

FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan

County Attorney's Office

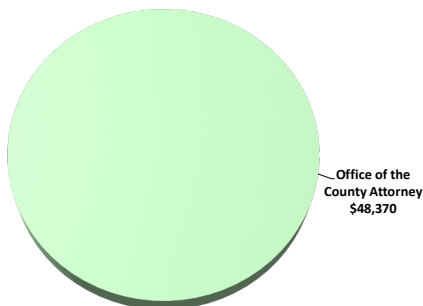
The County Attorney's Office (CAO) is established in the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter to "serve as legal counsel to the Board, Mayor, and all County departments, offices, and agencies, and perform such other legal duties as may be assigned." The CAO represents the County in all civil legal matters arising in the discharge of official duties.

In supporting policy formulation functions, the CAO is responsible for, among other things, the prosecution and the defense of all lawsuits brought by or against the County; the provision of legal advice and representation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and its committees and subcommittees, the Mayor, the Public Health Trust, various County boards and all County departments and agencies; the representation of the County at administrative hearings; the drafting and review of ordinances and resolutions; the approval of all contracts, bonds or written instruments as to form and legal sufficiency; and the rendering of legal opinions.

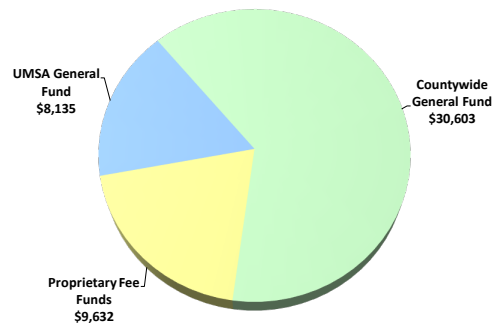
The CAO provides legal representation to the BCC, the Mayor, the Public Health Trust, various County boards and all County departments and agencies. In addition, the County Attorney's Office may, in certain circumstances, provide legal advice and representation to the newly elected constitutional officers.

FY 2026-27 Proposed Operating Budget

Expenditures by Activity
(dollars in thousands)



Revenues by Source
(dollars in thousands)



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OPERATING FINANCIAL SUMMARY

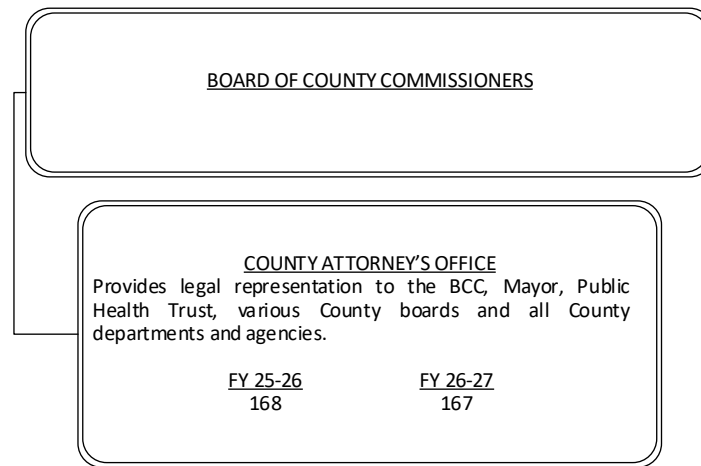
(dollars in thousands)	Actual FY 23-24	Actual FY 24-25	Budget FY 25-26	Proposed FY 26-27	(dollars in thousands) Expenditure By Program	Total Funding Budget FY 25-26	Proposed FY 26-27	Total Positions Budget FY 25-26	Proposed FY 26-27
Revenue Summary					Strategic Priority: Policy Formulation				
General Fund Countywide	16,337	18,989	29,711	30,603	Office of the County Attorney	46,430	48,370	168	167
General Fund UMSA	4,343	5,048	7,898	8,135					
Reimbursements from Departments	7,954	8,517	8,406	9,217	Total Operating Expenditures	46,430	48,370	168	167
Reimbursements from Outside Agencies	123	215	415	415					
Total Revenues	28,757	32,769	46,430	48,370					
Operating Expenditures Summary									
Salary	20,212	22,987	34,179	35,708					
Fringe Benefits	8,088	9,344	11,170	11,581					
Court Costs	-447	-464	53	53					
Contractual Services	58	26	4	4					
Other Operating	578	606	683	683					
Charges for County Services	231	234	249	249					
Capital	37	36	92	92					
Total Operating Expenditures	28,757	32,769	46,430	48,370					
Non-Operating Expenditures Summary									
Transfers	0	0	0	0					
Distribution of Funds In Trust	0	0	0	0					
Debt Service	0	0	0	0					
Depreciation, Amortizations and Depletion	0	0	0	0					
Reserve	0	0	0	0					
Total Non-Operating Expenditures	0	0	0	0					

SELECTED ITEM HIGHLIGHTS AND DETAILS

Line-Item Highlights	(dollars in thousands)				
	Actual FY 23-24	Actual FY 24-25	Budget FY 25-26	Projection FY 25-26	Proposed FY 26-27
Advertising	0	0	0	0	0
Fuel	0	0	1	0	1
Overtime	0	0	0	0	0
Rent	0	0	0	0	0
Security Services	1	13	1	15	2
Temporary Services	0	0	0	0	0
Travel and Registration	57	61	80	41	80
Utilities	53	56	61	56	61

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TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



The FY 2026-27 total number of full-time equivalent positions is 167.80.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Continuation of existing staffing levels is necessary to address, among other things, the provision of legal services to the elected constitutional officers including the Clerk, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections and the Tax Collector; increased workloads attributable to an upswing in requests for legal services from the Board of County Commissioners, the Mayor, and administrative departments; a significant increase in complex commercial transactions and regulatory matters; a substantial upsurge in litigation-related demands attributable, in part, to legislative and judicial actions at the state level; and a marked increase in work associated with the Florida Legislature over the last several years
- The FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget for the County Attorney's Office includes budgeted amounts to fund the same salary enhancements given to all non-bargaining County employees in the administrative departments and shall be extended to the County Attorney to provide flexibility to address extreme competition, and compensation increases in the legal labor marketplace
- As in prior years, the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget contains funding from multiple non-general fund sources (\$9.632 million) including, but not limited to: reimbursements for additional legal services from the Bond Acquisition Administration Fund (\$450,000); People and Internal Operations Department Self-Insurance Trust Fund (\$3.8 million); Seaport Department (\$1 million); Tax Collector (\$645,000); Public Health Trust (\$2.582 million); Children's Trust (\$250,000); Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (\$740,000) and CareerSource South Florida (\$165,000)
- The County Attorney's Office continues to perform e-filing functions on-behalf of all County Departments; as a result, departments are reimbursing all Clerk of Court Fees to ensure the CAO's budget is not adversely impacted
- The County Attorney's Office is exploring the replacement of the Office's existing document and case management system, which has passed end-of-life and is no longer being supported by the system provider; at this time, the selection of a replacement system remains on-going because the selected replacement must meet applicable standards specific to legal work and the Office has placed an emphasis on ensuring that any replacement system minimizes data migration cost and easily integrates with the Office's existing legal research system and other related services to best leverage those existing services without the need for additional expenditures for integration
- *The FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget reflects one part-time Paralegal Specialist position converted from full-time*