

## Judicial Department



The Judicial Department includes Virginia's system of courts. It has responsibility for legal proceedings for criminal offenses and civil issues, including custody and control of children, divorce and other family matters, traffic offenses, and the appointment of electoral boards. The courts order funding for indigent defense through the "criminal fund," and for involuntary commitments through the "involuntary mental commitment fund." In addition to the court system, the Judicial Department includes other agencies that regulate the legal profession, as well as the Indigent Defense Commission and the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission.

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### Operating Summary for Judicial Department (Dollars in Millions)

Funds	FY 2025 Base Budget	FY 2025 Changes	FY 2025 Total	FY 2026 Base Budget	FY 2026 Changes	FY 2026 Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$694.30</b>	<b>\$2.38</b>	<b>\$696.68</b>	<b>\$701.20</b>	<b>\$8.45</b>	<b>\$709.65</b>
General	\$653.08	\$0.72	<b>\$653.80</b>	\$659.98	\$6.79	<b>\$666.76</b>
Special	\$12.80	\$1.66	<b>\$14.46</b>	\$12.80	\$1.66	<b>\$14.47</b>
Dedicated Special	\$27.11	\$0.00	<b>\$27.11</b>	\$27.11	\$0.00	<b>\$27.11</b>
Federal	\$1.31	\$0.00	<b>\$1.31</b>	\$1.31	\$0.00	<b>\$1.31</b>

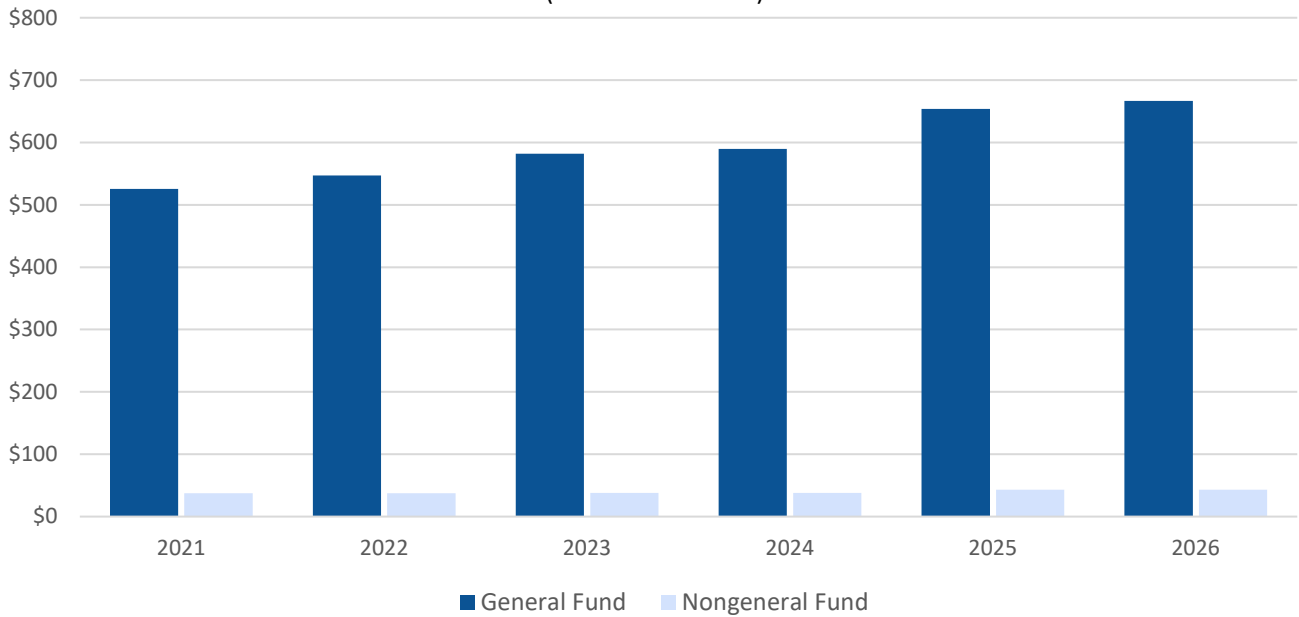
### Authorized Positions for Judicial Department

