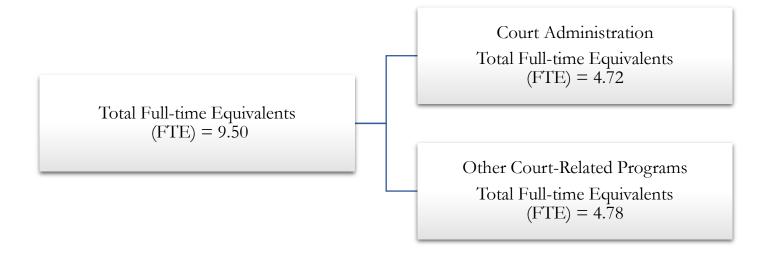
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The Judicial section of the Leon County FY 2026 Annual Budget is comprised of Court Administration and Other Court-Related Programs, the State Attorney, the Public Defender, and Guardian Ad Litem.

Court Administration protects rights and liberties, upholds and interprets the law, and provides for the peaceful resolution of disputes for citizens of Leon County and other surrounding counties in the 2nd Judicial Circuit. Additionally, Court Administration is responsible for court reporting, the law library, family law assistance program, family visitation program, mediation, teen court, non-conflict attorney, detention review coordination, mental health coordination, and indigent probate services. The State Attorney prosecutes all criminal cases in the 2nd Judicial Circuit for the punishment of crimes and the safety and protection of the public. The Public Defender's office provides quality legal representation to all indigents charged with criminal offenses. Guardian Ad Litem advocates for the best interest of children who are abused, neglected, or abandoned, and who are involved in court proceedings.

Highlights

The Mental Health Coordinator continues to provide case management services for all mentally ill defendants with criminal charges pending in Leon County. It's estimated that 77,885 jail beds and \$8.4 million in costs will be avoided in FY 2026 due to Mental Health Coordinator intervention.

Teen Court continues to be one of the most successful and cost-effective juvenile diversion programs. The recidivism rate, a key indicator of the program's success, is reported on graduates that re-offend within one year of completing the program. It is estimated that only 3.45% of graduates will re-offend in FY 2026.

Beginning in FY 2016, at the request of the Court Administration, the Board approved the creation of the Veteran's Court, which is funded annually by the State of Florida. The Veteran's Court provides felony and/or misdemeanor pretrial or post-adjudicatory veterans' treatment intervention programs to address the substance abuse and/or mental health treatment needs of veterans and service members charged with, on probation or community control for criminal offenses. An estimated 52 defendants will be served by the Veteran's Court in FY 2026.

In FY 2017, the State Attorney's Office established a new diversion program to address minor offenses through community interventions. The State Attorney's Office will receive and handle approximately 5,500 felony referrals, 700 juvenile referrals, and 5,500 misdemeanor referrals in FY 2026. The State Attorney Office continues to provide efficient and effective prosecution and dispositions of all felony, misdemeanor, and juvenile criminal cases referred. The County continues to provide additional funding support for first appearance attorneys to assist in reducing the jail population.

The Public Defender's Office estimates a total of 8,800 cases to be closed in FY 2026. The Public Defender's office continues to provide quality legal representation to all indigents charged with criminal offenses. The County continues to provide additional funding support for first appearance attorneys to assist in reducing the jail population.

Guardian Ad Litem continues to provide children with legal representation and advocacy services. In FY 2026, Guardian Ad Litem will represent approximately 568 children who are residents of Leon County.

