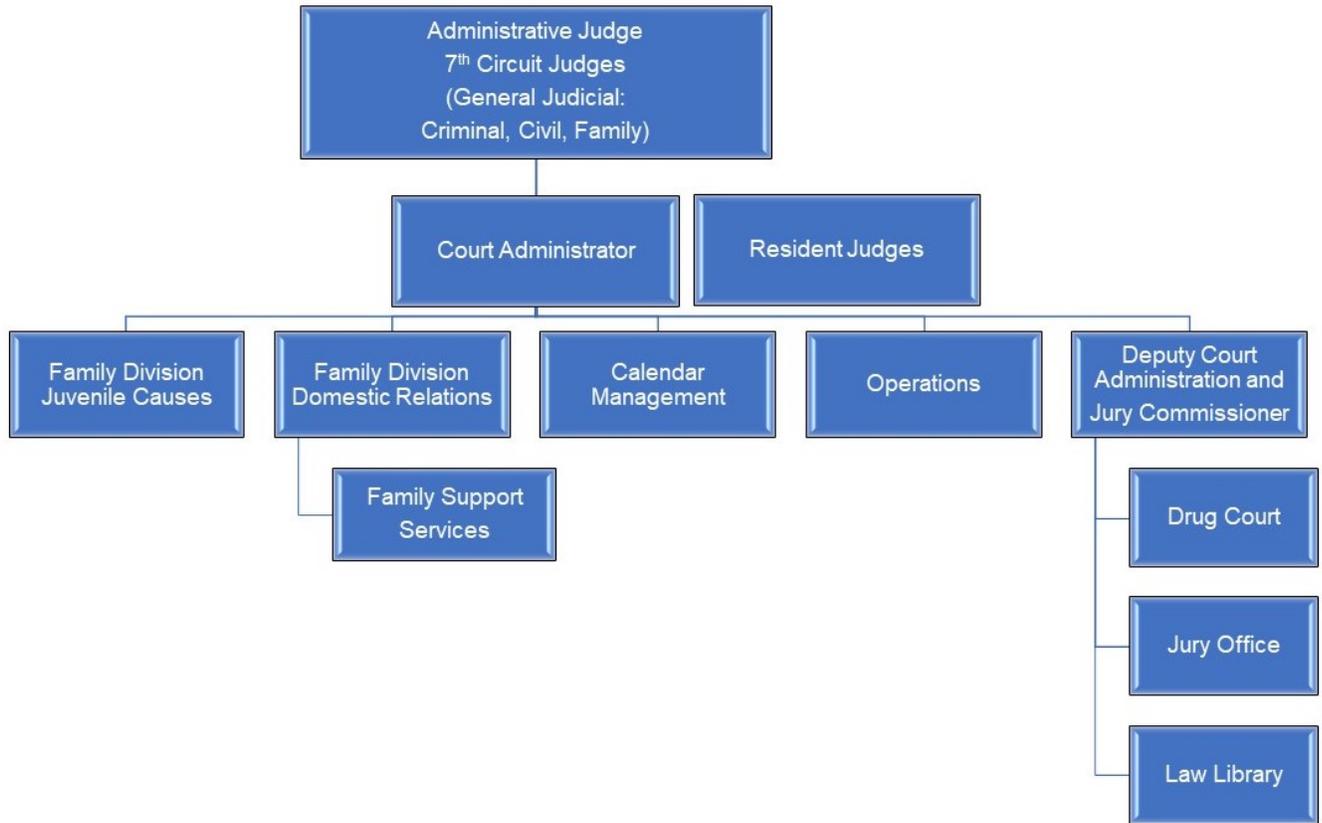


Judicial Branch/Circuit Court



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 2026 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.
- Executed various workforce development efforts.

FY 2027 BUDGET SUMMARY

The FY 2027 proposed budget for the Circuit Court is \$29,476,900, an increase of \$708,400 or 2.5% over the FY 2026 approved budget.

Expenditures by Fund Type

Fund Types	FY 2025 Actual		FY 2026 Budget		FY 2026 Estimate		FY 2027 Proposed	
	Amount	% Total						
General Fund	\$22,764,314	83.0%	\$23,543,800	81.8%	\$25,104,600	77.4%	\$25,600,200	86.8%
Grant Funds	4,653,376	17.0%	5,224,700	18.2%	7,313,000	22.6%	3,876,700	13.2%
Total	\$27,417,690	100.0%	\$28,768,500	100.0%	\$32,417,600	100.0%	\$29,476,900	100.0%

GENERAL FUND

The FY 2027 proposed General Fund budget for the Circuit Court is \$25,600,200, an increase of \$2,056,400 or 8.7% over the FY 2026 approved budget.