Funds	FY 2025 Base Budget	FY 2025 Changes	FY 2025 Totals	FY 2026 Base Budget	FY 2026 Changes	FY 2026 Totals
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,902.71</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>3,904.71</b>	<b>3,902.71</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>3,907.71</b>
General Fund	3,794.71	0.00	<b>3,794.71</b>	3,794.71	3.00	<b>3,797.71</b>
Nongeneral Fund	108.00	2.00	<b>110.00</b>	108.00	2.00	<b>110.00</b>

## Operating Budget History

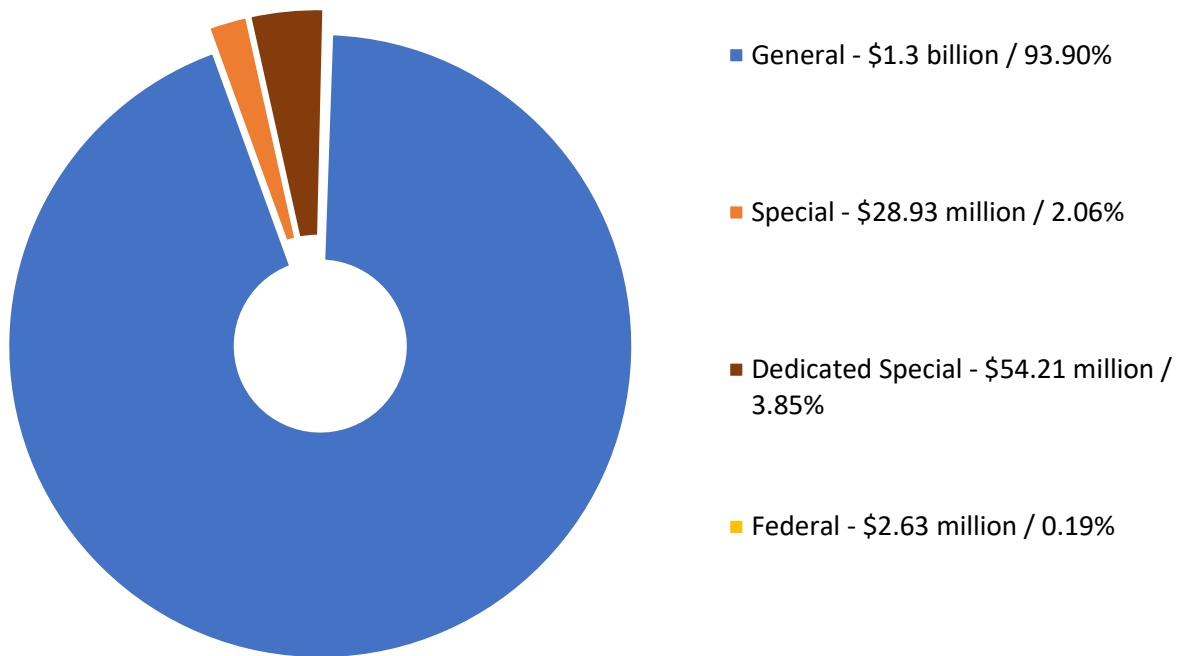
### Judicial Department

(Dollars in Millions)