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	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Budgetary Costs	Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Personnel Services	457,264	625,663	579,269	-	579,269	595,430
Operating	233,651	255,401	232,959	-	232,959	236,025
Capital Outlay	-	28,595	28,595	-	28,595	28,595
Grants-in-Aid	301,500	301,500	301,500	-	301,500	301,500
Total Budgetary Costs	992,415	1,211,159	1,142,323	-	1,142,323	1,161,550
	EW 2024	EV 2025	EV 2026	EN 2026	EN 2026	EV 2025
A	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Appropriations	Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Court Administration	275,100	356,551	382,491	-	382,491	394,704
Other Court-Related Programs	445,043	593,733	518,957	-	518,957	525,971
State Attorney	133,426	120,026	100,026	-	100,026	100,026
Public Defender	126,277	120,192	120,192	-	120,192	120,192
Guardian Ad Litem	12,570	20,657	20,657	-	20,657	20,657
Total Budget	992,415	1,211,159	1,142,323	-	1,142,323	1,161,550
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Funding Sources	Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
001 General Fund	287,669	377,208	403,148	-	403,148	415,361
110 Fine and Forfeiture	517,203	497,718	477,718	-	477,718	477,718
114 Family Law Legal Services	43,191	50,705	49,012	-	49,012	48,587
117 Judicial Programs	144,352	285,528	212,445	-	212,445	219,884
Total Revenues	992,415	1,211,159	1,142,323	-	1,142,323	1,161,550
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Staffing Summary	Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Court Administration	4.00	4.00	4.72	-	4.72	4.72
Other Court-Related Programs	5.50	5.50	4.78	-	4.78	4.78
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	9.50	9.50	9.50	-	9.50	9.50
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Co	urt Admin	istration	Summary			
Budgetary Costs	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Personnel Services	245,151	319,052	344,992	-	344,992	357,205
Operating	29,948	37,499	37,499	-	37,499	37,499
Total Budgetary Costs	275,100	356,551	382,491	-	382,491	394,704
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Appropriations Court Administration (001-540-601)	Actual 265,085	353,833	Continuation 379,773	Issues	Budget 379,773	391,986
Court Information Systems (001-540-713)	10,015	2,718	2,718	-	2,718	2,718
Total Budget	275,100	356,551	382,491	-	382,491	394,704
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Funding Sources	Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
001 General Fund	275,100	356,551	382,491	-	382,491	394,704
Total Revenues	275,100	356,551	382,491	-	382,491	394,704
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Staffing Summary	Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Court Administration	4.00	4.00	4.72	-	4.72	4.72
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	4.00	4.00	4.72	-	4.72	4.72



Court Administration (001-540-601)

Goal	The goal of the Office of Court Administration's Criminal Court Case Management Unit is to provide judicial case management for all cases in Leon County's criminal justice system to reduce delays in case disposition and/or defendant release.
Objectives	 Criminal Case Management: Oversight and supervision of Mental Health dockets, Veterans Treatment Court, and Felony Drug Court. Performs early identification of all veterans and persons diagnosed with a mental illness booked into the Leon County Detention facility. Provides judicial case management services for all defendants. Specifically, those defendants who are 1) diagnosed with a mental illness, 2) participating in the Leon County Felony Drug Court program, or 3) participating in the Leon County Veterans Treatment Court program. Reviews, enhances and coordinates all criminal court processes. Staffs the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC) and attends the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC). Provides training and oversight of court approved risk assessment tools. Coordinates bi-weekly multi-disciplinary team staffing for all adult problem-solving courts and/or dockets. Provides weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly case ageing reports to court parties. Serves as Court Liaisons for case review and management with all outside agencies. Collaborates with the Big Bend Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training program. Monitors detention facility population to identify cases for efficient disposition.
Statutory Responsibilities	Florida Constitution; Florida Statutes, Chapters 29 "Court System Funding" *Chapter 34 "County Courts" *Chapter 38 "Judges: General Provisions" *Chapter 39 "Judicial: Proceedings Relating to Children" *Chapter 40 "Jurors & Payment of Jurors & Witnesses" *Chapter 43 "General Provisions: Courts"
Advisory Board	Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee; Public Safety Coordinating Council; Justice Information System Users Group, and attendant at First Steps board meetings.

