

**Contra Costa County
District Attorney's Office
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**FY 2026-27 Budget
Presentation**

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Contra Costa District Attorney County Collaboration



Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office

Mission

To seek justice and enhance public safety for all our residents.

By fairly, ethically, aggressively and efficiently prosecuting those who violate the law, and by working to prevent crime.

Seek Justice

Serve Justice

Do Justice

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW



Review for charging and prosecution all criminal cases in Contra Costa County

Litigate all Misdemeanors & Felonies for the County

Homicide Prosecution, Community Violence Reduction, Interpersonal Violence

Felony Direct Courts, Misdemeanor Prosecution

Juvenile Offenders, Environmental Crimes and Consumer Protection

Victim-Witness Assistance Across County

Major Crimes Task Force & Investigations Division

District Attorney

Elected

Mainline Prosecution

Superior Court Operations
Central Eastern Operations
Western Operations
Community Prosecution
Arraignment Calendar & Post Release Community Supervision
Mental Health
Filing Unit
Advanced Litigation

Vertical Prosecution

Community Violence Reduction
Homicide Unit
Sexual Assault Unit
Domestic Violence
Elder Abuse
Major Financial Crimes
Consumer Fraud
Worker's Compensation Fraud
Organized/Auto Fraud
Environmental Protection
Juvenile Unit
Human Trafficking

Special Units

Conviction Integrity
Cold Case
Public Records Act Compliance
Lifter Hearing
Advanced Litigation
Specialty Projects
Post Conviction

Investigations Bureau

Major Crimes Task Force
Law Enforcement Investigation Fatal Incidents
Internet Crimes Against Children
Public Corruption

Victim Witness Assistance

Victim Advocacy
Restitution

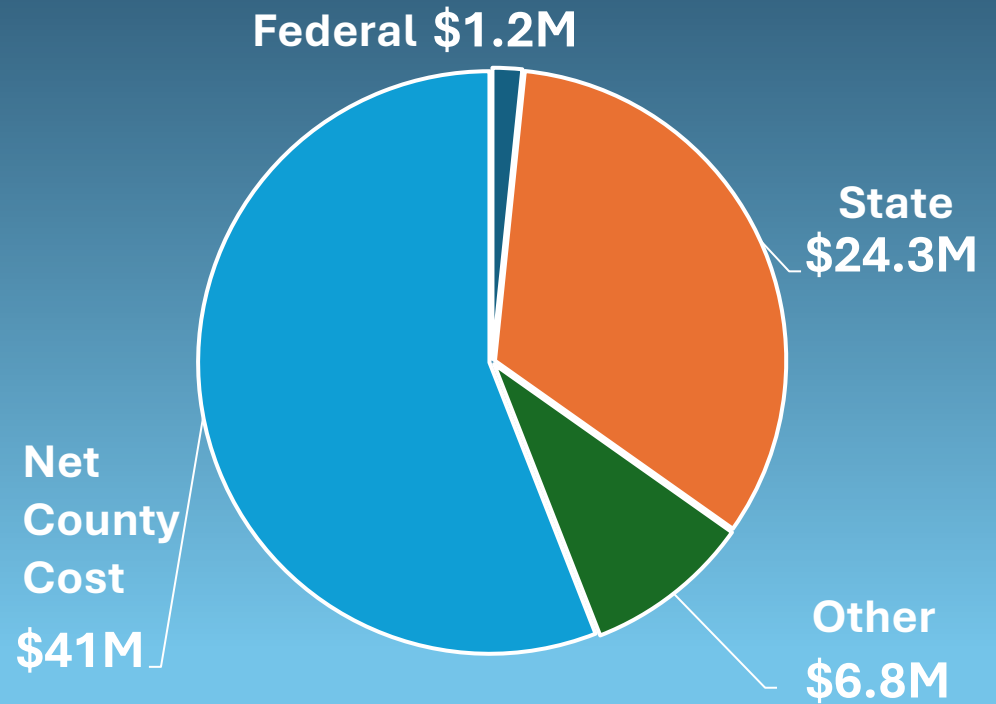
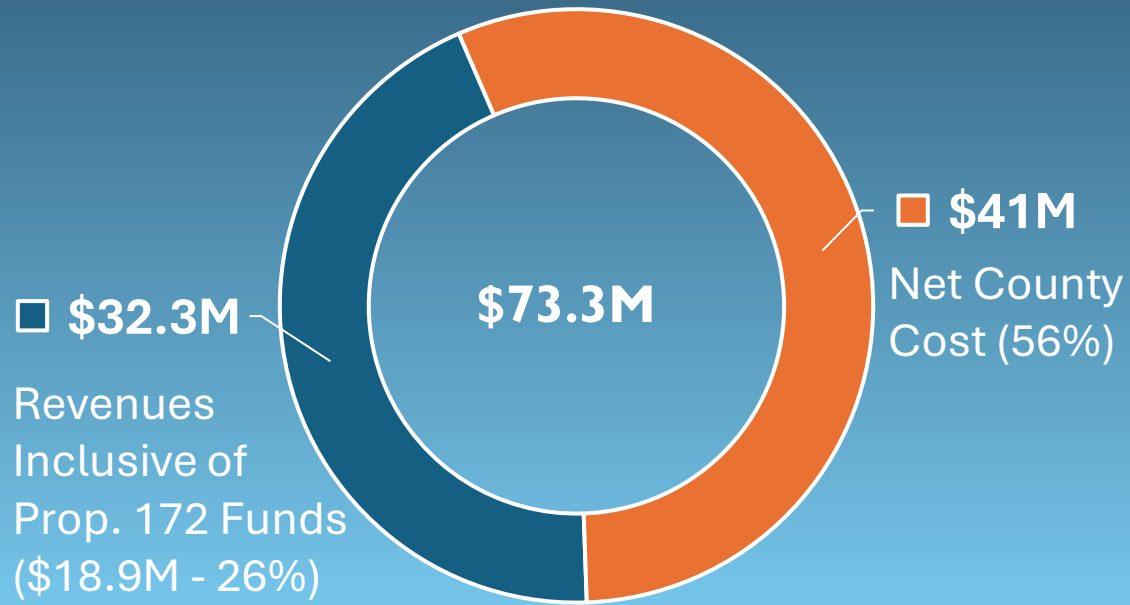
Administration

