

# State's Attorneys

## FY24 Budget

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FY24 GF \$15,079,997 5.0% increase in State GF – primarily in wage adjustment (union contract), health insurance, retirement

### **Notable Issues and Budget Pressures**

Significant workload increases on all SA Offices' staff: attorneys, victim advocates, administrative support

Restarting trials – significant increases in required expert witness testimony, transcripts, mileage, transportation, lodging for witnesses

Vacancy Savings required to meet budget \$231,869

Implementation Costs of Union Contract – will require full funding in the Pay Act

Criminal Case Management System Implementation - \$1.7M ARPA; project management costs required to be paid from SA Budget

- The Department is requesting the following for operational support and staffing:
- Language ensuring continued utilization of legislative appropriation for staff and operational supports to clear the case backlog; This money was subsequently converted from ARPA to State GF into separate budget line – but potentially subject to end of year reversion, thus creating uncertainty in limited-service job offers.
- Approval by legislature to have limited service or temp positions to utilize the above referenced funding, within estimated funding limits
- Permanent positions: 14 Deputy State's Attorneys; 14 Administrative Support Staff; 14 Victim Advocates (under the VA budget)

# Sheriffs

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FY24: \$5,089,314 4.8% increase - All funds are State General Fund

- **Notable Issues and Budget Pressures**
- Increases in wage, benefits, training and unionization of State Transport Deputies
- Duties: Transports, Extraditions, Assistance to Judiciary, DOC, AHS, Post Release Transportation;
- Civil Process; general law enforcement
- Impact of Courts reopening;
- Impact of remote hearings;
- Civil Process; Warrants; special projects for State government.
- Other duties as approved by SAS
- Requests for Sheriffs assistance in many areas of State government: Judiciary Courthouse Security and Transports; DOC transports; OCS civil process; other state civil process; AHS with juveniles' supervision;
- FY24 anticipated costs of unionization
- Pressure on per diem & mileage lines reduced in prior years
- Increase to mileage and per diem lines may be needed to enable State Deputies to assist with other security and law enforcement duties for the State.

# SAS Victim Advocate Program

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FY24 Recommend: \$2,571,497 All funds are State GF - increase 0.3%

- Costs include:
- Salary and benefits (96%); Operating 4%
- Funding for FY24 will not cover costs of union contract provisions or increased costs for benefits (health and retirement, in particular) for the Victim Advocates

### Programmatic and Funding Needs:

Additional Victim Advocates and dedicated administrative support staff

Funding for additional trainings

Funding for supplies (postage, brochures),

VA Program Manager: currently Limited Service, need reauthorization of LS position.

# Special Investigations Unit

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FY24 Recommend: \$2,228,629– 3% increase  
– all funds are State GF

- Costs include:
- SIU Grant Manager: \$62,817
- Law Enforcement Grants: \$793,000
- SIU Program Supports: \$1,347,047
- Program support includes SIU local program staff and NCA Crimes tracking system

### FY24 Pressures

- Difficulty in law enforcement agencies' ability to dedicate staff due to their own staff leaving law enforcement positions, and nationwide difficulty in recruiting new staff to LEO positions.
- Identified needs include training for forensic interviewing; board training for oversight role.
- Examining consolidation of SIU programs if savings and efficiency can be achieved.