Reconciliation from Prior Year

	Expenditures
FY 2026 Approved Budget	\$23,543,800
Increase Cost: Compensation - Mandated Salary Requirements	\$1,343,000
Increase Cost: Fringe Benefits — Increase in fringe benefit rate from 33.5% to 34.6% to align with projected costs	609,000
Increase Cost: Technology Cost Allocation — Increase in OIT charges based on anticipated countywide costs for technology	98,000
Increase Cost: Operating — Net operating adjustments in jury fees, contracts, office equipment, and software expenses (previously capital outlay) to align with operational needs	56,400
Decrease Cost: Capital Outlay — Transfer of cost to operating expenses	(50,000)
FY 2027 Proposed Budget	\$25,600,200

GRANT FUNDS

The FY 2027 proposed grant budget for the Circuit Court is \$3,876,700, a decrease of -\$1,348,000 or -25.8% below the FY 2026 approved budget. Major sources of funds in the FY 2027 proposed budget include:

- Family Division Legislative Initiative Grant
- Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement
- Office of Problem Solving Courts

Reconciliation from Prior Year

	Expenditures
FY 2026 Approved Budget	\$5,224,700
Enhance: Existing Program/Service — Maryland Administrative Courts - Security of Goods and Services	\$49,700
Enhance: Existing Program/Service — Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office & Alternative Dispute Resolution Services (MACRO)	12,900
Decrease: Existing Program/Service — Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement (CRA)	(29,500)
Eliminate: Existing Program/Service — Maryland Victims of Crime - Optimizing Survivors Access to Justice and Supportive Services	(40,000)
Eliminate: Existing Program/Service — Economic Justice Initiative (VAWA)	(66,800)
Decrease: Existing Program/Service — Office of Problem Solving Courts (OPSC)	(159,600)
Decrease: Existing Program/Service — Family Division Legislative Initiative Grant	(438,900)
Eliminate: Existing Program/Service — Improving Victim Assistance (VOCG)	(675,800)
FY 2027 Proposed Budget	\$3,876,700

STAFF AND BUDGET RESOURCES

Authorized Positions	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	Positions By Classification	FY 2027		
						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	51	49	49	0	Counselor	10	0	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0	Court Administrator	1	0	0
Subtotal - FT	51	49	49	0	Court Reporter	9	0	0
Part Time	2	4	4	0	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	206	204	204	0	Human Resource Assistant	0	0	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0	Info Tech Engineer	3	2	0
Subtotal - FT	206	204	204	0	Info Tech Project Coordinator	2	0	0
Part Time	38	40	40	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	204	40	0

Expenditures by Category - General Fund

Category	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Compensation	\$12,910,980	\$13,119,600	\$14,261,000	\$14,462,600	\$1,343,000	10.2%
Fringe Benefits	4,355,496	4,395,100	4,777,400	5,004,100	609,000	13.9%
Operating	5,497,838	5,979,100	6,066,200	6,133,500	154,400	2.6%
Capital Outlay	—	50,000	—	—	(50,000)	-100.0%
SubTotal	\$22,764,314	\$23,543,800	\$25,104,600	\$25,600,200	\$2,056,400	8.7%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	
Total	\$22,764,314	\$23,543,800	\$25,104,600	\$25,600,200	\$2,056,400	8.7%

In FY 2027, compensation expenditures increase 10.2% over the FY 2026 budget due to the annualization of FY 2026 and planned FY 2027 salary adjustments. Compensation costs include funding for 145 out of 155 full time positions and 35 part time positions. Fringe benefit costs increase by 13.9% due to increasing the fringe rate from 33.5% to 34.6% to align with budgeted costs.

Operating expenditures increase 2.6% over the FY 2026 budget primarily due to an increased OIT technology allocation charge, increased funding for jury fees, and other operational costs. Capital outlay expenditures decrease by -100% due to these expenditures being transferred to operating costs.