## 2024-2026 Biennium Total Proposed Operating Budget

### Judicial Department



## Part B: 2025 Amendments to the Biennial Budget - 2024-2026 Biennium

### Supreme Court

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$41,402,783	\$10,452,248	\$25,522,963	159.63	8.00	167.63
2022 Appropriation	\$49,719,954	\$10,452,248	\$32,541,757	221.63	8.00	229.63
2023 Appropriation	\$53,939,686	\$10,476,004	\$36,385,974	240.63	8.00	248.63
2024 Appropriation	\$53,935,981	\$10,476,004	\$36,402,121	240.63	8.00	248.63
2025 Appropriation	\$61,071,371	\$10,532,144	\$41,332,562	243.63	8.00	251.63
2025 Intro Changes	\$718,000	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>\$61,789,371</b>	<b>\$10,532,144</b>	<b>\$41,332,562</b>	<b>243.63</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>251.63</b>
2026 Appropriation	\$61,361,809	\$10,532,144	\$41,332,562	243.63	8.00	251.63
2026 Intro Changes	\$6,785,674	\$0	\$318,174	3.00	0.00	3.00
<b>2026 Total</b>	<b>\$68,147,483</b>	<b>\$10,532,144</b>	<b>\$41,650,736</b>	<b>246.63</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>254.63</b>

#### Operating Budget Changes

##### Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

##### Increase funding for mandated criminal sealing legislation

Provides additional funding and positions to meet sealing legislation requirements passed by the General Assembly.

	2025	2026
General Fund	\$0	\$2,985,674
Authorized Positions	0.00	3.00

##### Fund enterprise-wide identity access management (IAM) security solution

Provides funding to upgrade the current access management system with a commercial, off-the-shelf system.

	2025	2026
General Fund	\$718,000	\$800,000

##### Increase funding for technology expenses

Provides funding to support software license agreements, maintain information technology support contracts, and address data security risks.

	2025	2026
General Fund	\$0	\$3,000,000

### Court of Appeals of Virginia

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$11,012,737	\$0	\$10,116,771	96.13	0.00	96.13
2022 Appropriation	\$18,197,264	\$0	\$16,492,393	128.13	0.00	128.13
2023 Appropriation	\$18,236,792	\$0	\$16,980,979	125.13	0.00	125.13
2024 Appropriation	\$18,418,251	\$0	\$17,162,438	128.13	0.00	128.13
2025 Appropriation	\$21,937,991	\$0	\$19,758,651	142.13	0.00	142.13
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>\$21,937,991</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$19,758,651</b>	<b>142.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>142.13</b>
2026 Appropriation	\$21,937,991	\$0	\$19,758,651	142.13	0.00	142.13
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2026 Total</b>	<b>\$21,937,991</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$19,758,651</b>	<b>142.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>142.13</b>

## Part B: 2025 Amendments to the Biennial Budget - 2024-2026 Biennium

### Circuit Courts

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$114,248,355	\$0	\$49,477,068	165.00	0.00	165.00
2022 Appropriation	\$112,174,403	\$0	\$48,237,735	154.00	0.00	154.00
2023 Appropriation	\$114,175,390	\$0	\$44,216,010	154.00	0.00	154.00
2024 Appropriation	\$114,999,326	\$0	\$45,039,946	154.00	0.00	154.00
2025 Appropriation	\$131,392,451	\$0	\$67,251,732	158.00	0.00	158.00
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>\$131,392,451</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$67,251,732</b>	<b>158.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>158.00</b>
2026 Appropriation	\$137,464,210	\$0	\$73,323,491	158.00	0.00	158.00
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2026 Total</b>	<b>\$137,464,210</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$73,323,491</b>	<b>158.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>158.00</b>

### General District Courts

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$125,069,372	\$0	\$97,819,356	1,146.10	0.00	1,146.10
2022 Appropriation	\$128,310,347	\$0	\$97,537,193	1,156.10	0.00	1,156.10
2023 Appropriation	\$143,605,277	\$0	\$105,872,528	1,276.10	0.00	1,276.10
2024 Appropriation	\$145,832,882	\$0	\$108,100,133	1,278.10	0.00	1,278.10
2025 Appropriation	\$153,148,993	\$0	\$109,747,679	1,200.60	0.00	1,200.60
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>\$153,148,993</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$109,747,679</b>	<b>1,200.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,200.60</b>
2026 Appropriation	\$153,148,993	\$0	\$109,747,679	1,200.60	0.00	1,200.60
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2026 Total</b>	<b>\$153,148,993</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$109,747,679</b>	<b>1,200.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,200.60</b>

### Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$107,875,063	\$0	\$66,294,653	617.10	0.00	617.10
2022 Appropriation	\$106,848,692	\$0	\$65,640,260	611.10	0.00	611.10
2023 Appropriation	\$109,065,565	\$0	\$65,488,272	611.10	0.00	611.10
2024 Appropriation	\$109,383,832	\$0	\$65,806,539	611.10	0.00	611.10
2025 Appropriation	\$121,722,928	\$0	\$78,033,548	672.80	0.00	672.80
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>\$121,722,928</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$78,033,548</b>	<b>672.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>672.80</b>
2026 Appropriation	\$121,716,328	\$0	\$78,026,948	672.80	0.00	672.80
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2026 Total</b>	<b>\$121,716,328</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$78,026,948</b>	<b>672.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>672.80</b>

## Part B: 2025 Amendments to the Biennial Budget - 2024-2026 Biennium

### Combined District Courts

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$24,133,853	\$0	\$12,368,593	204.55	0.00	204.55
2022 Appropriation	\$23,136,034	\$0	\$11,370,774	195.55	0.00	195.55
2023 Appropriation	\$23,659,622	\$0	\$11,164,635	195.55	0.00	195.55
2024 Appropriation	\$23,742,459	\$0	\$11,247,472	195.55	0.00	195.55
2025 Appropriation	\$25,948,249	\$0	\$12,748,945	212.35	0.00	212.35
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>\$25,948,249</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,748,945</b>	<b>212.35</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>212.35</b>
2026 Appropriation	\$25,948,249	\$0	\$12,748,945	212.35	0.00	212.35
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2026 Total</b>	<b>\$25,948,249</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,748,945</b>	<b>212.35</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>212.35</b>

### Magistrate System

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$35,364,272	\$0	\$33,283,547	446.20	0.00	446.20
2022 Appropriation	\$32,747,182	\$0	\$30,666,457	423.20	0.00	423.20
2023 Appropriation	\$38,333,727	\$0	\$35,930,485	423.20	0.00	423.20
2024 Appropriation	\$38,528,011	\$0	\$36,124,769	423.20	0.00	423.20
2025 Appropriation	\$41,537,062	\$0	\$38,849,213	423.20	0.00	423.20
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>\$41,537,062</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$38,849,213</b>	<b>423.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>423.20</b>
2026 Appropriation	\$41,537,062	\$0	\$38,849,213	423.20	0.00	423.20
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2026 Total</b>	<b>\$41,537,062</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$38,849,213</b>	<b>423.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>423.20</b>

### Board of Bar Examiners

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$0	\$1,762,384	\$1,372,661	0.00	9.00	9.00
2022 Appropriation	\$0	\$1,762,384	\$1,372,661	0.00	9.00	9.00
2023 Appropriation	\$0	\$1,820,982	\$1,392,768	0.00	9.00	9.00
2024 Appropriation	\$0	\$1,820,982	\$1,392,768	0.00	9.00	9.00
2025 Appropriation	\$0	\$1,930,184	\$1,484,632	0.00	9.00	9.00
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,930,184</b>	<b>\$1,484,632</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>
2026 Appropriation	\$0	\$1,930,184	\$1,484,632	0.00	9.00	9.00
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2026 Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,930,184</b>	<b>\$1,484,632</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>

## Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$678,657	\$0	\$584,065	3.00	0.00	3.00
2022 Appropriation	\$678,657	\$0	\$584,065	3.00	0.00	3.00
2023 Appropriation	\$707,601	\$0	\$562,503	3.00	0.00	3.00
2024 Appropriation	\$707,601	\$0	\$562,503	3.00	0.00	3.00
2025 Appropriation	\$779,882	\$0	\$691,759	3.00	0.00	3.00
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>\$779,882</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$691,759</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>
2026 Appropriation	\$779,882	\$0	\$691,759	3.00	0.00	3.00
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2026 Total</b>	<b>\$779,882</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$691,759</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>