Clerical Unit
Information Technology
Public Information
Case Management System

FY26-27 BUDGET SUMMARY

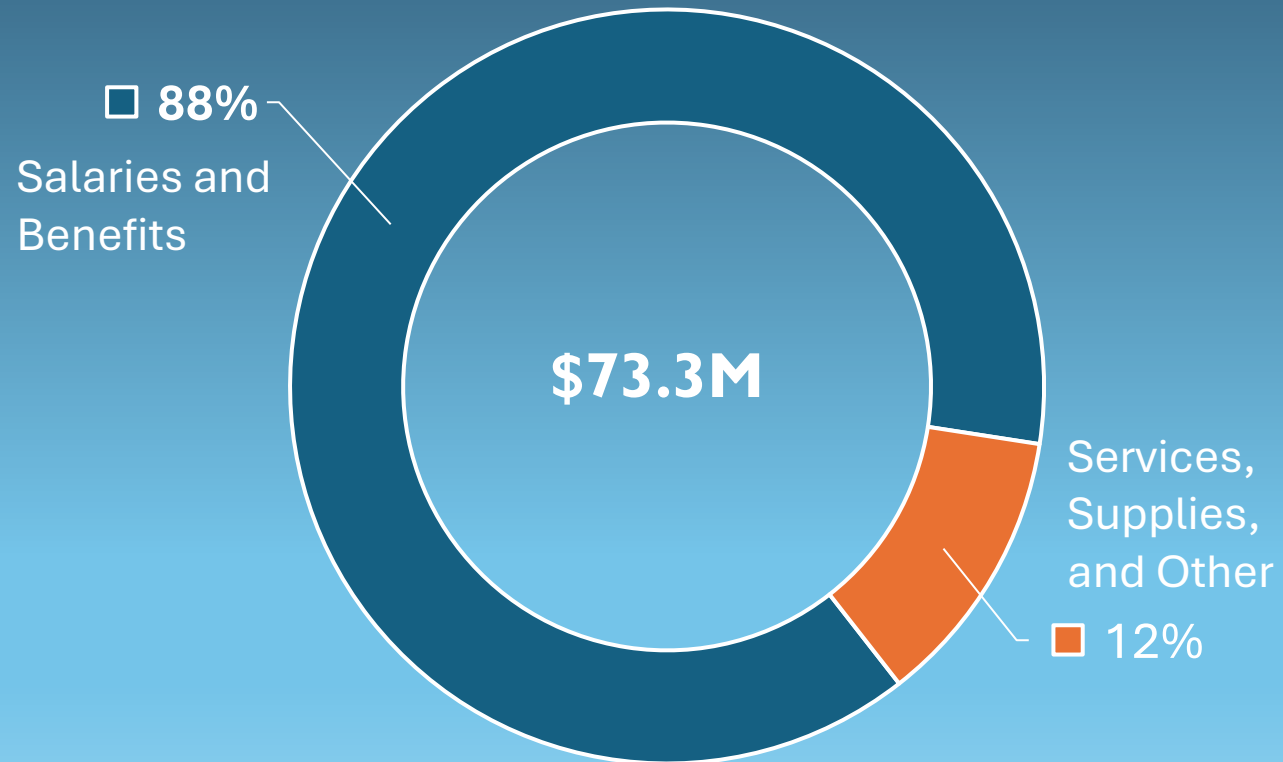
All Funds	FY 24-25 Actuals	FY 25-26 Revised	FY 26-27 Recommended	Change
Expenses	\$59,959,685	\$69,401,340	\$73,254,269	\$3,852,929
Revenues	\$29,661,705	\$32,290,471	\$32,249,119	-\$41,352
Net County Cost	\$30,297,980	\$37,110,869	\$41,005,150	\$3,894,281
Positions (Budgeted FTE)	239.6	247.6	250.1	2.5

