



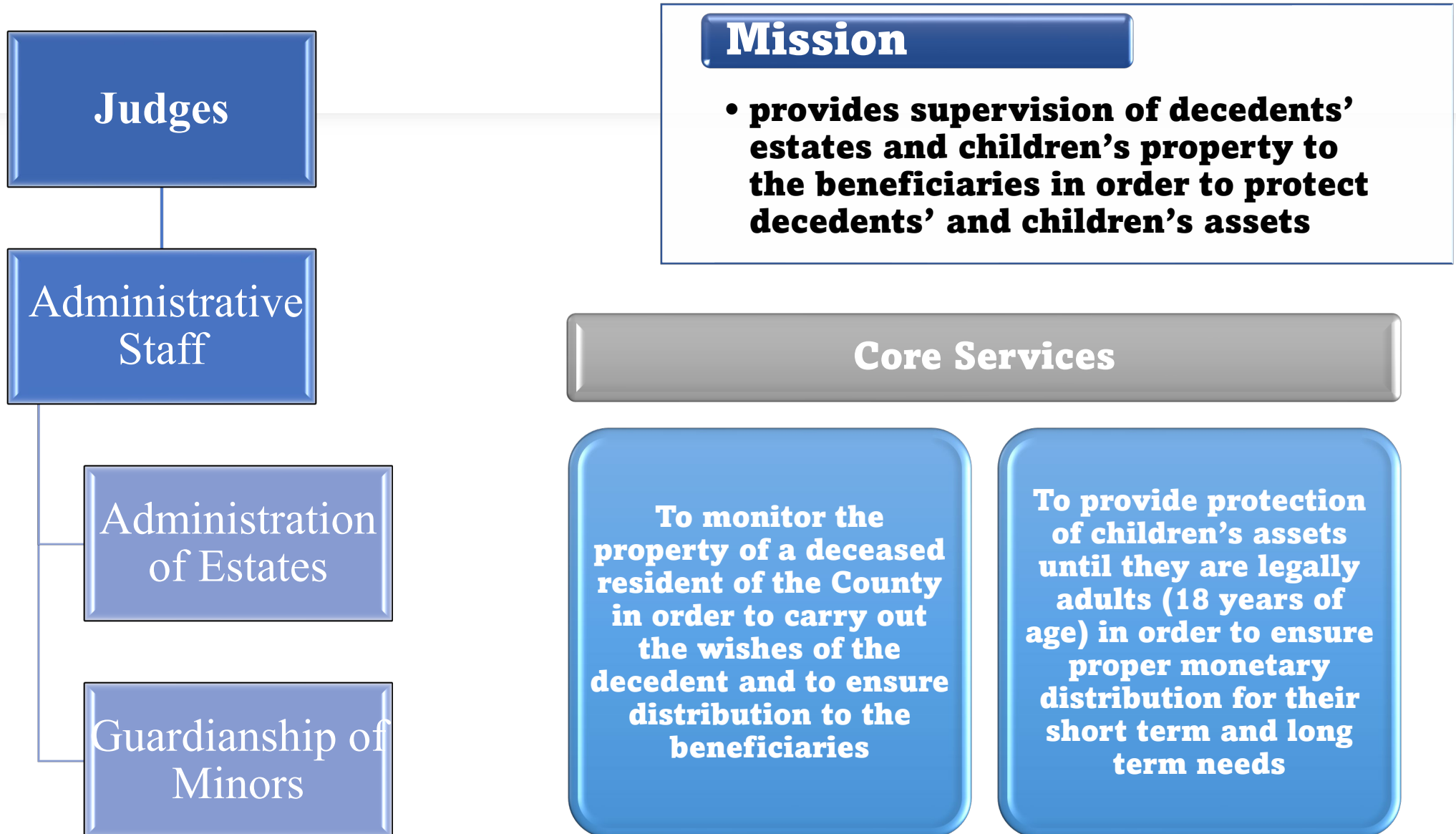
ORPHANS' COURT FY 2027 BUDGET OVERVIEW

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Strategic Focus FY 2027



Increase the number of decedents' assets that are intact through having one sitting judge review caseload and dockets