Expenditures by Division - General Fund

Category	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
General Judicial	\$7,332,114	\$7,099,900	\$7,629,300	\$7,736,100	\$636,200	9.0%
Law Library	602,971	573,100	623,500	642,400	69,300	12.1%
Family Division: Domestic Relations	2,446,798	2,359,000	2,444,800	2,526,400	167,400	7.1%
Calendar Management	1,439,750	1,509,700	1,764,900	1,844,600	334,900	22.2%
Jury Office	1,673,475	1,767,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	(17,000)	-1.0%
Administrative Operations	9,269,206	10,235,100	10,892,100	11,100,700	865,600	8.5%
Total	\$22,764,314	\$23,543,800	\$25,104,600	\$25,600,200	\$2,056,400	8.7%

General Fund - Division Summary

Category	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
General Judicial						
Compensation	\$5,565,391	\$5,243,200	\$5,639,900	\$5,673,000	\$429,800	8.2%
Fringe Benefits	1,666,949	1,756,500	1,889,400	1,962,900	206,400	11.8%
Operating	99,774	100,200	100,000	100,200	—	0.0%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$7,332,114	\$7,099,900	\$7,629,300	\$7,736,100	\$636,200	9.0%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total General Judicial	\$7,332,114	\$7,099,900	\$7,629,300	\$7,736,100	\$636,200	9.0%
Law Library						
Compensation	\$304,593	\$272,800	\$315,700	\$325,500	\$52,700	19.3%
Fringe Benefits	92,706	91,400	105,800	112,600	21,200	23.2%
Operating	205,672	208,900	202,000	204,300	(4,600)	-2.2%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$602,971	\$573,100	\$623,500	\$642,400	\$69,300	12.1%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Law Library	\$602,971	\$573,100	\$623,500	\$642,400	\$69,300	12.1%
Family Division: Domestic Relations						
Compensation	\$1,778,097	\$1,755,000	\$1,813,300	\$1,865,000	\$110,000	6.3%
Fringe Benefits	656,291	587,900	617,400	645,300	57,400	9.8%
Operating	12,410	16,100	14,100	16,100	—	0.0%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$2,446,798	\$2,359,000	\$2,444,800	\$2,526,400	\$167,400	7.1%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Family Division: Domestic Violence	\$2,446,798	\$2,359,000	\$2,444,800	\$2,526,400	\$167,400	7.1%
Calendar Management						
Compensation	\$1,031,188	\$1,123,900	\$1,322,600	\$1,363,500	\$239,600	21.3%
Fringe Benefits	400,947	376,500	433,100	471,800	95,300	25.3%
Operating	7,615	9,300	9,200	9,300	—	0.0%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$1,439,750	\$1,509,700	\$1,764,900	\$1,844,600	\$334,900	22.2%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Calendar Management	\$1,439,750	\$1,509,700	\$1,764,900	\$1,844,600	\$334,900	22.2%

General Fund - Division Summary *(continued)*

Category	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Jury Office						
Compensation	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	
Fringe Benefits	—	—	—	—	—	
Operating	1,673,475	1,767,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	(17,000)	-1.0%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	
SubTotal	\$1,673,475	\$1,767,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	\$(17,000)	-1.0%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	
Total Jury Office	\$1,673,475	\$1,767,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	\$(17,000)	-1.0%
Administrative Operations						
Compensation	\$4,231,711	\$4,724,700	\$5,169,500	\$5,235,600	\$510,900	10.8%
Fringe Benefits	1,538,603	1,582,800	1,731,700	1,811,500	228,700	14.4%
Operating	3,498,892	3,877,600	3,990,900	4,053,600	176,000	4.5%
Capital Outlay	—	50,000	—	—	(50,000)	-100.0%
SubTotal	\$9,269,206	\$10,235,100	\$10,892,100	\$11,100,700	\$865,600	8.5%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	
Total Administrative Operations	\$9,269,206	\$10,235,100	\$10,892,100	\$11,100,700	\$865,600	8.5%
Total	\$22,764,314	\$23,543,800	\$25,104,600	\$25,600,200	\$2,056,400	8.7%

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.

- An increase in fringe benefit costs to align with projected costs.
- Operating costs remain budgeted at the same level as FY 2026.

Fiscal Summary

In FY 2027, the division expenditures increase \$636,200 or 9.0% above the FY 2026 budget. Staffing resources remain unchanged from the FY 2026 budget. The primary budget changes include:

- An increase in compensation costs due to the annualization of FY 2026 and planned FY 2027 salary adjustments.

	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$7,099,900	\$7,736,100	\$636,200	9.0%
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 2027, the division expenditures increase \$69,300 or 12.1% over the FY 2026 budget. Staffing resources remain unchanged from the FY 2026 budget. The primary budget changes include:

- An increase in personnel costs to align with anticipated salary requirements.

