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Judicial Administration

The Judicial Administration function of the Eleventh Circuit (the Circuit) includes the County-funded activities of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), State Attorney, and Public Defender.

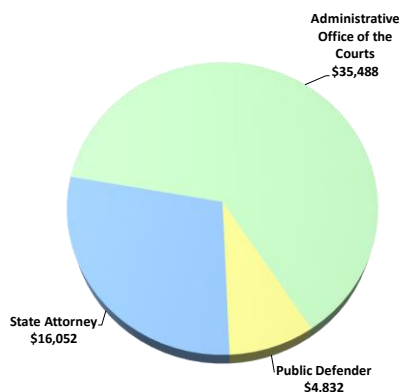
As part of the Public Safety strategic area, the various entities of the court system strive to attain justice for all residents of Miami-Dade County through the rule of law as an independent branch of government constitutionally entrusted with the fair and just resolution of disputes. In doing so, the Circuit provides equal access to a fair and effective system of justice for all without excess cost, inconvenience, or delay and with sensitivity to an increasingly diverse community. While preserving the constitutional right to trial by an impartial judge or jury, the Circuit also offers efficient methods of dispute resolution such as mediation. The State Attorney is responsible for prosecuting or defending, on behalf of the State, all suits, applications, or motions in which the State is a party. The Public Defender represents indigent people who have been arrested or who are at risk of losing their life or liberty and cannot afford to hire a private attorney, as well as individuals facing involuntary civil commitment because of mental illness or varied intellectual needs. The AOC, which provides support services to the Judiciary, includes the following areas: case management, courtroom assignments, court reporting, court technology, interpreter operations, human resources, fiscal and procurement management, facilities management, planning and security. Additionally, the AOC has several Problem-Solving Courts that have specialized dockets that seek to address the underlying problems contributing to certain criminal offenses. Pursuant to Revision 7 to Article V of the Florida Constitution, the State is required to fund the following elements of the state court system on behalf of the State Attorney, Public Defender and Judiciary: Judges and Judicial Assistants, Law Clerks and legal research services, Magistrates and Hearing Officers, State Attorneys, Assistant State Attorneys and staff, Public Defenders, Assistant Public Defenders and staff, alternative dispute resolution/mediation, case management, foreign and sign language interpreter services, court reporting, expert witnesses, mental health professionals, court administration, transportation and travel expenses. The law provides that counties pay reasonable and necessary salaries, costs and expenses of the State Court System to meet local requirements and may fund State Attorney and Public Defender efforts toward the prosecution and defense of violations of local ordinances. Pursuant to Florida Statute 29.008, the responsibility rests with the Chief Judge, in conjunction with the State Attorney and the Public Defender, to identify all local requirements within the Circuit. Counties are obligated to fund communications services, existing multi-agency criminal justice information systems and the construction, maintenance, utility, and security costs associated with court facilities.

The entities of the court system interact with the Clerk of Court and Comptroller, other justice agencies, community-based organizations, and the public.