Performance Measures				
Performance Measures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Estimate
Number of Jail Beds Avoided Due to Criminal Case Management Unit Intervention. ¹	54,796	71,150	70,126	77,885
Estimated Cost Avoidance Due to Criminal Case Management Unit Intervention. ²	\$5.12 million	\$7.5 million	\$7.8 million	\$8.4 million
Number of Defendants Ordered to a Psychiatric Facility for Stabilization. ³	77	100	67	45
Number of Defendants Found to be Incompetent to Proceed. ⁴	146	130	135	144
Number of Misdemeanor Defendants Found to be ITP with Administrative Community Release. ⁵	74	85	100	118
Number of Defendants served by Veterans Treatment Court (VTC). 6	24	42	47	52
Number of Defendants served by Felony Drug Court (FDC).7	17	19	36	53

Notes:

- Jail bed days avoided indicates cases where staff provided case management services that resulted in treatment in facilities other than the detention facility or where case disposition was expedited.
- 2. Cost per day for the detention facility used in calculations is \$93.58 for FY 2023, \$104.81 for FY 2024, and \$104.81 for FY 2025.
- 3. Number of Defendants ordered to a psychiatric facility for stabilization indicates community-based care at Baker Act facilities in Leon County.
- 4. Number of Defendants found Incompetent to Proceed indicates defendants receiving competency restoration services at State mental health facilities or in the community. These cases are paused/stayed but monitored by staff until competency is restored by the court.
- 5. Number of Defendants with misdemeanor charges found incompetent to proceed but released into the community to continue treatment until the case is dismissed by the court. Staff typically monitor cases for six to twelve months to track for dismissal.
- 6. Veterans Treatment Court is a 12-month program with a diversionary and a post adjudication track. Successful completion of the diversion track results in case dismissal. Successful completion of the post adjudication track could result in early termination of probation. Participants receive treatment in the community versus remaining in custody for the duration of the program. Staff provide case management and intervention services throughout the program.
- 7. Felony Drug Court is a 12-month diversion program where treatment is provided in the community instead of the detention facility. Successful completion of the program results in case dismissal. Staff provide case management and intervention services for the duration of the program.

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Court Administration - Court Administration (001-540-601)

Budgetary Costs FY 2024 Actual Adopted Continuation FY 2026 Issue FY 2026 Budget Budget Budget Budget Budget Stripper Personnel Services Operating Operating Operating Total Budgetary Costs 245,151 319,052 344,992 357,205 347,81 34,7					`	,		
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Total Budgetary Costs 265,085 353,833 379,773 - 379,773 391,986	Personnel Services		245,151	319,052	344,992	-	344,992	357,205
FY 2024	Operating		19,933	34,781	34,781	-	34,781	34,781
Funding Sources Actual Adopted Continuation Issues Budget Budget 001 General Fund 265,085 353,833 379,773 - 379,773 391,986 Staffing Summary FY 2024 FY 2025 FY 2026 FY 2026 FY 2026 FY 2026 FY 2026 FY 2026 Budget IT Technical Support Specialist II 1.00 1.00 1.00 - 1.00 1.00 Criminal Court Specialist - - - 1.00 - 1.00 1.00 Criminal Court Specialist 2.00 2.00 1.00 - 1.00 1.00 Criminal Court Coordinator 1.00 1.00 1.00 - 1.00 1.00 Trial Court Marshal - - - 0.72 - 0.72 0.72		Total Budgetary Costs	265,085	353,833	379,773	-	379,773	391,986
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Criminal Court Coordinator 1.00 1.00 1.00 - 1.00 1.00 Trial Court Marshal - - 0.72 - 0.72 0.72 0.72	Criminal Court Specialist	-	-	_	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Trial Court Marshal - - 0.72 - 0.72 0.72	Criminal Court Specialist	-	2.00	2.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
	Criminal Court Coordina	itor	1.00	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) 4.00 4.00 4.72 - 4.72 4.72	Trial Court Marshal		-	-	0.72	-	0.72	0.72
	Total Fu	ll-Time Equivalents (FTE)	4.00	4.00	4.72	-	4.72	4.72

The major variances for the FY 2026 Court Administration budget are as follows:

Increases to Program Funding:

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^{1.} Costs associated with increases in the County's portion of retirement rates passed by the Florida Legislature, health insurance premium rates, workers' compensation costs, and funding for 5% raises for all employees.

