

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET TESTIMONY
MAY 4, 2026**

INTRODUCTION

Good afternoon, Philadelphia Council President Kenyatta Johnson, Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore-Richardson, Appropriations Chair Councilmember Mark Squilla and members of this illustrious and esteemed Philadelphia City Council. My name is Larry Krasner, District Attorney for the City and County of Philadelphia, testifying on behalf of the 600 plus attorneys, law enforcement, support staff and victim services professionals employed by the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office. I’m joined today by several colleagues to include Chief of Staff Jennifer Lin; G.Lamar Stewart, Chief of External Engagement and Government Affairs; David Benson, Director of Finance and IT, as well as supervisors and attorneys of the following DAO units: Gun Violence Task Force, Homicide & Non-Fatal Shootings Unit, Economic Crimes (including our Elder Justice Unit), Family Violence and Sexual Assault, Major Trials, Conviction Integrity, Organized Retail & House Theft Task Force, DATA Lab, Carjacking Enforcement Unit, as well as our Finance and IT Departments.

DEPARTMENT MISSION & PLANS

Mission: The Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office (DAO) seeks justice through a safe, fair, and equitable criminal legal system in Philadelphia. With more than 600 lawyers, detectives, and support staff, the DAO is the largest prosecutor’s office in Pennsylvania and the third largest in the nation. The Office is focused on restoring balance to the criminal justice system by prioritizing public safety, supporting crime victims and survivors, ending the era of mass incarceration, and moving beyond the false promises of overly punitive policies.

Plans for Fiscal Year 2027:

Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner, our Executive Team and DAO staff remains committed to prioritizing public safety, seeking appropriate consequences and accountability for offenders of crime, exonerating individuals who are innocent of crime and providing crisis and trauma support to witnesses and survivors through direct and referral services. The Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office is respectfully requesting funding support above the FY27 Proposed Operating Budget, from District Attorney Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Testimony from Philadelphia City Council in the amount: **\$3,433,833 in Class 100, \$943,155 in Class 200, and \$80,000 in Class 300/400.** As the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office continues to strengthen its external partnerships with law enforcement, community & faith-based partners and government partners, we stand in solidarity with Mayor Cherelle Parker in making Philadelphia the safest, cleanest, and greenest big city in America, with economic opportunity for all.

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PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW & OTHER BUDGET DRIVERS

General Fund Financial Summary by Class						
	FY25 Original Appropriations	FY25 Actual Obligations	FY26 Original Appropriations	FY26 Estimated Obligations	FY27 Proposed Appropriations	Difference: FY27 Proposed-FY26 Estimated
Class 100 - Employee Compensation	\$50,075,638	\$53,432,721	\$53,718,003	\$54,828,664	\$55,408,611	\$579,947
Class 200 - Purchase of Services	\$3,378,866	\$3,254,563	\$4,762,186	\$4,762,186	\$3,842,186	(\$920,000)
Class 300/400 - Materials, Supplies & Equipment	\$832,275	\$828,631	\$832,275	\$832,275	\$832,275	\$0
Class 500 - Contributions		\$183,750				\$0
	\$54,286,779	\$57,699,665	\$59,312,464	\$60,423,125	\$60,083,072	(\$340,053)

Contracts Summary (Professional Services only)						
	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY26 YTD (Q1 & Q2)	FY27 Projected
Total amount of contracts	\$371,250	\$313,200	\$225,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Total amount to S/LBE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total amount to M/W/DSBE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
S/LBE Participation Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
M/W/DSBE Participation Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Total S/LBE Contract Participation Goal (Public Works; Services, Supplies & Equipment; and Professional Services combined)			
	FY25	FY26	FY27 Projected
S/LBE Contract Participation Goal	0%	0%	0%

Proposed Funding Request:

The proposed Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund budget totals \$60,083,072, an increase of \$340,053 over Fiscal Year 2026 estimated obligation levels. This increase is primarily due to contractual increases, a one-time increase for community-based organization victim support contracts, the full realization of an exempt wage increase effective 10/01/25, and additional funding for three staff positions.