FY26-27 REVENUE



FY26-27 EXPENDITURE

FY 2026-27 Budget



ALLOCATED POSITIONS AS OF 04/01/26

Description	FTE
Attorney	115.1
Investigative	32
Victim/Witness Assistance	18
Administration and Support	82.5
Total	247.6

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND ACCESS

District Attorney's Office strives to achieve diversity, equity, & inclusion by:

- Building a diverse and inclusive workforce that reflects our community (Hiring)
- Reducing racial disparities in criminal prosecutions (Race Blind Charging)
- Expanding programs that support those disproportionately impacted by crime (NRP, Unsolved Violence)
- Bringing staff and services directly to communities (Pittsburg Office)



DISTRICT ATTORNEY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community Outreach Activities

School Outreach

Community Fairs

Bear & Fenner K9 Appearances

Community Academy

Neighborhood Restorative
Partnership

Community Awareness Days



Performance Highlights: FY 25-26

Opening of East County Branch Office in Pittsburg



Performance Highlights: FY 25-26

Creation of DUI Fatality / Severe Injury I.M.P.A.C.T Unit – OTS Grant of \$324K

**Secured \$1.1 million in Federal Community Project Funding
(Organized Retail Theft and Victim Services)**

**Neighborhood Restorative Partnership Diversion Program:
Graduated 250 and achieved a less than 1% recidivism rate**

\$9.8 Million Dollars in Restitution ordered for Victim of Crime

Performance Highlights: FY 25-26

Felony Trials : Achieved a 92% Conviction Rate

10,651 Victims of Crime Received 47,910 Forms of Services

Assisted in solving and securing convictions in multiple cold case homicides

Launched new Organized Retail Theft Unit staffed with three full time DDAs

'26-'27 GOALS

Close Cases Faster: Justice Delayed is Justice Denied

Expand Both 1) Victim Support in Unsolved Violence & 2) Those Case Investigations

Implementation of data analytics to respond to Racial Justice Act petitions

County Wide Child Death Protocol

Internal and Public Facing Data Dashboards

Opening of Auto Theft Crime Elimination (ACE) Task Force



CHALLENGES

Need for DDA at Family Justice Centers

- ❖ Federal immigration enforcement has indirect impact on access to justice on local level
- ❖ Apprehension to have contact with traditional institutions of justice
- ❖ Leads under-reporting of crime, and results in further marginalization of undocumented victims



CHALLENGES

Reviewing Cases for Filing Takes Twice the Resources due to Legislation : Race Blind Filing

- ❖ Review over 20,000 cases per year for filing
- ❖ Charging is a Role Exclusive to the District Attorney
- ❖ Pioneered Race Blind Filing mandate in our State
- ❖ Two reviews on filing decision now required
- ❖ 89.5% of cases reviewed have a consistent decision between 1st and 2nd review



CHALLENGES

Organized Retail & Copper Theft

- ❖ Crime trends take us in new directions faster than budget cycles
- ❖ The County of Contra Costa has the highest percentage of copper theft in the State (\$1.2 million loss in 2025) – We have developed an operational plan to address this
- ❖ Retail Theft continues to be a widespread phenomenon



FY26-27 : POSITION REQUEST



Family Justice Center: Add DDA II

- On-site prosecutor to provide immediate legal guidance to victim advocates and law enforcement officers.**
- Direct resource for Navigators and community partners to reducing delays and improving services to our most vulnerable community members**
- Deliver critical training and legal updates to FJC Staff**



FY26-27

POSITION REQUESTS

Filing Unit: Add DDA II

- ❖ Restructured Unit for Regionally Assigned
- ❖ Experienced prosecutors
- ❖ Utilizing 9 DDAs assigned to review over 20,000 cases
- ❖ New race-blind mandate (AB2542) effectively doubles the review process

FY26-27 POSITION REQUESTS

Organized Retail Theft : Add Two DDA II

- ❖ Increase Ability to Vertically Prosecute Organized Retail Theft
- ❖ Coordinate with law enforcement and private retail investigators to develop large-scale cases
- ❖ Link related cases across jurisdictions



DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Comments and
Questions