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Total Revenues

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Court Administration - Court Information Systems (001-540-713)

		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Budgetary Costs		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Operating		10,015	2,718	2,718	-	2,718	2,718
	Total Budgetary Costs	10,015	2,718	2,718	-	2,718	2,718
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Funding Sources		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
001 General Fund		10,015	2,718	2,718	-	2,718	2,718

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In FY 2008 new reporting requirements for Article V entities were implemented. Effective July 1, 2004 Article V of the Florida Constitution required counties provide funding for certain costs incurred by the state court system. As defined in s. 29.008, F.S., counties must fund the following: (1) Communications services, including telephone expenses, computer equipment/networks, courier/subpoena services, and auxiliary aids; (2) Existing radio systems; (3) Existing multi agency criminal justice information systems; (4) Facilities costs including construction or lease of facilities for court functions, maintenance of these facilities, utility costs, security; and (5) Local Requirements including Legal Aid.

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		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Budgetary Costs		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Personnel Services		138,113	232,611	160,277	-	160,277	164,225
Operating		5,431	31,027	28,585	-	28,585	31,651
Capital Outlay		-	28,595	28,595	-	28,595	28,595
Grants-in-Aid		301,500	301,500	301,500	-	301,500	301,500
	Total Budgetary Costs	445,043	593,733	518,957	-	518,957	525,971

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Appropriations	Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Alternative Juvenile Programs (117-509-569)	69,325	61,343	49,605	-	49,605	51,291
Court Administration - Teen Court (114-586-662)	43,191	50,705	49,012	-	49,012	48,587
Judicial Programs/Article V (117-548-662)	31,027	151,590	90,245	-	90,245	95,998
Law Library (117-546-714)	-	28,595	28,595	-	28,595	28,595
Legal Aid - Court (117-555-715)	44,000	44,000	44,000	-	44,000	44,000
Legal Aid (110-555-715)	257,500	257,500	257,500	-	257,500	257,500
Total Budget	445,043	593,733	518,957	-	518,957	525,971

		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Funding Sources		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
110 Fine and Forfeiture		257,500	257,500	257,500	-	257,500	257,500
114 Family Law Legal Services		43,191	50,705	49,012	-	49,012	48,587
117 Judicial Programs		144,352	285,528	212,445	-	212,445	219,884
_	Total Revenues	445,043	593,733	518,957	-	518,957	525,971

FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
1.00	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
1.00	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
3.50	3.50	2.78	-	2.78	2.78
5.50	5.50	4.78	-	4.78	4.78
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Other Court-Related Programs - Legal Aid (110-555-715)

		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Budgetary Costs		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Grants-in-Aid		257,500	257,500	257,500	-	257,500	257,500
	Total Budgetary Costs	257,500	257,500	257,500	-	257,500	257,500
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Funding Sources		FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Funding Sources 110 Fine and Forfeiture							

Pursuant to Article V, Section 14, of the Florida Constitution, and Section 29.008, Florida Statutes, Leon County is required to fund specific costs of the court system including legal aid programs. These services must be funded county-wide at a level equal to or greater than the amount provided for during FY 2003, approximately \$110,000 total. Since 2004, the County has contracted annually with Legal Services and the Legal Aid Foundation to meet and/ or exceed the Article V legal aid requirement. The Board, in its discretion, increased funding for Legal Services in FY 2008 from \$66,000 to \$132,500 to expand services for indigent residents. Based on Board direction at the March 19, 2024 meeting, Legal Services' \$132,500 Article V allocation was increased by an additional \$125,000, for a total of \$257,500.