The proposed budget includes:

- \$55,408,611 in Class 100, an increase of \$579,947 over FY26, due to contractual increases and additional funding for three staff positions. In FY27 in addition to contributing to a safer, cleaner greener Philadelphia the DAO has requested funding for staffing in alignment with the City’s priorities of reducing gun violence, domestic violence, and abuse of the elderly population. Supporting these initiatives in collaboration and alignment with Mayor Parker’s Administration and City Council would require the appropriate staffing of attorneys, support staff and law enforcement personnel, who would be focused on these targeted initiatives.
- \$3,842,186 in Class 200, a decrease of \$920,000 from FY26, due to a one-time increase for community-based organization victim support contracts. With recurring flat-funding of our Technical Support, the DAO is facing severe and imminent operational blockages without funding to support major technical systems:
 - The DAO relies on Microsoft licensing for Email, Teams, Word, PowerPoint, and Excel to provide basic administrative functionality. OIT has stated in writing that they are not budgeted to support any DAO Microsoft costs and that DAO needs to budget for these costs in our own agency budget. At this point, without \$284,700 in additional class 200 yearly support, we are unable to renew our Microsoft licenses for FY27. July 31st would be DAO's last date with Email, Teams, Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. *Without a Microsoft license renewal, it will immediately create a very serious and public-facing impact on criminal justice in Philadelphia.*
 - Axon Evidence.com is the system used to transfer large volumes of digital evidence from law enforcement and then pass the digital evidence to defense. Due to cost increases, we are requesting an additional class 200 funding \$142,454 for Axon Evidence.com. The costs have gone from \$463,320 in FY26 to \$605,774 for FY27. We are only partially funded for Axon evidence.com and without the additional funding for Axon Evidence.com licensing, we will be unable to pay the full amount of our FY27 yearly Axon fee. In December 2026, this will mean an inability to receive digital evidence from police or pass digital evidence to defense, which in turn means that DAO will be unable to meet its basic legal obligations as a district attorney office. *Axon Evidence.com system going offline will also create an immediate and public-facing impact on criminal justice in Philadelphia.*
- \$832,275 in Class 300/400, flat funded from FY26. The DAO has transitioned to a purchase schedule where a percentage of computer equipment is replaced annually, rather than requesting large purchases every few years. The goal is an annual 15% replacement, approximately 80 computers each year. Beyond 4 or 5 years, laptops batteries and hardware become unreliable. Updating this budget line with an additional increase of \$80,000 in additional funds would allow the DAO to get into a sustained schedule of replacing computers on a regular schedule.

Staffing Levels

The department is requesting 646 budgeted positions for FY27, an increase of 3 positions over FY26.

The increase is attributed to additional funding for three staff.

1. Staff Demographics Summary

Employment Levels (as of November 2025)			
	FY26 Budgeted	Filled as of November 2025	FY27 Proposed
Number of Full-Time Positions	737	701	734
Number of Exempt Positions	653	612	642
Number of Executive Positions (deputy level and above)	7	6	6
Average Salary of All Full-Time Positions	\$82,672	\$86,260	\$85,211
Median Salary of All Full-Time Positions	\$72,275	\$79,500	\$78,000

New Hires

New Hires (from 7/1/2025 to November 2025)			
	Total Number of New Hires	English	Korean
Black or African American	11	11	
Asian	4	4	1
Hispanic or Latino	7	7	
White	32	32	
Other	7	7	
Total	61	61	1

VACANCY RATE AND ALLOWANCE

Vacancy Rate Summary (General Fund)						
	FY25 Actual Vacancy Rate (Filled number of positions from November 2024 increment run divided by total budgeted positions)	FY26 Budgeted Vacancy Allowance (Dollar amount of the vacancy allowance - should match \$ listed in Budget Detail Schedule J for FY26)	FY26 Vacancy Rate (Filled positions from November 2025 increment run divided by budgeted positions)	FY26 Budgeted Vacancy Allowance Rate (FY26 Vacancy Allowance \$ divided by Total Full-Time Salaries (Schedule J))	FY27 Budgeted Vacancy Allowance (Dollar amount of vacancy allowance listed in Schedule J for FY27)	FY27 Budgeted Vacancy Allowance Rate (FY27 Vacancy Allowance \$ divided by FY27 Total Full-Time Salaries)
Departmental Total	103.9%	\$ 3,850,823	94.1%	7.40%	\$ 3,601,298	6.7%

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Program based budgeting:

Program Name: General Support

Program Number: 1

FY27 Proposed General Fund:

Program Description: The General Support Division monitors and safeguards the organizational, technological, and fiscal health of the DAO. The General Support program specializes in resource delivery, compliance, and communications, and fulfills core government functions through the administrative units. From recruitment to retirement, the General Support Division ensures that all DAO staff not only have the resources necessary to seek justice, but also work in a safe, supportive, and efficient workspace. Additionally, the executive units provide communication and connection to the DAO mission.

