



Circuit Court FY 2026 Budget Overview

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Agenda

Department Overview

Agency Budget Summary

General Funds

Recoveries

Grant Funds

Staffing

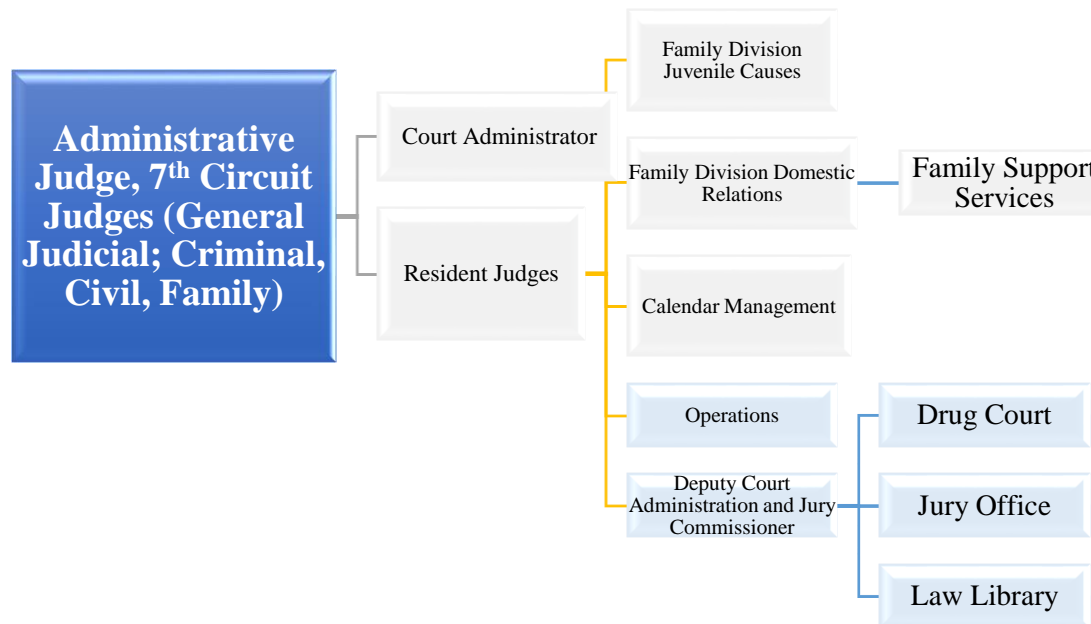
Vacancy

Equipment & IT

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 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.