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Court Administration - Teen Court (114-586-662)

Goal	The goal of Teen Court is to have clients face a jury of their peers, receive a fair and just sentence for their crime, complete the educational sanctions imposed by the Teen Court jury, learn from their mistakes, set goals for themselves, and make better decisions in the future.
Objectives	 Provide a forum whereby youthful offenders are "sentenced" by a court of their peers. Provide sanctions to offenders through sentencing hearings. Provide professional, educational, and counseling services and/or referrals to clients of the program. Provide training for teens to serve as prosecution and defense attorneys, as well as bailiffs, clerks and videographers. Provide educational/crime prevention/victim's awareness components to clients.
Statutory Responsibilities	Florida Statutes, Chapter 938.19. Assessment of additional court costs; Leon County Ordinance Sec. 7-28(c). Teen Court is a member of the Florida Association of Teen Courts, as well as a participant in the National Youth
Advisory Board	Court Association. Collectively, program staff participates with the Juvenile Services Staffing team at the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC).

Performance Measures								
Performance Measures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Estimates	FY 2026 Estimates				
Number of Cases Referred to Teen Court.	55	50	53	53				
Number of Hours Active Officers Have Served. ¹	810	1,119	925	951				
Number of Hours Teen Volunteers Have Served as Jurors.	834	963	899	899				
Number of Volunteer Service Hours Contributed. ²	2,070	2,691	2,381	2,381				
Number of Successful Completions.	46	38	42	42				
Percentage of Re-Offenders (Recidivism). ³	4.3%	2.6%	3.45%	3.45%				
Number of Classroom to Courtroom Field Trips and Presentations. ⁴	45	44	45	45				

Notes:

- 1. "Officers" refers to Teens (students) volunteering from Leon County School district high schools serving as officers (e.g., attorneys, clerks, and bailiff positions) in teen court proceedings.
- 2. The number of volunteer service hours contributed reflects both the number of hours youth participate and the number of adult volunteer hours. This includes Classroom to Courtroom volunteers.
- 3. Teen Court recidivism rates will be reported on graduates that re-offend within one year of completing the program.
- 4. Teen Court facilitates courthouse visits and presentations for student and educational groups.

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Other Court-Related Programs - Court Administration - Teen Court (114-586-662)

		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Budgetary Costs		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Personnel Services		38,690	38,178	35,861	-	35,861	35,436
Operating		4,501	12,527	13,151	-	13,151	13,151
	Total Budgetary Costs	43,191	50,705	49,012		49,012	48,587

		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Funding Sources		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
114 Family Law Legal Services		43,191	50,705	49,012	-	49,012	48,587
	Total Revenues	43,191	50,705	49,012	-	49,012	48,587

Staffing Summary	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Education Coordinator	0.50	0.50	-	-	_	_
Case Coordinator	-	-	0.50	-	0.50	0.50
Family Court Specialist	0.50	0.50	0.50	-	0.50	0.50
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	1.00	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00

The major variances for the FY 2026 Teen Court budget are as follows:

Increases to Program Funding:

1. Other operating cost for office supplies to support court programs.

Decreases to Program Funding:

1. Cost savings associated with staff turnover.

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Other Court-Related Programs - Alternative Juvenile Programs (117-509-569)

		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Budgetary Costs		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Personnel Services		69,075	57,843	46,105	-	46,105	47,791
Operating		250	3,500	3,500	-	3,500	3,500
	Total Budgetary Costs	69,325	61,343	49,605	-	49,605	51,291
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Funding Sources		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
117 Indicial Programs	_	69.325	61.343	49.605	_	49,605	51.291

		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Funding Sources		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
117 Judicial Programs		69,325	61,343	49,605	-	49,605	51,291
	Total Revenues	69,325	61,343	49,605	_	49,605	51.291

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Staffing Summary	Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Juvenile Alt. Sanction Coord	1.00	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	1.00	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00