FY 2025-26 Adopted Operating Budget

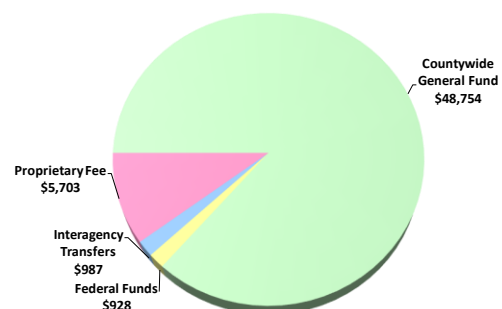
Expenditures by Activity

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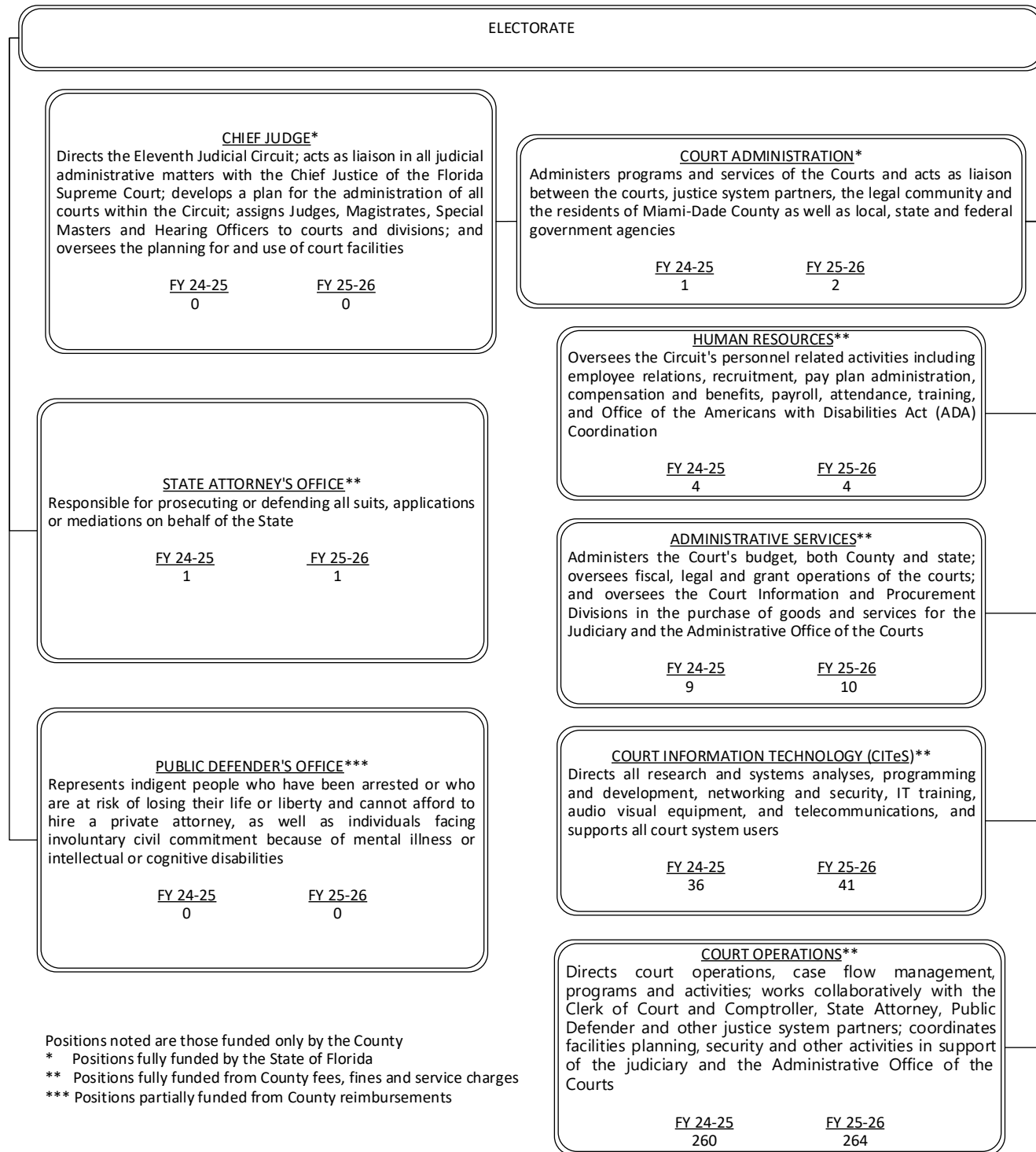
Revenues by Source

(dollars in thousands)