- An increase in fringe benefit costs to align with compensation costs.
- A decrease in operating expenses due to decreased telephone charges based on transferring services to Microsoft Teams.

	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$573,100	\$642,400	\$69,300	12.1%
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 2027, the division expenditures increase \$167,400 or 7.1% over the FY 2026 budget. Staffing resources

remain unchanged from the FY 2026 budget. The primary budget changes include:

- An increase in personnel costs to align with anticipated salary requirements.
- An increase in fringe benefits costs to align with compensation adjustments.
- Operating costs remain budgeted at the same level as FY 2026.

	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$2,359,000	\$2,526,400	\$167,400	7.1%
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%

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.

Fiscal Summary

In FY 2027, the division expenditures increase \$334,900 or 22.2% over the FY 2026 budget. Staffing resources remain unchanged from the FY 2026 budget. The primary budget changes include:

- An increase in personnel costs due to the annualization of FY 2026 and planned FY 2027 salary adjustments.
- An increase in fringe benefit costs to align with projected costs.

- Operating costs remain budgeted at the same level as FY 2026.

	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$1,509,700	\$1,844,600	\$334,900	22.2%
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 2027, the division expenditures decrease -\$17,000 or -1.0% below the FY 2026 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 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$1,767,000	\$1,750,000	\$(17,000)	-1.0%
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 2027, the division expenditures increase \$865,600 or 8.5% over the FY 2026 budget. Staffing resources remain unchanged from the FY 2026 budget. The primary budget changes include:

- An increase in personnel costs due to the annualization of FY 2026 and planned FY 2027 salary adjustments.
- An increase in fringe benefit expenses to align with anticipated costs.

- An increase in operating expenses due to an increased OIT allocation.
- A decrease in capital outlay that transferred to operating costs.

	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	
			Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Total Budget	\$10,235,100	\$11,100,700	\$865,600	8.5%
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 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Compensation	\$3,029,026	\$3,250,100	\$4,528,800	\$2,503,000	\$(747,100)	-23.0%
Fringe Benefits	881,933	1,340,300	1,508,700	779,400	(560,900)	-41.8%
Operating	1,099,824	1,065,500	1,742,200	1,025,500	(40,000)	-3.8%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	
SubTotal	\$5,010,783	\$5,655,900	\$7,779,700	\$4,307,900	\$(1,348,000)	-23.8%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	
Total	\$5,010,783	\$5,655,900	\$7,779,700	\$4,307,900	\$(1,348,000)	-23.8%

The FY 2027 proposed grant budget is \$4,307,900, a decrease of -\$1,348,000 or -23.8% below the FY 2026 approved budget. The decrease is due to elimination of the Economic Justice Initiative and Improving Victim Assistance Grants as well as a reduction to the Family Justice Legislative Initiative Grant.

Staff Summary by Division - Grant Funds

Staff Summary by Division & Grant Program	FY 2026			FY 2027		
	FT	PT	LTGF	FT	PT	LTGF
General Judicial						
Economic Justice Initiative (VAWA)	—	2	—	—	2	—
Family Justice Center: Changing Lives, Restoring Hope (VOCA)	6	—	—	6	—	—
Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office & Alternative Dispute Resolution Services (MACRO)	1	—	—	1	—	—
Office of Problem Solving Court (OPSC)	4	1	—	4	1	—
Total General Judicial	11	3	—	11	3	—
Family Division: Domestic Violence						
Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement	6	1	—	6	1	—
Family Division Legislative Initiative Grant	32	—	—	32	—	—
Total Family Division: Domestic Violence	38	1	—	38	1	—
Total	49	4	—	49	4	—

In FY 2027, funding is provided for 49 full time and four part time employees that are partially grant funded. This remains unchanged from the FY 2026 approved budget.

