



Circuit Court FY 2027 Budget Overview

Budget & Policy Analysis Division

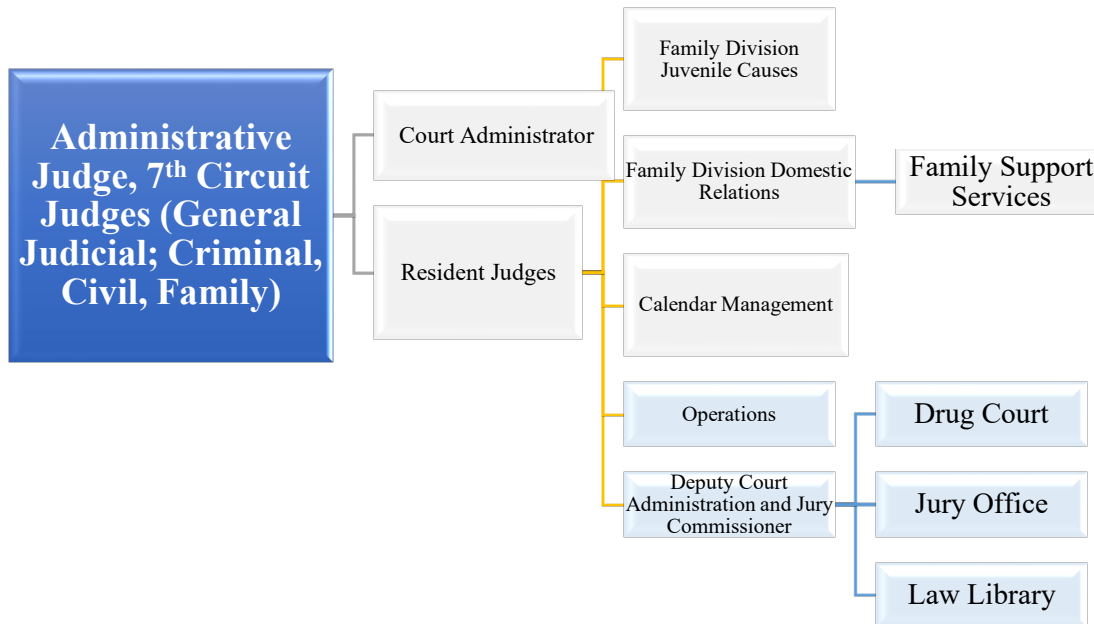
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Department Name: Circuit Court

Mission

- 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

Proposed FY 2027

\$29.4 Million

Increase of
\$708,400 or
2.5%

General Fund (86.8%), Grant Fund (13.2%)