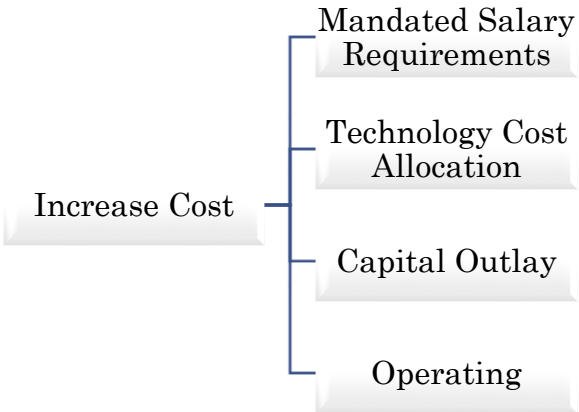
FY 2026 BUD SUMMARY

Proposed
FY 2026

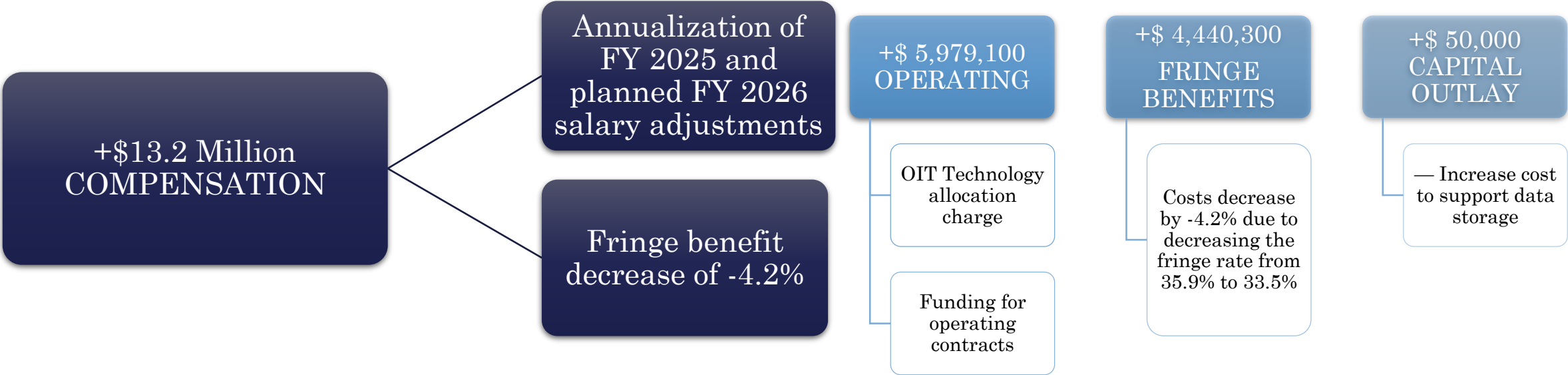
\$28.9 Million

Increase of
\$1,433,800 or
5.0%

General Fund (82.1%), Grant Fund (17.9%)



GENERAL FUND OVERVIEW





STAFFING

FULL TIME
CIVILIAN

- Unchanged

FULL TIME
SWORN

- N/A

PART TIME

- Unchanged

Grant Funded
Full-Time

- -2

Grant Funded
Part-Time

- +2



VACANCY

As of March 10, 2024, 133 of their 155 General Funded full-time positions are filled, and 36 of their 36 part-time positions are filled.

The proposed FY 2026 budget includes 30 vacant positions of which 22 are full-time funded positions. Twelve (12) of these full-time positions are unfunded. For Grant-funded positions there are eight (8) full-time positions that are funded. The Court reported that its current rate of attrition is 1% which has amounted to 12 employees leaving the Court (10 resignations and 2 regular retirements).

In FY 2026, grant funding is anticipated for 49 full-time and four (4) part-time positions. This is a change from FY 2025 due to a reallocation of two full-time positions to part-time.

IT

FY 2025

- Completed all cameras in the courthouse cells
 - Bourne
 - Marbury
 - Marbury Expansion
- Installation of sub-command center (into FY 2026)

FY 2026

- Courthouse Exterior/Interior Project
 - Installation of arm security barrier
 - Judges Drive
 - Water Street

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 39,612 total cases in FY 2022 to 45,844 cases in FY 2023, to 47,604 cases in FY 2024, and an estimated increase to 49,333 in FY 2025. The Court projects the caseload to increase for FY 2026 to 51,920. *See the FY 2026 Proposed Operating Budget book pg. 301 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 2024, the Court received 1,817 foreclosure filings with 264 requests for mediation in FY 2024. In CY 2025, as of March 28, 2025, the Court has received 328 foreclosure filings with 114 requests for mediation in FY 2025.
- ❖ The Family Justice Center (FJC) has experienced a decrease in clients served from FY 2024 to FY 2025 YTD. Between July 2024 and March 2025, the Center has served 1,179 clients to date. The Court provided that in FY 2024 there were 1,657 clients serviced. However, the Court stated that *"the variance between FY 2024 and FY 2025 to date is 478. We anticipate reaching the FY 2024 Actuals by the end of the fiscal year due to an increase in the number of clients seeking services. We serve an average of 250 clients per month"*. Additional resources and services may be required to address community needs better.



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