Grant Funds by Division

Grant Name	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
General Judicial						
BJA Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program	\$150,815	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	
Family Justice Center Camp HOPE	—	—	36,600	—	—	
Family Justice Center: Changing Lives, Restoring Hope (VOCA)	2,262	—	—	—	—	
Family Justice Center Improving Victim Assistance with Enhanced Ability to Critical Resources and Supportive Services (VOCG)	595,649	675,800	653,800	—	(675,800)	-100.0%
Justice for Vets	44,318	—	58,700	—	—	
Maryland Administrative Courts - Security Goods and Services	142,778	130,000	179,700	179,700	49,700	38.2%
Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office & Alternative Dispute Resolution Services (MACRO)	89,275	89,300	98,800	102,200	12,900	14.4%
Office of Problem Solving Courts (OPSC)	526,565	642,200	482,600	482,600	(159,600)	-24.9%
Veterans Treatment Court	118,102	—	—	—	—	
Total General Judicial	\$1,669,764	\$1,537,300	\$1,510,200	\$764,500	\$(772,800)	-50.3%
Family Division: Domestic Violence						
Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement (CRA)	\$877,838	\$798,100	\$768,600	\$768,600	\$(29,500)	-3.7%
Economic Justice Initiative (VAWA)	46,433	66,800	24,800	—	(66,800)	-100.0%
Family Division Legislative Initiative	2,074,019	2,782,500	2,343,600	2,343,600	(438,900)	-15.8%
Office of Violence Against Women (OVW): Improving Criminal Justice Response	342,729	—	—	—	—	
Maryland Victims of Crime - Optimizing Survivors Access to Justice and Supportive Services	—	40,000	—	—	(40,000)	-100.0%
Total Family Division: Domestic Violence	\$3,341,019	\$3,687,400	\$3,137,000	\$3,112,200	\$(575,200)	-15.6%
Subtotal	\$5,010,783	\$5,224,700	\$4,647,200	\$3,876,700	\$(1,348,000)	-25.8%
Total Transfer from General Fund - (County Contribution/Cash Match)		431,200	466,700	431,200	—	0.0%
Total	\$5,010,783	\$5,655,900	\$5,113,900	\$4,307,900	\$(1,348,000)	-23.8%

Grant Descriptions

COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT -- \$768,600

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.

FAMILY DIVISION LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE GRANT -- \$2,343,600

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 MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION OFFICE AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES (MACRO) -- \$102,200

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.

OFFICE OF PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS-OPSC (ADULT DRUG COURT, JUVENILE DRUG COURT, RE-ENTRY COURT, AND VETERANS COURT PROGRAMS) -- \$482,600

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.

MARYLAND ADMINISTRATIVE COURTS – SECURITY OF GOODS AND SERVICES -- \$179,700

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 in 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

All Civil numbers include the additional of Judgment - State Tax Liens. This case type significantly adds to total counts when evaluating Civil case processing. For instance, in FY 2024, the Circuit Court saw 10,354 filings and 17,703 terminations of original Judgment--State Tax Lien cases. In FY 2025, this number jumped to 22,342 filings and 31,474 terminations. (2) All Family numbers include the addition of cases designated in case management system as Probate. This includes Assume Jurisdiction, Authorization for Specific Transaction, Emergency Evaluation/Involuntary Admission, Foreign Guardianship, Guardianship - Adult Person, Guardianship - Adult Person and Property, Guardianship - Adult Property, Guardianship - Minor Person, Guardianship - Minor Person and Property, and Guardianship - Minor Property.

Note: FY 2024 Actuals for "Number of juvenile cases reopened," "Number of family cases reopened," "Number of civil cases reopened," and "Number of juvenile cases filed" have been restated for accuracy.

Performance Measures					
Measure Name	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimated	FY 2027 Projected
Workload, Demand and Production					
Number of criminal cases filed	3,371	3,032	2,830	2,948	2,859
Number of civil cases filed	26,700	26,172	37,181	37,415	37,056
Foreclosure filings (also included above)	2,026	1,620	1,639	1,620	1,637
Number of family cases filed	8,336	8,970	10,568	10,849	10,269
Number of juvenile cases filed (delinquency, children in need of assistance, termination of parental rights, and adoption)	841	1,085	918	947	983
Number of criminal cases reopened	780	753	960	920	839
Number of civil cases reopened	203	226	340	355	549
Number of family cases reopened	3,564	3,108	3,281	3,015	3,291
Number of juvenile cases reopened (delinquency, CINA, termination of parental rights, and adoption)	23	17	20	22	26
Total	45,844	44,983	57,737	58,091	57,509
Total Trials Held					
Criminal Trials Held	739	1,030	861	826	843
Civil Trials Held	1,023	774	529	751	677
Family Trials (Merits) Held	828	1,036	1,364	1,289	1,303
Total	2,590	2,840	2,754	2,866	2,823
Total Hearings Held					
Criminal Hearings Held	15,396	11,791	11,081	11,786	12,027
Civil Hearings Held	2,122	1,915	1,756	1,771	1,786
Family Hearings Held	20,132	869	15,398	16,822	16,986
Juvenile Hearings Held	4,232	4,048	6,169	5,939	6,017
Total	41,882	18,623	34,404	36,318	36,816