On June 8, 2004 the Board of County Commissioners authorized the imposition of a \$65 criminal violation court costs. In accordance with Florida Statutes and the enabling County Ordinance, the proceeds from the \$65.00 fine are to be used as follows: 25% to supplement State funding requirements related to the implementation of a Statewide court system or to pay for local requirements; 25% to be used to fund legal aid programs; 25% to be used to fund law library personnel and materials; and 25% to be used to fund alternative juvenile programs. At the end of the fiscal year, any fund balance remaining shall be spent in subsequent fiscal years for the funding of either state or local requirements.

The major variances for the FY 2026 Alternative Juvenile Programs budget are as follows:

Decreases in Program Funding:

1. Cost savings associated with staff turnover.

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Total Revenues

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Other Court-Related Programs - Law Library (117-546-714)

		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Budgetary Costs		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Capital Outlay		-	28,595	28,595	-	28,595	28,595
	Total Budgetary Costs	=	28,595	28,595	-	28,595	28,595
Funding Sources		FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
		Actual			155005		
117 Judicial Programs		-	28,595	28,595	-	28,595	28,595

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Other Court-Related Programs - Judicial Programs/Article V (117-548-662)

Budgetary Costs		FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Personnel Services		30,348	136,590	78,311	-	78,311	80,998
Operating		679	15,000	11,934	-	11,934	15,000
	Total Budgetary Costs	31,027	151,590	90,245	-	90,245	95,998
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Funding Sources		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
117 Judicial Programs		31,027	151,590	90,245	-	90,245	95,998
	Total Revenues	31,027	151,590	90,245	-	90,245	95,998
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Staffing Summary		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Family Court Specialist		0.50	0.50	0.50	-	0.50	0.50
Administrative Secretary I		-	-	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Court Operations Consultan	t	1.00	1.00	-	-	-	-
Trial Court Marshal		1.00	-	0.28	-	0.28	0.28
Senior Court Operations Co.	nsultant		1.00	-	-	-	-

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Decreases to Program Funding:

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Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)

^{1.} Cost savings associated with staff turnover.

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Other Court-Related Programs - Legal Aid - Court (117-555-715)

Budgetary Costs		FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Grants-in-Aid		44,000	44,000	44,000	-	44,000	44,000
	Total Budgetary Costs	44,000	44,000	44,000	-	44,000	44,000
Funding Sources		FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
117 Judicial Programs		44,000	44,000	44,000	-	44,000	44,000
	Total Revenues	44,000	44,000	44,000	-	44,000	44,000

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	State Atto	orney Sui	mmary			
Budgetary Costs	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Personnel Services	37,000	37,000	37,000	-	37,000	37,000
Operating	96,426	83,026	63,026	-	63,026	63,026
Total Budgetary Costs	133,426	120,026	100,026	-	100,026	100,026
Appropriations	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
State Attorney (110-532-602) State Attorney (110-532-713)	121,746 11,680	118,600 1,426	98,600 1,426	-	98,600 1,426	98,600 1,426
Total Budget	133,426	120,026	100,026	-	100,026	100,026
Funding Sources	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
110 Fine and Forfeiture	133,426	120,026	100,026	-	100,026	100,026
Total Revenues	133,426	120,026	100,026	-	100,026	100,026



State Attorney (110-532-602)

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Goal	The Mission of the State Attorney's Office for the Second Judicial Circuit is to serve the community through reducing crime and helping to mitigate the catastrophic impact that crime has on victims and offenders, their families, and society as a whole. This includes proactively addressing the causes of criminal behavior, working to achieve justice after a crime has been committed, and using creative strategies to lower recidivism.
Objectives	1. Provide personnel and procedures to perform all duties and functions for intake, investigation, and prosecution of felony, misdemeanor, juvenile criminal cases as well as other statutory obligations such as motions to which the State is a party.
	2. Facilitating the function of the Grand Jury and serving as legal advisor to the Grand Jury.
	3. Assist all law enforcement agencies with legal and investigative assistance upon request.
	4. Represent the State of Florida in all suits, applications, civil, and criminal motions made within this circuit to which the State of Florida is a party.
	5. Collaborate with community partners in order to make referrals for support services and to provide diversion programs.
Statutory	Florida Statutes 27 and 29.008
Responsibilities	
Advisory Board	None

