

Office of the State's Attorney

Priority Outcome: Public Safety

Service Number: 115- Prosecution of Criminals

Fiscal 2021 Recommended: \$36,486,892

Service Description

In conjunction with its partners in law enforcement, this service investigates and prosecutes all criminal cases occurring within the City of Baltimore. This responsibility includes the prosecution of tens of thousands of case annually in District Court, Juvenile Court and Circuit Court as well as processing thousands of expungement petitions.

Major Budget Items

- The FY 21 budget defunds 13 SAO positions to achieve a \$1.3 million reduction
- The FY 21 budget includes 8 new positions for the Baltimore City Intelligence Centers (BCICs) – 2 analyst positions also funded will be transferred to BPD
- The FY 21 budget provides funds to support lab testing and expert analysis of THC content per Maryland's 2019 hemp/marijuana law (\$245,000)

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Service Number: 781- Administration

Fiscal 2021 Recommended: \$7,634,737

Service Description

The service is responsible for a wide range of services including: forecasting, monitoring and managing expenditures; grants management; personnel management; developing, supporting, and implementing policy and legislation to more effectively prosecute crime; coordinating intra-agency partnerships, projects and initiatives; maintaining and improving information systems to support all of the office's initiatives, and supporting the personnel and technology needs related to Body Worn Camera video review.

Major Budget Items

- The FY 21 budget continues to provide support to increase the SAO's firewall security, mobility and network bandwidth (\$71,000)
- The FY 21 budget supports the implementation of the Maryland Electronic Courts project for e-filing as mandated by the Maryland Judiciary (\$68,000)

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Service Number: 786- Victim and Witness Services

Fiscal 2021 Recommended: \$4,522,471

Service Description

This service supports full-time personnel who assist victims and witnesses of crime in Baltimore City by providing counseling and guidance, notification of rights and support in court, and overseeing monetary support and reimbursement. For witnesses of crime determined to be at risk of intimidation or retribution, the Division provides relocation assistance (temporary and permanent new housing) and other limited forms of financial support, including vouchers for food and travel expenses.

Major Budget Items

The FY 21 budget provides:

- \$2.3 million in federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding for trained therapists and advocates in the Victim/Witness Unit
- \$95,488 in federal Vision 21 funding to fund a social worker who serves the unique needs of child witnesses to homicide