Increase Cost

**Mandated
Salary
Requirements**

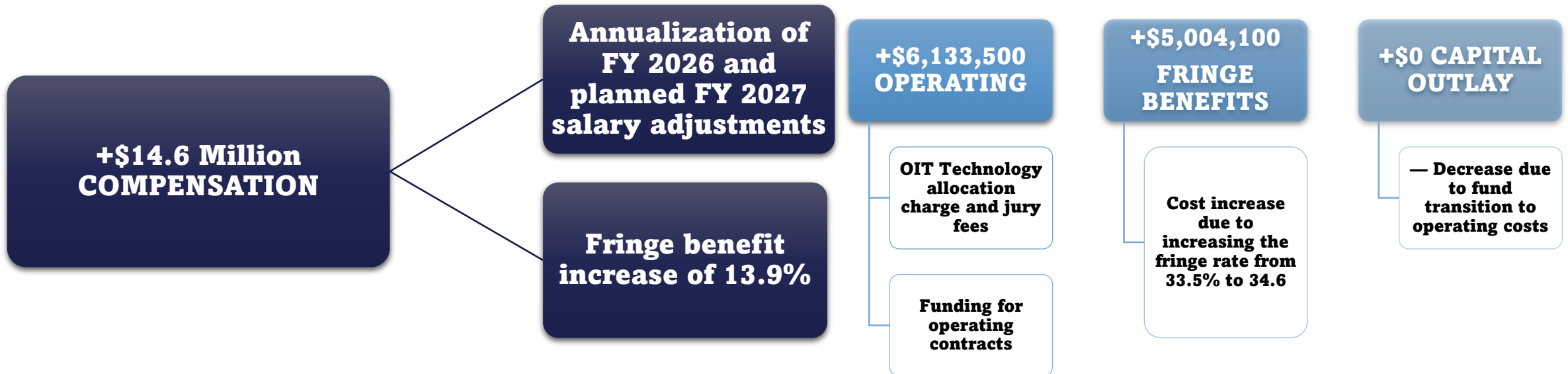
**Technology
Cost Allocation**

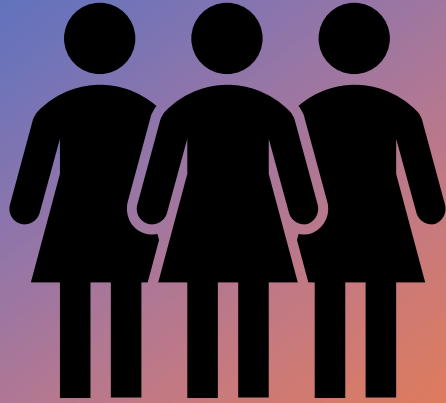
Capital Outlay

Operating



GENERAL FUND OVERVIEW





FULL TIME
CIVILIAN

• Unchanged - 155

PART TIME

• Unchanged - 36

Grant Funded
Full-Time

• Unchanged - 49

Grant Funded
Part-Time

• Unchanged - 4



STAFF AND BUDGET RESOURCES

Authorized Positions	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27
General Fund				
Full Time - Civilian	155	155	155	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Subtotal - FT	155	155	155	0
Part Time	36	36	36	0
Limited Term	0	0	0	0

Grant Program Funds

Full Time - Civilian	51	49	49	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Subtotal - FT	51	49	49	0
Part Time	2	4	4	0
Limited Term	0	0	0	0

TOTAL

Full Time - Civilian	206	204	204	0
Full Time - Sworn	0	0	0	0
Subtotal - FT	206	204	204	0
Part Time	38	40	40	0
Limited Term	0	0	0	0

VACANCY

As of March 13, 2026, 136 of their 155 General Funded full-time positions are filled, and 35 of their 36 part-time positions are filled.

The proposed FY 2027 budget includes 30 vacant positions of which 19 are full-time funded positions. Eleven (11) of these full-time positions are unfunded. For Grant-funded positions there are eleven (11) full-time positions that are funded.

The Court reported that its current rate of attrition is 2.1% which has amounted to 12 employees leaving the Court (13 resignations and 1 regular retirements).

In FY 2027, grant funding is anticipated for 49 full-time and four (4) part-time positions. Representing no change from FY 2026

IT

FY 2026

- ❖ Completed (or projected to be complete) in FY 2026
- High Tech Courtrooms M1404, M1405, M1409
- Upgrade the JAS video communications to an Office area

FY 2027


- ❖ New Initiatives planned for FY 2027
- Barrier Gates – East and West Side
- Upgrade PA system in JAS
- Removal of Microphones in Marbury Expansion Courtrooms
- High Tech Courtroom D2016
- Replace Exterior Cameras EOL


PROGRAMMATIC UPDATES


- ❖ The Prince George's County Circuit Court currently has 25 sitting judges and eight (8) (seven assigned to domestic matters and one to foreclosure). Three Judicial seats remain vacant. Additionally, the Circuit Court continues to utilize visiting and retired judges to help meet staffing needs in FY 2025 and in FY 2026.
- ❖ The Court's caseload increased from 45,844 total cases in FY 2023 to 44,983 cases in FY 2024, to 57,737 cases in FY 2025, and an estimated increase to 58,091 in FY 2026. The Court projects the caseload to decrease for FY 2027 to 57,509. *See the FY 2027 Proposed Operating Budget book pg. 307 for a breakdown of the different types of cases that support the presented numbers.*
- ❖ The Court's foreclosure process includes mediation services that defendants may request prior to the sale of their property. In CY 2025, the Court received 2,151 foreclosure filings with 195 requests for mediation in FY 2025. In CY 2026, as of April 9, 2026, the Court has received 439 foreclosure filings with 44 requests for mediation in FY 2026.
- ❖ The Family Justice Center (FJC) has experienced a decrease in clients served from FY 2025 to FY 2026 YTD. Between July 2025 and March 2026, the Center has served 1,334 clients to date. The Court provided that in FY 2025 there were 1,542 clients serviced. Additional resources and services may be required to address community needs better.



THANK YOU

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