Performance Measures									
Performance Measures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Estimate					
Number of Felony Cases disposed	5,861	5,589	5,500	5,500					
Number of Juvenile Cases disposed	603	733	700	700					
Number of Misdemeanor Cases disposed	5,288	5,310	5,500	5,500					
Number of Baker Acts disposed	509	613	600	600					
Number of Warrants reviewed ¹	1,488	1,670	1,600	1,600					

Note

1. The procedure for tracking reviewed warrants was established in January 2021.

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State Attorney - State Attorney (110-532-602)

		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Budgetary Costs		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Personnel Services		37,000	37,000	37,000	-	37,000	37,000
Operating		84,746	81,600	61,600	<u>-</u>	61,600	61,600
	Total Budgetary Costs	121,746	118,600	98,600	-	98,600	98,600

		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Funding Sources		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
110 Fine and Forfeiture		121,746	118,600	98,600	-	98,600	98,600
	Total Revenues	121,746	118,600	98,600	-	98,600	98,600

Decreases to Program Funding:

The major variances for the FY 2026 State Attorney budget are as follows:

^{1.} Contractual decrease due to the realignment of funding for the Diversion Fee Scholarship Program to the Office of Intervention and Detention Alternatives.

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State Attorney - State Attorney (110-532-713)

		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Budgetary Costs		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Operating		11,680	1,426	1,426	-	1,426	1,426
	Total Budgetary Costs	11,680	1,426	1,426	-	1,426	1,426
Funding Sources		FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
110 Fine and Forfeiture		11,680	1,426	1,426	-	1,426	1,426
	Total Revenues	11,680	1,426	1,426		1,426	1,426

As part of the Article V funding requirement, expenses for communication costs are budgeted in State Attorney Information Systems.

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	Public De	fender Su	ımmary			
Budgetary Costs	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Personnel Services	37,000	37,000	37,000	-	37,000	37,000
Operating	89,277	83,192	83,192	-	83,192	83,192
Total Budgetary Costs	126,277	120,192	120,192	-	120,192	120,192
Appropriations	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Public Defender (110-533-603) Public Defender (110-533-713)	84,677 41,600	118,525 1,667	118,525 1,667		118,525 1,667	118,525 1,667
Total Budget	126,277	120,192	120,192	-	120,192	120,192
Funding Sources	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
110 Fine and Forfeiture	126,277	120,192	120,192	-	120,192	120,192
Total Revenues	126,277	120,192	120,192	-	120,192	120,192



Public Defender (110-533-603)

Goal	The Public Defender protects the constitutional and statutory rights of all citizens through the effective criminal legal representation of court appointed clients.
Objectives	 Represent indigent clients charged with criminal offenses filed in Circuit, County, Juvenile, and Traffic Court. Represent indigent clients with cases on appeal to the First District Court of Appeal, Florida Supreme Court, and the United States Supreme Court. Represent indigent clients in civil commitment proceedings under the Jimmy Ryce Act and the Baker Act.
Statutory Responsibilities	Florida Statute, Chapter 27.51 and Florida Statute 29.008
Advisory Board	None

Performance Measures				
Performance Measures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Estimate
Number of Total Appointed/Reopened Cases	8,653	8,850	9,100	8,800
Number of Cases Pled	4,100	4,064	4,150	4,150
Number of Nolle Processed/Dismissed Cases	678	593	650	620
Number of Total Cases Closed	9,062	8,975	9,000	9,000
Number of Substantiated Bar Grievances	0	0	0	0
Number of Appellate Clients Represented	748	694	750	700
Number of Appellate Briefs Filed	918	851	900	875