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget includes four approved overages from FY 2024-25 (one AV Technical Specialist, one Computer Technician 2, one Accountant 2, and the conversion of one Judicial Services position from a part-time to a full-time position) to strengthen Court administration support (\$285,000)
- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget includes 11 approved overages from FY 2024-25 (seven Legal Aid Attorneys and four Legal Aid Secretaries) funded by additional support from the Florida Bar Foundation (\$1.2 million)
- With the enactment of Senate Bill 2508, the total number of judgeships in Florida increased, resulting in a rise in the number of Miami- Dade Circuit Court Judges; therefore, seven additional Court Specialist positions (\$552,000) are included in the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget
- Revision 7 to Article V of the Florida Constitution, effective July 1, 2004, established certain obligations (such as the maintenance of facilities, security, technology, telecommunications and existing multi-agency criminal justice information systems) on the part of counties; as of September 30, 2024 the County Budget includes funding of more than \$79 million in General Fund revenues that support court-related expenditures in the People and Internal Operations Department (PIOD), the Communications, Information and Technology Department and the court system budget
- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget includes approximately \$8.04 million for local requirement Court programs to support: Civil Traffic Infraction Hearing Officer Program, County Court Mediation, Court Interpreters, Domestic Violence Fatality and Child Abuse Death Review Team, Family Court Services, Mental Health – Marchman, Unified Children’s Court, Adult Drug Court, County Criminal Mental Health Project, Dependency Drug Court, Domestic Violence Drug Court, Juvenile Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court
- Revenues generated from traffic surcharges have decreased 29 percent since FY 2018-19; this reduction in revenues has been replaced by an increased General Fund subsidy; this negative trend may continue into the upcoming fiscal years and would require either service adjustments or further increases to the General Fund subsidy
- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget includes \$405,000 in self-funded local requirement court program for Process Servers
- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget allocates \$1.531 million for the Drive Legal Program and \$1.632 million for the Self-Help Program, both certified local requirements, the Drive Legal Program is funded through the Miami-Dade Rescue Plan, program fees, and carryover; the Self-Help Program is funded through program fees and the general fund
- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget includes \$928,000 of federal funding for Dependency Drug Court operations (\$400,000), Adult Drug Court operations (\$400,000), Criminal Mental Health Project (\$124,000), and a Kidside grant to conduct social investigations in Family Court (\$4,000)
- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget provides \$203,000 to contract for the timely service of civilian subpoenas on behalf of the Public Defender’s Office (PDO); this service reduces delays of court cases and County expenditures associated with the incarceration of defendants pending disposition; additionally, the Adopted Budget includes recurring funding for licensing agreements and network support for the PDO (\$780,000)
- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget includes funding for the State Attorney's Office (SAO) (\$16.052 million); the funding supports the Civil Citation Program (\$98,000), the Mobile Operations Victim Emergency Services (MOVES) program (361,000), the Digital Evidence Management Unit (DEMU) program (\$982,000), the Smart Justice Strategies Unit (SJSU) program (\$318,000), the Special Probation Intake (SPI) program (\$1.24 million), and the subpoena service program (\$520,000); the MOVES, DEMU, SJSU, SPI and subpoena service programs have been certified as local requirements
- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget includes funding for the Expedited Intake System (EIS) in the SAO, which identifies efficiencies in the “file/no-file” decision process through the enhanced ability to obtain personal service of the notices to appear at all pre-file conferences (\$615,000); the EIS program has been certified as a local requirement

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- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget includes \$28,000 for the PDO and \$5,000 for the SAO to defend and prosecute local ordinance violations; the County remains responsible for the courier functions of the PDO and the SAO and will continue to provide the vehicles required for this activity
- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget includes funding for the Children and Special Needs Center, which is administered by the SAO to coordinate multi-jurisdictional interviewing and assessment of children and mentally impaired persons who are victims of sexual abuse (\$797,000); the intergovernmental agreement between the County and the State of Florida will be continued as it relates to the appropriation of funds by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
- In order to carry out the functions funded by the County, separate intergovernmental continuation agreements will be executed administratively between the County and the PDO and the County and the SAO, subject to appropriation of funds by the BCC
- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget includes funding of \$683,000 for the Law Library; this operation is funded by fees, charges and donations (\$50,000); 25 percent of the criminal court cost \$65 surcharge (\$140,000); Local Business Tax (\$92,000) and carryover (\$401,000)
- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget includes funding for the Legal Aid program (\$8.481 million); the funding is comprised of General Fund support (\$4.626 million), Florida Bar Foundation contributions (\$2,600,000), 25 percent of the criminal court cost \$65 surcharge (\$140,000), grant revenues (\$965,000) and other miscellaneous revenues (\$150,000)
- The Non-Departmental General Fund section of the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget includes \$2.728 million in funding for the Guardianship Program; the Guardianship Program of Dade County, Inc. provides legal guardianship assistance for indigent and low-income adults who are determined to be incapacitated by the Court in Miami-Dade County and are appointed a Guardian
- We appreciate the collaborative efforts of previous Chief Judge Nushin Sayfie, Chief Judge Ariana Fajardo Orshan, Katherine Fernandez-Rundle, State Attorney and Carlos J. Martinez, Public Defender, towards the successful completion of the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget

CAPITAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS AND OPERATIONAL IMPACTS

- Renovations to the Mental Health Center are anticipated to be completed by December of 2025; the capital program is funded using Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program bond proceeds (\$46.4 million) and JMH General Obligation Bond proceeds (\$8 million); the facility will provide a full continuum of care and assist individuals with mental illnesses diverted from the criminal justice system; starting in FY 2025-26, it is estimated that the annual operation and maintenance cost of the facility will be approximately \$2.726 million however, this does not include the cost for program based operations (total program cost \$54.4 million; \$4.54 million in FY 2025-26; capital program #305410)
- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan includes funding for infrastructure improvements to the Richard E. Gerstein building to perform upgrades and improvements that will focus on the renovation and rehabilitation of life safety, exterior and interior upgrades, and other related infrastructure required improvements; the capital program is funded through the Countywide Infrastructure Investment Program (CIIP) (\$28.487 million) and the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond (BBC-GOB) program (\$4.193 million) (total program cost \$32.68 million; \$13.87 million in FY 2025-26; capital program #2000003369)
- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan includes \$500,000 in funding from the General Government Improvement Fund (GGIF) to support various repairs and renovations throughout the court facilities (total program cost \$500,000; \$500,000 in FY 2025-26; capital program #3010620)

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- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan includes continued funding for the new Civil and Probate Courthouse project located in downtown Miami; during FY 2025-26, PIOD will continue its oversight of construction of the state-of-the-art facility in collaboration with building tenants to ensure delivery of the project; upon estimated occupation in October of 2025, the new courthouse will have 46 jury courtrooms, four shelled courtrooms for future expansion and office and public spaces to be occupied by the Clerk of Courts, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Law Library, and a grand jury room and offices for the State Attorney; the capital program is funded with Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond proceeds (\$76.286 million) and Miami-Dade Rescue Plan funds (\$1.5 million)
- The FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan includes the continued implementation of the Court Case Management System (formerly known as CJIS), which will deliver an enhanced integrated information solution for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida and will benefit several agencies such as the Miami-Dade Clerk of the Courts, the Administrative Office of the Courts for the 11th Judicial Circuit, the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department, the Miami-Dade State Attorney and Public Defender Offices, and the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department with improved data sharing abilities, enhancing the public's access to the court system as well as reducing redundancy by streamlining operations; the capital program is funded with Capital Asset Acquisition bond proceeds (\$27.085 million) and Future Financing bond proceeds (\$29.024 million); the capital program is anticipated to be completed in FY 2028-29 (total program cost \$56.109 million; \$17.823 million in FY 2025-26; capital program #2000000954)

SELECTED ITEM HIGHLIGHTS AND DETAILS

Line-Item Highlights	(dollars in thousands)				
	Actual FY 22-23	Actual FY 23-24	Budget FY 24-25	Projection FY 24-25	Adopted FY 25-26
Advertising	0	2	3	4	4
Fuel	113	86	92	83	93
Overtime	28	38	0	37	0
Rent	3,973	3,919	4,000	4,003	4,003
Security Services	1,019	1,499	1,179	1,179	1,180
Temporary Services	41	23	25	96	96
Travel and Registration	53	33	67	71	81
Utilities	1,296	1,350	1,616	1,375	1,557