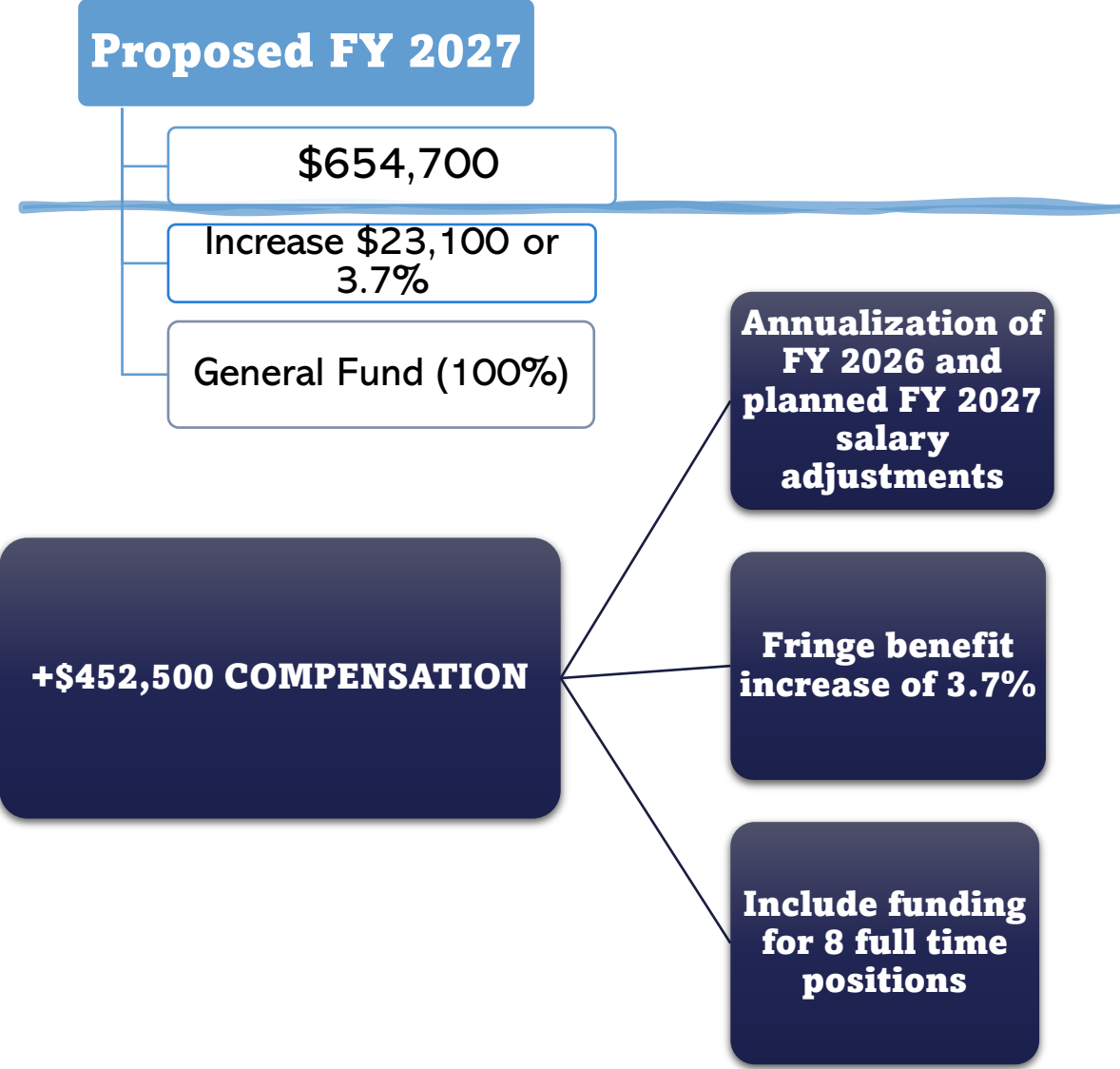


Increase the number of guardianships with assets intact through having one sitting judge review caseload and dockets