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Public Defender - Public Defender (110-533-603)

		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Budgetary Costs		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Personnel Services		37,000	37,000	37,000	-	37,000	37,000
Operating		47,677	81,525	81,525	-	81,525	81,525
	Total Budgetary Costs	84,677	118,525	118,525	-	118,525	118,525

		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Funding Sources		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
110 Fine and Forfeiture		84,677	118,525	118,525	-	118,525	118,525
	Total Revenues	84,677	118.525	118,525	_	118.525	118.525

Funding remains consistent with the previous fiscal year.

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Public Defender - Public Defender (110-533-713)

Budgetary Costs		FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Operating		41,600	1,667	1,667	-	1,667	1,667
	Total Budgetary Costs	41,600	1,667	1,667	-	1,667	1,667
Funding Sources		FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
110 Fine and Forfeiture		41,600	1,667	1,667	-	1,667	1,667
	Total Revenues	41,600	1,667	1,667		1,667	1,667

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G	uardian A	d Litem	Summary			
Budgetary Costs	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Operating	12,570	20,657	20,657	-	20,657	20,657
Total Budgetary Costs	12,570	20,657	20,657	-	20,657	20,657
Appropriations	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
GAL Information Systems (001-547-713)	1,775	419	419	-	419	419
Guardian Ad Litem (001-547-685)	10,795	20,238	20,238	-	20,238	20,238
Total Budget	12,5 70	20,657	20,657	-	20,657	20,657
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Funding Sources	Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
001 General Fund	12,570	20,657	20,657	-	20,657	20,657
Total Revenues	12,570	20,657	20,657	-	20,657	20,657



Guardian Ad Litem (001-547-685)

Goal	The mission of the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office, Circuit 2 is to advocate for the best interests of children who are alleged to be abused, neglected or abandoned, and who are involved in court proceedings.
Objectives	 Provide children with legal representation and advocacy services. Preserve children's physical safety and emotional well-being and protect children from further harm. Make verbal and written recommendations for children's permanent placement in a stable and nurturing home environment. Attend trials, hearings, staffing, and mediations.
Statutory Responsibilities	Florida Statutes, Chapter 39, is the legal framework which regulates dependency proceedings relating to children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned. Florida Statute 29.008 & Art. V of the State Constitution.
Advisory Board	None

Performance Measures							
Performance Measures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Estimate			
Number of Leon County Cases ¹	379	326	465	326			
Number of Leon County Children Served ¹	687	568	695	568			
Number of Volunteers ²	571	261	325	287			

Notes:

- 1. The 2nd Circuit Guardian ad Litem Office predicts approximately the same number of new case appointments in Leon County for FY 2026 as in FY 2024.
- 2. In FY 2026, the 2nd Circuit Florida Guardian ad Litem Office will focus on volunteer recruitment and training across all six counties in the 2nd Circuit. A hybrid volunteer pre-service training process will be strengthened and expanded.

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Guardian Ad Litem - Guardian Ad Litem (001-547-685)

		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Budgetary Costs		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
Operating		10,795	20,238	20,238	-	20,238	20,238
	Total Budgetary Costs	10,795	20,238	20,238	=	20,238	20,238
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
Funding Sources		Actual	Adopted	Continuation	Issues	Budget	Budget
001 General Fund		10,795	20,238	20,238	-	20,238	20,238
	Total Revenues	10,795	20,238	20,238		20,238	20,238

Funding remains consistent with the previous fiscal year.

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Guardian Ad Litem - GAL Information Systems (001-547-713)

Budgetary Costs		FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Operating		1,775	419	419	-	419	419
	Total Budgetary Costs	1,775	419	419	-	419	419
Funding Sources		FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Continuation	FY 2026 Issues	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget
Funding Sources 001 General Fund					_		