## Indigent Defense Commission

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$58,388,463	\$11,980	\$52,865,529	660.00	0.00	660.00
2022 Appropriation	\$66,195,546	\$11,980	\$55,924,205	701.00	0.00	701.00
2023 Appropriation	\$69,524,320	\$11,980	\$63,291,378	709.00	0.00	709.00
2024 Appropriation	\$73,237,246	\$11,980	\$67,004,304	709.00	0.00	709.00
2025 Appropriation	\$84,520,523	\$2,150,636	\$77,271,126	727.00	2.00	729.00
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$1,658,947	\$220,968	0.00	2.00	2.00
<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>\$84,520,523</b>	<b>\$3,809,583</b>	<b>\$77,492,094</b>	<b>727.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>731.00</b>
2026 Appropriation	\$85,064,108	\$2,150,636	\$77,814,711	727.00	2.00	729.00
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$1,661,074	\$220,968	0.00	2.00	2.00
<b>2026 Total</b>	<b>\$85,064,108</b>	<b>\$3,811,710</b>	<b>\$78,035,679</b>	<b>727.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>731.00</b>

## Operating Budget Changes

[Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes](#)**Increase appropriation to account for additional Opioid Abatement Authority grant funding**

Provides additional nongeneral fund appropriation to recognize increased grant funding received through the Opioid Abatement Authority. Funding will be used to support reentry and recovery specialists in public defenders' offices.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Nongeneral Fund	\$182,995	\$185,122

**Increase appropriation to account for locality supplemental pay**

Increases nongeneral fund appropriation so that the agency can distribute supplemental pay provided by localities for public defenders.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Nongeneral Fund	\$1,254,984	\$1,254,984

**Increase appropriation to hire interpreter and paralegal positions**

Funds one position each in the City of Alexandria and Prince William County to support non-attorney staffing needs in the localities' public defender offices.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Nongeneral Fund	\$220,968	\$220,968
Authorized Positions	2.00	2.00

## Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$1,170,582	\$70,069	\$1,020,605	10.00	0.00	10.00
2022 Appropriation	\$1,503,782	\$70,069	\$1,353,805	12.00	0.00	12.00
2023 Appropriation	\$1,555,977	\$70,069	\$1,297,469	12.00	0.00	12.00
2024 Appropriation	\$1,616,277	\$70,069	\$1,357,769	12.00	0.00	12.00
2025 Appropriation	\$1,789,506	\$70,072	\$1,451,887	12.00	0.00	12.00
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>\$1,789,506</b>	<b>\$70,072</b>	<b>\$1,451,887</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12.00</b>
2026 Appropriation	\$1,789,506	\$70,072	\$1,451,887	12.00	0.00	12.00
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2026 Total</b>	<b>\$1,789,506</b>	<b>\$70,072</b>	<b>\$1,451,887</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12.00</b>

## Virginia State Bar

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2021 Appropriation	\$6,071,912	\$25,071,191	\$11,030,169	0.00	178.00	178.00
2022 Appropriation	\$7,571,912	\$25,071,191	\$11,030,169	0.00	89.00	89.00
2023 Appropriation	\$9,224,120	\$25,577,764	\$12,178,604	0.00	89.00	89.00
2024 Appropriation	\$9,224,120	\$25,577,764	\$12,178,604	0.00	89.00	89.00
2025 Appropriation	\$9,228,474	\$26,542,215	\$13,112,063	0.00	89.00	89.00
2025 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>\$9,228,474</b>	<b>\$26,542,215</b>	<b>\$13,112,063</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>89.00</b>	<b>89.00</b>
2026 Appropriation	\$9,228,474	\$26,542,215	\$13,112,063	0.00	89.00	89.00
2026 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2026 Total</b>	<b>\$9,228,474</b>	<b>\$26,542,215</b>	<b>\$13,112,063</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>89.00</b>	<b>89.00</b>