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OPERATING FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(dollars in thousands)	Actual FY 22-23	Actual FY 23-24	Budget FY 24-25	Adopted FY 25-26
Revenue Summary				
General Fund Countywide	32,623	35,491	45,279	48,754
Carryover	1,289	1,544	1,640	1,771
Court Fees	3,995	3,759	3,682	3,858
Interest Income	13	57	17	30
Process Server Fees	97	249	95	99
Program Income	1,288	1,279	1,246	1,442
Federal Grants	1,157	1,375	1,208	928
Interagency Transfers	183	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers	0	3	0	0
Miami-Dade Rescue Plan Fund	45	0	1,183	1,250
Total Revenues	40,690	43,757	54,350	58,132

Operating Expenditures

Summary

Salary	15,397	15,599	22,009	23,542
Fringe Benefits	7,193	7,398	9,853	10,376
Court Costs	243	228	208	208
Contractual Services	3,643	4,849	6,795	6,699
Other Operating	8,715	8,897	9,316	10,788
Charges for County Services	1,527	1,528	1,462	1,660
Grants to Outside Organizations	1	0	0	0
Capital	1,878	2,038	2,719	3,099
Total Operating Expenditures	38,597	40,537	52,362	56,372

Non-Operating Expenditures

Summary

Transfers	8	8	0	0
Distribution of Funds In Trust	0	0	0	0
Debt Service	127	10	413	0
Depreciation, Amortizations and Depletion	0	0	0	0
Reserve	0	0	1,575	1,760
Total Non-Operating Expenditures	135	18	1,988	1,760

(dollars in thousands) Expenditure By Program	Total Funding		Total Positions	
	Budget FY 24-25	Adopted FY 25-26	Budget FY 24-25	Adopted FY 25-26
Strategic Area: Public Safety				
Administrative Office of the Courts	32,458	35,488	310	321
Public Defender	4,832	4,832	0	0
State Attorney	15,072	16,052	1	1
Total Operating Expenditures	52,362	56,372	311	322

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CAPITAL BUDGET SUMMARY

(dollars in thousands)	PRIOR	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	FY 30-31	FUTURE	TOTAL
Revenue									
BBC GOB Financing	111,342	18,125	240	0	0	0	0	0	129,707
CIIP Program Bonds	353	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	353
CIIP Program Financing	4,868	12,274	12,429	0	0	0	0	0	29,571
Court Facilities Bond Series 2014	1,825	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,825
General Government Improvement Fund (GGIF)	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	500
JMH General Obligation Bonds	8,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,000
Miami-Dade Rescue Plan	0	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500
Total:	126,388	32,399	12,669	0	0	0	0	0	171,456
Expenditures									
Strategic Area: PS									
Court Facilities	89,563	13,580	300	0	0	0	0	0	103,443
Infrastructure Improvements	6,381	13,870	12,429	0	0	0	0	0	32,680
Public Safety Facilities	28,450	6,643	240	0	0	0	0	0	35,333
Total:	124,394	34,093	12,969	0	0	0	0	0	171,456

FUNDED CAPITAL PROGRAMS

(dollars in thousands)

ADDITIONAL COURTROOMS AND ADMINISTRATION FACILITIES

PROGRAM #: 305200

DESCRIPTION: Provide an updated Courts Master Plan for both Civil and Criminal courts; and construct new and/or improve existing courtrooms and administration facilities

LOCATION: Various Sites
Throughout Miami-Dade County

District Located: Countywide
District(s) Served: Countywide

REVENUE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	FUTURE	TOTAL
BBC GOB Financing	38,632	6,586	0	0	0	0	0	0	45,218
Miami-Dade Rescue Plan	0	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500
TOTAL REVENUES:	38,632	8,086	0	0	0	0	0	0	46,718
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	FUTURE	TOTAL
Construction	20,680	796	0	0	0	0	0	0	21,476
Furniture Fixtures and Equipment	17,237	7,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	24,237
Planning and Design	709	290	0	0	0	0	0	0	999
Project Administration	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	38,632	8,086	0	0	0	0	0	0	46,718

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COURT FACILITIES REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS

PROGRAM #: 3010620

DESCRIPTION: Repair and renovate court facilities as needed

LOCATION: Various Sites
Throughout Miami-Dade County

District Located: Countywide
District(s) Served: Countywide

REVENUE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	FUTURE	TOTAL
General Government Improvement Fund (GGIF)	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	500
TOTAL REVENUES:	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	500
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	FUTURE	TOTAL
Infrastructure Improvements	0	495	0	0	0	0	0	0	495
Planning and Design	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	500

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS - CHILDREN'S COURTHOUSE

PROGRAM #: 200001657

DESCRIPTION: Provide various improvements to include roof replacement and the addition of solar panels; and provide HVAC control studies

LOCATION: 155 NW 3 St
City of Miami

District Located: 5
District(s) Served: Countywide

REVENUE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	FUTURE	TOTAL
Court Facilities Bond Series 2014	1,825	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,825
TOTAL REVENUES:	1,825	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,825
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	FUTURE	TOTAL
Construction	848	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	898
Infrastructure Improvements	0	352	300	0	0	0	0	0	652
Planning and Design	151	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	201
Project Administration	72	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	74
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	1,071	454	300	0	0	0	0	0	1,825

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INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS - COURT FACILITIES SYSTEMWIDE

PROGRAM #: 2000001484

DESCRIPTION: Perform upgrades and improvements and provide additional courtrooms to Miami-Dade County court facilities

LOCATION: Various Sites
Throughout Miami-Dade County

District Located: Countywide
District(s) Served: Countywide

REVENUE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	FUTURE	TOTAL
BBC GOB Financing	27,608	6,048	240	0	0	0	0	0	33,896
CIIP Program Bonds	267	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	267
CIIP Program Financing	575	595	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,170
TOTAL REVENUES:	28,450	6,643	240	0	0	0	0	0	35,333
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	FUTURE	TOTAL
Art Allowance	1,607	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,607
Construction	449	280	0	0	0	0	0	0	729
Infrastructure Improvements	1,887	2,652	240	0	0	0	0	0	4,779
Permitting	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Planning and Design	66	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	132
Project Administration	33	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
Project Contingency	148	216	0	0	0	0	0	0	364
Technology Hardware/Software	24,257	3,396	0	0	0	0	0	0	27,653
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	28,450	6,643	240	0	0	0	0	0	35,333

MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

PROGRAM #: 305410

DESCRIPTION: Construct new mental health center on property leased from the State of Florida

LOCATION: 2200 NW 7 Ave
City of Miami

District Located: 3
District(s) Served: Countywide

REVENUE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	FUTURE	TOTAL
BBC GOB Financing	43,100	3,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	46,400
JMH General Obligation Bonds	8,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,000
TOTAL REVENUES:	51,100	3,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	54,400
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	FUTURE	TOTAL
Construction	49,860	4,540	0	0	0	0	0	0	54,400
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	49,860	4,540	0	0	0	0	0	0	54,400

Estimated Annual Operating Impact will begin in FY 2025-26 in the amount of \$2,726,000 and includes 0 FTE(s)

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RICHARD E. GERSTEIN JUSTICE BUILDING - INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

PROGRAM #: 2000003369

DESCRIPTION: Rehabilitate and renovate Richard E. Gerstein Justice building

LOCATION: 1351 NW 12 St
City of Miami

District Located: 3

District(s) Served: Countywide

REVENUE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	FUTURE	TOTAL
BBC GOB Financing	2,002	2,191	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,193
CIIP Program Bonds	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
CIIP Program Financing	4,293	11,679	12,429	0	0	0	0	0	28,401
TOTAL REVENUES:	6,381	13,870	12,429	0	0	0	0	0	32,680
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	FUTURE	TOTAL
Construction	3,375	9,917	11,059	0	0	0	0	0	24,351
Furniture Fixtures and Equipment	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Infrastructure Improvements	713	2,191	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,904
Permitting	185	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	231
Planning and Design	1,471	524	175	0	0	0	0	0	2,170
Project Administration	234	181	135	0	0	0	0	0	550
Project Contingency	401	998	1,060	0	0	0	0	0	2,459
Technology Hardware/Software	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	6,381	13,870	12,429	0	0	0	0	0	32,680