FY27 Strategic Goals:

- In completing renovation of the Office’s new floor, the DAO is in the process of a comprehensive space audit to allow for reconfiguration of space on preexisting floors to address the expansion of units and divisions as needed.
- The DAO shall continue to actively and further enhance intergovernmental collaboration and information sharing.
- The DAO shall continue to focus on meaningful and effective retention of talented and diverse attorneys and staff across the office.

FY27 Performance Measures:

Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Target	FY27 Target
Data CoLab Community Partner Meetings	167.0	80	80

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Program Name: External Engagement and Government Affairs Division

Program Number: 2

FY27 Proposed General Fund:

Program Description: The External Engagement and Government Affairs Division (“EE&GA”) focuses on building relational equity with the community at large and government agencies through proactive, frequent, and transparent engagement with community groups, governmental partners, law enforcement partners and internal and external victim support advocates. The Division oversees the DAO’s Community Engagement Unit, Victim Services Unit, CARES Unit, Relocations Unit, Faith-Based Operations and Government Affairs. The Division achieves its objectives through community meetings, proactive public relations and communications strategies, and other transparent means that promptly respond to the concerns of community and governmental requests, such as Elected Officials constituent service needs, and community events where the DAO is invited by the elected official and community groups.

FY27 Strategic Goals:

- The EE&GA Division is rebooting the DAO’s One Stop Job & Resources HUB, connecting employers, trauma-care professionals and social services agencies with communities impacted by poverty and violence.
- The EE&GA Division aims to set up monthly meetings between District Attorney Larry Krasner & Mayor Cherelle Parker, modeling “One Philly”, “Intergovernmental Cooperation” and “Community Healing” via increased communication between Philadelphia’s two highest elected officials.
- Increasing engagement with young people and Philadelphia Schools via monthly town halls and roundtables with Philadelphia’s most vulnerable communities.

FY27 Performance Measures:

Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Target	FY27 Target
	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Program Name: Trials

Program Number: 3

FY27 Proposed General Fund:

Program Description: The Trial Division is the backbone of the District Attorney’s Office, providing general and specialized prosecution. The majority of DAO’s lawyers work in the Trial Division, seeking justice through criminal convictions, sentencing recommendations, and a wide array of specialty courts to address underlying issues – veterans’ court, drug courts, and mental health court, among others. The Division includes the Major Trials Unit, Municipal Court Unit (MC), Family Violence and Sexual Assault (FVSA), Homicide and Non-Fatal Shootings, Juvenile Unit, Gun Violence Task Force, Economic Crimes, Elder Justice, and the following newly formed units: Carjacking/Car Theft/Drifting Enforcement Unit, Labor Protection Unit, and the Retail Theft and House Theft Task Force. Obtaining justice in the Trial Division requires preparing and subpoenaing witnesses, victims, and other members of law enforcement for testimony, providing evidence in a timely manner to opposing counsel, litigating pre-trial motions, and prosecuting charges and recommending sentences. The trial or preliminary hearings of almost all crimes committed in Philadelphia take place in the First Judicial District’s Municipal Court and are handled by attorneys in the Municipal Court Unit. The prosecutors in DAO’s Municipal Court Unit are responsible for handling misdemeanor level cases and most felony level preliminary hearings. When felony preliminary hearings are held for trial, the Major Trials Unit assumes a majority of prosecutions. These prosecutions are for some of the most serious crimes. The DAO’s Major Trials Unit prosecutes a wide variety of felony cases, usually in the Court of Common Pleas, including gunpoint robbery, burglary, aggravated assault, attempted murder, intimidation, violations of the Uniform Firearms Act (VUFA) such as illegal gun possession, and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, commonly referred to as drug dealing. The Family Violence and Sexual Assault Unit handles both misdemeanor and felony level crimes of family violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse and neglect, intimate- partner violence, physical abuse, child neglect, pornography and exploitation, human trafficking, and failure to register as a sex offender under Megan’s Law. Their work involves prosecuting complex, emotionally charged cases on behalf of some of the most vulnerable people in the city. The Carjacking Enforcement Unit was created to investigate and prosecute carjacking-related crimes. Similar to the Homicide and Non-Fatal Shootings Unit, ADAs in the Carjacking Unit will handle every phase of prosecution. This continuity will improve intelligence between law enforcement partners as carjacked vehicles are used in more and more violent crimes. The Homicide and Non-Fatal Shootings (NFS) Unit prosecutes people who commit the most serious crimes, seeking justice on behalf of victims and their families. Prosecutors in this unit work to communicate with victims and their families at every step of the process. The DAO’s grant-funded Crisis Assistance, Response, and Engagement (CARES) includes Peer Crisis Responders to help connect families to resources in the immediate aftermath of a homicide, and the Office’s Victim/Witness Coordinators engage families and connect them to resources as cases are prepared for trial.