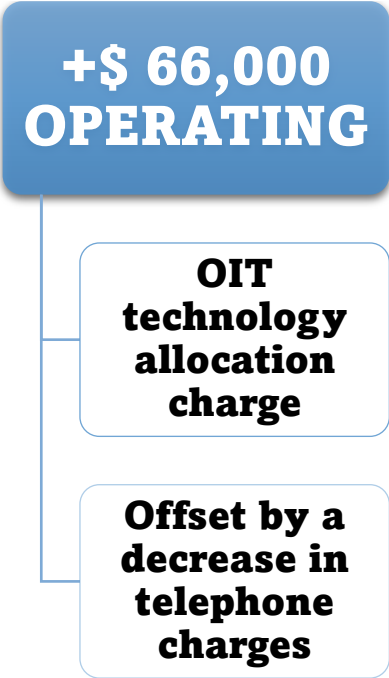
Provide residents the opportunity for mediation, and/or collaborative process and settlement conferences in resolving probate matters through the Orphans' Courts ADR program

FY 2027 BUDGET SUMMARY



Expenditures by Category - General Fund

Category	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Estimate	FY 2027 Proposed	Change FY26-FY27	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Compensation	\$380,576	\$436,000	\$416,700	\$452,500	\$16,500	3.8%
Fringe Benefits	97,931	131,400	102,100	136,200	4,800	3.7%
Operating	59,382	64,200	60,300	66,000	1,800	2.8%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$537,889	\$631,600	\$579,100	\$654,700	\$23,100	3.7%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	\$537,889	\$631,600	\$579,100	\$654,700	\$23,100	3.7%



STAFFING

FULL

TIME

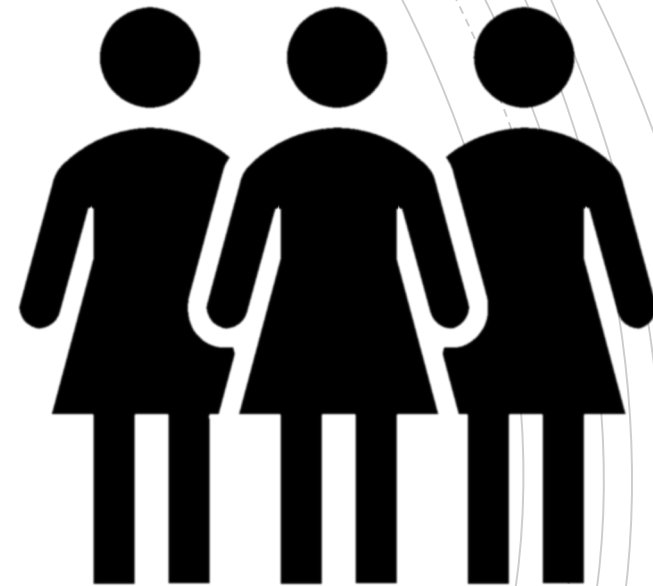
CIVILIAN

– FY 2027

Proposed

8 Full time Civilian

positions



VACANCY

As of March 12, 2026, 6 out of 8 General Fund authorized Full-Time Civilian positions were filled

As of March 12, 2026, 2 full-time civilian positions were reported as vacant, representing a 25% vacancy rate

The (2) vacant positions are the Law Clerk I and Administrative Assistant 1

UPDATES

Currently, the Court continues to review cases for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)



ADR program has been without funding and staffing for the ADR position

As of March 12, 2026


- ❖ 2,446 estate cases are open
- ❖ 1,295 estate cases have been closed in FY 2026
 - ❖ From FY 2023 – FY 2026 (YTD)
- ❖ 11,847 estate cases have been opened
- ❖ 7,612 have been closed


As of March 12, 2026


- ❖ 20 guardianship cases are open
- ❖ 26 guardianship cases have been closed in FY 2026
 - ❖ From FY 2023 – FY 2026 (YTD)
- ❖ 160 guardianship cases have been opened
- ❖ 201 have been closed



THANK YOU

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