.5% over the FY 2025 budget. Staffing resources remain unchanged from the FY 2025 budget. The primary budget changes include:

- An increase in personnel costs due to the annualization of FY 2025 and planned FY 2026 salary adjustments.

- A decrease in fringe benefit expenses to align with anticipated costs.
- An increase in operating expenses due to an increased OIT allocation.
- An increase in capital outlay to align with anticipated costs.

	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Approved	Change FY25-FY26	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$9,884,600	\$10,235,100	\$350,500	3.5%
STAFFING				
Full Time - Civilian	50	50	0	0.0%
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0.0%
Subtotal - FT	50	50	0	0.0%
Part Time	2	2	0	0.0%
Limited Term	0	0	0	0.0%

## GRANT FUNDS SUMMARY

### Expenditures by Category - Grant Funds

Category	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Approved	Change FY25-FY26	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Compensation	\$2,721,282	\$3,577,500	\$3,586,900	\$3,250,100	\$(327,400)	-9.2%
Fringe Benefits	772,541	835,900	1,018,000	1,340,300	504,400	60.3%
Operating	1,093,358	1,010,800	1,574,500	1,065,500	54,700	5.4%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>\$4,587,181</b>	<b>\$5,424,200</b>	<b>\$6,179,400</b>	<b>\$5,655,900</b>	<b>\$231,700</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,587,181</b>	<b>\$5,424,200</b>	<b>\$6,179,400</b>	<b>\$5,655,900</b>	<b>\$231,700</b>	<b>4.3%</b>

The FY 2026 approved grant budget is \$5,655,900, an increase of \$231,700 or 4.3% over the FY 2025 approved budget. The increase is due to the addition of the Family Justice Center and Maryland Victims of Crime grants.

### Staff Summary by Division - Grant Funds

Staff Summary by Division & Grant Program	FY 2025			FY 2026		
	FT	PT	LTGF	FT	PT	LTGF
<b>General Judicial</b>						
Economic Justice Initiative (VAWA)	—	—	—	—	2	—
Family Justice Center: Changing Lives, Restoring Hope (VOCA)	5	—	—	6	—	—
Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office & Alternative Dispute Resolution Services (MACRO)	—	—	—	1	—	—
Office of Problem Solving Court (OPSC)	5	1	—	4	1	—
Veterans Treatment Court	3	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total General Judicial</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Family Division: Domestic Violence</b>						
Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement	6	1	—	6	1	—
Family Division Legislative Initiative Grant	32	—	—	32	—	—
Maryland Victims of Crime - Optimizing Survivors Access to Justice and Supportive Services	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Family Division: Domestic Violence</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>

In FY 2026, funding is provided for 49 full time and four part time employees that are partially grant funded. This is a change from FY 2025 due to a reallocation of two full time positions to part time.

## Grant Funds by Division

Grant Name	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Approved	Change FY25-FY26	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
General Judicial						
BJA Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program	\$126,893	\$—	\$223,400	\$—	\$—	
Engaging Men and Boys as Allies	—	153,300	—	—	(153,300)	-100.0%
Family Justice Center 'Changing Lives, Restoring Hope' (VOCA)	713,437	611,500	621,600	—	(611,500)	-100.0%
Family Justice Center 'Improving Victim Assistance with Enhanced Ability to Critical Resources and Supportive Services' (VOCG)	—	—	—	675,800	675,800	
Justice for Vets	—	—	58,700	—	—	
Maryland Administrative Courts - Security Goods and Services	152,092	500,700	110,500	130,000	(370,700)	-74.0%
Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office & Alternative Dispute Resolution Services (MACRO)	76,117	81,200	91,900	89,300	8,100	10.0%
Office of Problem Solving Courts (OPSC)	371,359	564,600	563,100	642,200	77,600	13.7%
Veterans Treatment Court	43,012	—	188,900	—	—	
Total General Judicial	\$1,482,910	\$1,911,300	\$1,858,100	\$1,537,300	\$(374,000)	-19.6%
Family Division: Domestic Violence						
Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement (CRA)	\$634,874	\$612,900	\$798,100	\$798,100	\$185,200	30.2%
Economic Justice Initiative	18,500	20,000	—	66,800	46,800	234.0%
Enhancing Survivors Access to Justice and Supportive Services	—	92,000	—	—	(92,000)	-100.0%
Family Division Legislative Initiative	1,878,696	2,391,400	2,356,200	2,782,500	391,100	16.4%
Maryland Victims of Crime - Optimizing Survivors Access to Justice and Supportive Services	—	—	—	40,000	40,000	
Office of Violence Against Women (OVW): Improving Criminal Justice Response	148,145	—	688,100	—	—	
Total Family Division: Domestic Violence	\$2,680,215	\$3,116,300	\$3,842,400	\$3,687,400	\$571,100	18.3%
Subtotal	\$4,163,125	\$5,027,600	\$5,700,500	\$5,224,700	\$197,100	3.9%
Total Transfer from General Fund - (County Contribution/Cash Match)	424,056	396,600	478,900	431,200	34,600	8.7%
Total	\$4,587,181	\$5,424,200	\$6,179,400	\$5,655,900	\$231,700	4.3%

## Grant Descriptions

### **COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT -- \$798,100**

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.