FY27 Strategic Goals:

- The DAO aims to continue to build the Organized Retail Theft Task Force, Cleaner Greener Enforcement Unit, and Human Trafficking task force within the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Unit.
- The DAO will continue to identify high lethality risk Domestic Violence cases to seek adequate bail and vertical prosecution by experienced prosecutors in the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Unit.

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- The DAO will improve policies that protect the survivors of Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, and Human trafficking, included strengthening the safety of the women and children in Philadelphia.

FY27 Performance Measures:

Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Target	FY27 Target
Carjacking Arrests Charged	214.0	200	200

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Program Name: Investigations

Program Number: 4

FY27 Proposed General Fund:

Program Description: The work of the Investigations Division work generally starts before an arrest is made. Investigating and prosecuting complex criminal matters requires experienced ADAs, DA Detectives, support staff, and 21st Century prosecution tools. By investigating select criminal activity, the DAO is being proactive about making a safer and fairer Philadelphia. The Investigations Division focuses on ongoing criminal activity that preys on the poor and the powerless in the city’s communities. Focusing on these cases can make a real difference in promoting equity and helping people to escape poverty. The Division includes the Economic Crimes Unit (ECU), the Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU), the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), the Gun Violence Task Force (GVTF), the Dangerous Drug Offenders Unit (DDOU), the Public Nuisance Task Force (PNTF), and the Criminal Intelligence Unit. The Division works closely with DA Detectives to investigate and prosecute complex criminal matters, and as subject matter experts regularly collaborate with intragovernmental task forces. On any given week, this Division fields hundreds of phone calls and emails from impacted people. The units carefully review and respond to every inquiry, including referrals to other appropriate agencies.

FY27 Strategic Goals:

- The DAO-GVTF is working with PPD to train and obtain more critical electronic phone evidence to assist in criminal investigations, with the goal of increasing the amount of cell phones processed by the lab to 2000 phones in by Jan 1, 2027.
- The DAO-GVTF aims to increase staffing by 4 attorneys to expand grand jury investigations into East Division (Kensington Initiatives) as well as the lower Northeast, with the goal of completing five, large scale Grand Jury Investigations within the year. The GVTF currently completes approximately two large-scale investigations a year.
- The DAO-GVTF aims to increase Criminal Investigative Analyst staffing to directly assist other law enforcement partners, utilizing the multi-million-dollar equipment at the DAO-GVTF Digital Forensic Lab. These analysts will be established and ultimately tasked with assisting more federal, state and local partners.

FY27 Performance Measures:

Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Target	FY27 Target
Number of Older Adults Served by the Elder Justice Unit	503.0	500	350
Federal Gun Crime Cases Prosecuted by Special US ADAs	53.0	80	60
Straw Purchase/Gun Trafficking Investigations Charged	110.0	115	115

Program Name: Law

Program Number: 5

FY27 Proposed General Fund:

Program Description: The DAO’s work often continues after a conviction is obtained and a sentence imposed. Litigation defending the constitutionality of a criminal conviction can last as long or longer than the sentence itself. The Law Division handles the DAO appellate and post-conviction work in state and federal court. With nearly one out of five ADAs working in the Law Division, it is the second largest in the DAO and is tasked with not just fighting to uphold decisions, but also to ensure just decisions. Appeals can take years to resolve. The Law Division’s role in the appeal process is not to simply defend the trial verdict, but to continue the quest for a just and fair outcome for the City and for everyone involved in the case. The entire team does the work required to ensure that all convictions are lawful, correct, and afforded every opportunity for review. The attorneys, paralegals, and support staff who make up this division are dedicated to a fair, individual review of all cases at each step of the process. The Law Division also includes the Federal Litigation Unit, which is staffed by attorneys with a deep understanding of U.S. constitutional law and appellate procedure who represent the Commonwealth in federal District Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court; and the Civil Litigation Unit, which represents the DAO in civil lawsuits in state and federal court, including those against 10 different pharmaceutical companies, as the lead plaintiff for deceptive marketing of opioid products. The Civil Litigation Unit also drafts contracts, responds to discovery and right-to-know law requests, and advises on research and human resources for the office.

FY27 Strategic Goals:

- The DAO’s Law Division shall continue actively addressing the Post Conviction Relief Act (PCRA) backlog, including 487 cases awaiting file review.
- The Law Division shall continue careful review of every conviction at the post-trial stage to ensure that justice was served. This includes improving the open file discovery process.
- The Law Division shall continue to thoughtfully expand its affirmative civil litigation, including in the gun violence space.

FY27 Performance Measures:

Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Target	FY27 Target
Appeals Unit: Convictions Upheld	90%	90%	90

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Program Name: Detectives

Program Number: 6

FY27 Proposed General Fund:

Program Description: The Detective Division assists the other DAO divisions by investigating crimes and submitting affidavits of probable cause referred to the DAO in conjunction with prosecutors. Services performed by the Detective Division include witness interviews, evidence recovery and processing, warrant service, the location and transportation of witnesses, service of subpoenas, prisoner transport, and effectuating arrest warrants.

FY27 Strategic Goals:

- The DAO aims to hire 12 New Philadelphia County Detectives to provide investigative support to the Philadelphia District Attorney Office’s strategic and collaborative enforcement initiatives.
- This Division will continue to work in active collaboration with units throughout the office. As such, a primary goal of this Division will be to use the unique skills of Detectives to support the goals of other divisions in the DAO.
- The Detective Division seeks to continue expanding its training and resources for detectives.

FY27 Performance Measures:

Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Target	FY27 Target
	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Program Name: Juveniles

Program Number: 7

FY27 Proposed General Fund:

Program Description: The statutory mission of the Juvenile Division is to treat, supervise and rehabilitate youth while holding them appropriately accountable, and while protecting victims and ensuring safety in communities throughout the City. The Juvenile Unit makes a concerted effort to rehabilitate youth within an adolescent development framework with the hope that our efforts will reduce the likelihood that they will return to the juvenile or criminal justice systems.

FY27 Strategic Goals:

- The DAO’s Youth (Juvenile) Diversion unit within the division plans to enhance coordination with families through the G.E.L (Guardian Empowerment League) so that the DAO can more effectively empower and support families with long-term stability and cohesion. The goal is to design and implement family cohesion interventions into the existing framework.
- The Juvenile Division aims to continue to work with gun-involved matters, to hold accountable with specially assigned attorneys, any gun involved case, to support community safety.
- The Juvenile Division seeks to utilize feedback developed from a specially designed case management system to provide detailed data within the Juvenile system to analyze trends to address concerns that youth present, and tailor responses to better keep the community safe. The DAO’s Juvenile Division aims to optimize technical support so that the data can be harvested, and strategic planning improved.

FY27 Performance Measures:

Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Target	FY27 Target
Diverted Youth Who Received Employment or Internship	85.0	60	100

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Program Name: Victim Support Services

Program Number: 8

FY27 Proposed General Fund:

Program Description: Under the direction and guidance of the DAO’s External Engagement & Government Affairs Division, the Victim Support Services Operations at the DAO is committed to engaging, empowering, and encouraging victims, co-victims, survivors, witnesses, and families as they journey through the healing process in the community and during the criminal justice process. The DAO’s Victim Support Services operations provides Victim Witness Coordinators to limit further trauma, ease the burden of new legal responsibilities, and help ensure that victims’ voices are heard throughout the criminal justice process. Victim Witness Coordinators provide information and ensure that victims understand their legal responsibilities and the legal process. In addition to providing support through their criminal legal cases, coordinators help victims and witnesses heal from traumatic experiences by connecting them to community resources and services that best fit their needs. Similarly, the External Engagement Division’s Crisis Assistance, Response, and Engagement for Survivors Unit (CARES) offers support to homicide survivors in the aftermath of an incident, whether at the crime scene, in hospital hallways, or at the Medical Examiner’s Office, all the way through preliminary hearings. CARES is staffed by skilled Peer Crisis Responders, all of whom are homicide survivors themselves, representing different races/ethnicities, language abilities, and neighborhoods. These Peer Crisis Responders each know that no one’s pain is the same, but firmly believe everyone can heal, especially with compassionate support. CARES provides services in collaboration with several partners, including organizers of the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Coalition for Victim Advocacy, as well as hospital chaplains, MEO bereavement counselors, court advocates, and groups like EMR Healing Center.

FY27 Strategic Goals:

- The DAO seeks to develop, improve and enforce protocol and programming within each of the Victim Support Services units of the External Engagement Division in order to best serve the victims, witnesses, survivors, and co-survivors of crime.
- The DAO will continue to collaborate with its External Contracted Victim Services Providers to deliver quality, compassionate and critical supports to victims and their families.
- The DAO will lead trainings to build upon progress in our care of victims and survivors through the Criminal Justice Process.

FY27 Performance Measures:

Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Target	FY27 Target
DAO Philadelphia CARES Unit Outreach - Number of New Survivors of Homicide Victims Served	429.0	450	400

Victim/Witness Services Provided	31,980.0	30000	30000
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Program Name: Pre-Trial

Program Number: 9

FY27 Proposed General Fund:

Program Description: The Pre-Trial Division seeks justice through connecting defendants to resources and alternatives to incarceration without relying on trials. A primary component of cases handled pre-trial involves the rigorous review of matters at the Charging level: the DAO’s Charging Unit handles core matters and cases that occur pre-trial – 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Charging Unit reviews submitted evidence for all sight arrests and arrest warrants, and it determines which cases have sufficient evidence for formal charges to prosecute. Through constant communication with arresting agencies like the Police Department, the Charging Unit ensures that arrests and arrest warrants are supported by probable cause and that all reasonable investigatory processes are followed. The Charging Unit also serves a vital role in referring cases to appropriate units for prosecution, whether to a specialty Trial Division Unit like Family Violence/Sexual Assault, or to a specialty unit like Diversion, Immigration, Private Criminal Complaints, or Emerging Adult Units. The Diversion Unit exercises discretion to divert and connect people to appropriate resources. Diversion can occur at various stages of prosecution, from pre-conviction as an alternative to a trial through post-conviction alternatives to incarceration. Most diversion programs are collaborative approaches that identify and confront barriers to positive social determinants of health. These interventions include accepting treatment as a form of accountability for substance abuse or connecting veterans to their well-earned benefits and services. Additionally, the Pre-Trial Unit shares similar goals of disconnecting people from the criminal legal system and engaging them in public health and social services.

FY27 Strategic Goals:

- The Pre-Trial Division shall work with the First Judicial District, the Adult Probation/Parole Departments, the City of Philadelphia Office of the Victim Advocate, and the Defender Association of Philadelphia to improve the quality and accuracy of the APPD’s Act 44 reports.
- The Pre-Trial Division shall strive to increase the number of cases disposed of at the pre-trial level.
- The Pre-Trial Division shall establish additional performance benchmarks/standards for SMART Room dispositions through the new data collection system.

FY27 Performance Measures:

Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Target	FY27 Target
Percent of cases diverted from initial charging, Pre-existing	8%	6%	6

OTHER BUDGETARY IMPACTS

Federal and State (Where Applicable)

The DAO Victim Support Unit has been primarily VOCA funded for ten years. During that time, there have been no increases to the funding and now VOCA funding continues to decrease which affects the DAO Victim Support Unit funding as well as our community-based victim support partners. VOCA funding is decreasing another 7.5% over the 5% from the last award period and was flat funded year over year prior.

The DAO has been paying a substantial portion of salaries through RASA-VOJO – the Rights and Services Act (RASA) and Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) – funding (via the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency). Over the last eight years, it was necessary to augment staff within the Victim-Witness Service Unit by more than ten employees in order to adequately address the urgent needs of our victims and high case volume. The work and adequate staffing of our Victim-Witness Service Unit is imperative to the functioning and core operability of the District Attorney’s Office. Further, the DA’s Office is required under the Crime Victims Act and the Juvenile Act, as well as the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure to ensure that victims of crime whose cases are processed within the criminal and juvenile justice systems receive all rights, notifications, and services to which they are entitled to under the law. Without a sufficient number of victim-witness coordinators to support and assist the thousands of victims and witnesses we serve in the City of Philadelphia, our attorneys would be unable to appropriately handle cases in and outside of court. This would inevitably result in unspeakable detriment to the community and citizens of the City.

The City of Philadelphia's Victim Services Agencies provide critical support, courtroom accompaniment and advocacy to more than 40,000 victims of crime, including those whose case never makes it to a criminal court proceeding. Victim Advocates lessen the traumatic impact on the victim of crime by providing individualized supportive services, information and advocacy. Although the DAO has augmented the Victim Support Division, over the past several years, most of the division is funded and bound to only provide direct services once an arrest has been made. The Community Organizations do provide direct services, however, in addition, they are able to provide services to victims in the absence of an arrest which supports victims through the whole criminal justice process as well as providing an additional layer of safety to victims of the City of Philadelphia. Throughout the City of Philadelphia, innocent men, women and children suffer the effects of violence and abuse. Victims of crime need programs that offer a presence in their communities where they feel most comfortable and at court where they feel most vulnerable. People who have experienced violence and trauma are often re-traumatized by their interaction with the criminal justice system. These victims turn to community agencies each day for support and guidance. With the additional support, these agencies provide, victims and witnesses come to court, testify at hearings and trials, and begin their healing. The community organizations have been providing services for years, struggling to find funding outside of local funds. Additional funding would help ensure continued services by well trained staff and volunteers, in the community, allowing victims to feel safe to testify and continue to live in their neighborhoods.

CONTRACTING EXPERIENCE

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M/W/DSBE Participation on Large Professional Services Contracts											
Top Five Largest Contracts, FY26											
Vendor Name	Service Provided	Dollar Amount of Contract	RFP Issue Date	Contract Start Date	Ranges in RFP	% of M/W/DSBE and SBE Participation Achieved	\$ Value of M/W/DSBE and SBE Participation	Total % Participation - All DSBES	Total \$ Value Participation - All DSBES	Local Business (principal place of business located within City limits) [yes / no]	Waiver for Living Wage Compliance ? [yes / no]
GRM	Document Storage	\$250,000	3/13/2025	7/1/2025	MBE:	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	Yes	No
					WBE:	0%	\$0				
					DSBE:	0%	\$0				
					S/LBE:	0%	\$0				

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Non-Profit Vendor Demographics		
Anti-Violence Partnership	Minority %	Female %
Workforce	85.70%	77.10%
Executive	100.00%	100.00%
Board	100.00%	25.00%
JEVS	Minority %	Female %
Workforce	72.47%	73.68%
Executive	30.00%	85.00%
Board	26.67%	53.33%
Central Division Victim Services	Minority %	Female %
Workforce	42.90%	71.40%
Executive	0.00%	50.00%
Board	40.00%	40.00%
Concilio	Minority %	Female %
Workforce	95.45%	67.27%
Executive	100.00%	60.00%
Board	100.00%	50.00%
Northwest Victim Services	Minority %	Female %
Workforce	100.00%	100.00%
Executive	100.00%	100.00%
Board	45.00%	65.00%
Support Center for Child Advocates	Minority %	Female %
Workforce	37.78%	93.33%
Executive	37.50%	100.00%
Board	29.17%	50.00%
Victim Services of South Philadelphia	Minority %	Female %
Workforce	88.00%	75.00%
Executive	67.00%	100.00%
Board	44.00%	56.00%
Women Against Abuse	Minority %	Female %
Workforce	80.00%	82.00%
Executive	73.00%	91.00%
Board	50.00%	86.00%
Women Organized Against Rape	Minority %	Female %
Workforce	50.00%	75.00%
Executive	100.00%	100.00%
Board	66.67%	33.34%