### **ECONOMIC JUSTICE INITIATIVE – VAWA FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER -- \$66,800**

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.

### **FAMILY DIVISION LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE GRANT -- \$2,782,500**

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 MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION OFFICE & ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES (MACRO) -- \$89,300**

The Maryland Judiciary Administrative Office of the Courts provides funding to support the court's expanding alternative dispute resolution capabilities to better serve the court users of Prince George's County by offering alternatives to trials and decreasing the life of cases.

### **MARYLAND VICTIMS OF CRIME – OPTIMIZING SURVIVORS ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES -- \$40,000**

The Maryland Victims of Crime – Optimizing Survivors Access to Justice and Supportive Services program provides advocacy and support services to victims of crime through the creation of new ideas and the enhancement of existing programs in Maryland.

### **MARYLAND FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER'S "IMPROVING VICTIM ASSISTANCE WITH ENHANCED ACCESSIBILITY TO CRITICAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES" (VOCG) -- \$675,800**

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 resources in the aftermath of trauma and victimization.

### **OFFICE OF PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS-OPSC (ADULT DRUG COURT, JUVENILE DRUG COURT, RE-ENTRY COURT AND VETERANS COURT PROGRAMS) -- \$642,200**

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.

### **SECURITY GOODS AND SERVICES -- \$130,000**

The Maryland Judiciary Administrative Office of the Courts – Security and Goods program will provide funding for security-related goods and/or services, as described in and strict accordance with the memorandum of understanding with the Administrative Office of the Courts.



## 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.

### Trend and Analysis

Certain case types have very small volumes which can significantly impact the Court's results when compared to the statewide standards, i.e. termination of parental rights. The Court is expecting to make continued progress towards statewide time standards for all major case types. Maryland statewide standards are measured on a yearly basis through a random review of 500 cases closed during a fiscal year or total number of cases closed if the case type has less than 500 cases. These performance measures are used by the courts throughout the State of Maryland.

Performance Measures					
Measure Name	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimated	FY 2026 Projection
<b>Workload, Demand and Production</b>					
Number of criminal cases filed	2,194	3,371	3,032	3,268	3,529
Number of civil cases filed	22,030	26,700	26,172	25,846	25,975
Foreclosure filings (also included above)	784	2,086	1,620	1,945	2,027
Number of family cases filed	9,934	8,336	8,970	9,240	10,120
Number of juvenile cases filed (delinquency, children in need of assistance, termination of parental rights, peace orders and adoption)	654	841	1,962	2,235	2,678
Number of criminal cases reopened	778	780	753	875	825
Number of civil cases reopened	122	203	2,522	2,764	2,937
Number of family cases reopened	3,862	3,564	1,132	1,593	2,104
Number of juvenile cases reopened (delinquency, children in need of assistance, termination of parental rights, and adoption)	38	23	1,441	1,567	1,725
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,612</b>	<b>45,844</b>	<b>47,604</b>	<b>49,333</b>	<b>51,920</b>
<b>Total Trials Held</b>					
Criminal Trials Held	83	739	1,030	1,102	1,489
Civil Trials Held	161	1,023	774	882	910
Family Trials (Merits) Held	1,238	828	1,036	1,247	1,441
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,482</b>	<b>2,590</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>3,231</b>	<b>3,840</b>
<b>Total Hearings Held</b>					
Criminal Hearings Held	10,675	15,396	11,791	11,915	12,451
Civil Hearings Held	1,911	2,122	1,915	2,046	2,171
Family Hearings Held	19,205	20,132	869	1,211	1,578
Juvenile Hearings Held	5,483	4,232	4,048	4,409	4,983
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,274</b>	<b>41,882</b>	<b>18,623</b>	<b>19,581</b>	<b>21,183</b>

## Footnotes:

- (1) All civil numbers include the addition of Judgment - State Tax Liens. This case type significantly adds to total counts when evaluating civil case processing.
- (2) Civil numbers are estimated with consideration of the consistency and efficiency of case processing in this case type following the height of COVID-19 pandemic measures.