

FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan

Clerk of the Court and Comptroller

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Clerk of the Court and Comptroller (COCC or Clerk) is committed to upholding integrity, transparency, and neutrality in judicial and governmental processes. Our mission is to provide exceptional service, enhance accessibility, utilize future-ready technology, and empower our workforce to exceed expectations.

THE COCC's ROLE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY:

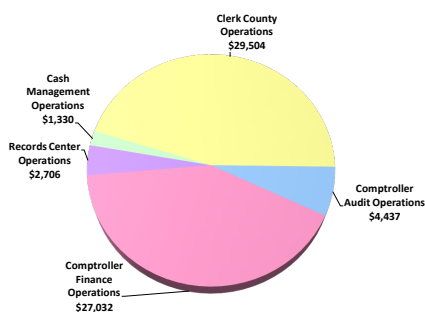
The COCC, established in 1885 by the Florida Constitution as an independently elected officer, is a public trustee charged with safeguarding the public's records and funds. As the elected constitutional officer, Juan Fernandez-Barquin, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, serves in the roles of Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, County Recorder, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and County Comptroller, which includes responsibilities as the Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, and Financial Auditor, and is directly accountable to the residents of Miami-Dade County. The Clerk's office is the largest of the 67 Clerk's offices in Florida and serves a local population of over 2.8 million citizens. With nearly 1,000 statutory responsibilities and 15 locations, the COCC plays a critical role in Miami-Dade County's government, impacting public safety, commerce, and access to justice; visit <https://www.miamidadeclerk.gov> to learn more.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller monitors the County budget, revenue, debt and spending. The Clerk pays all County bills, ensuring each expense serves a public purpose, complies with the law, and is within the County's budget. The Clerk also maintains the County's financial records to produce all required financial statements using generally accepted accounting principles and adheres to financial compliance reporting as required by local, state, and federal laws. As Treasurer, the Clerk actively manages and earns interest income on the County's investment portfolio. As Auditor, the Clerk conducts independent risk-based and financial audits, including the audit of all County expenditures. The Clerk maintains the records of the County Commission and other Boards, providing all meeting minutes.

FY 2025-26 Proposed Operating Budget

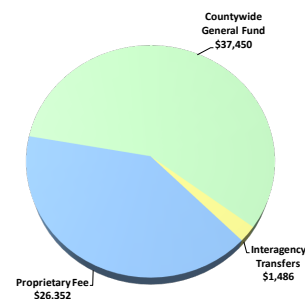
Expenditures by Activity

(dollars in thousands)



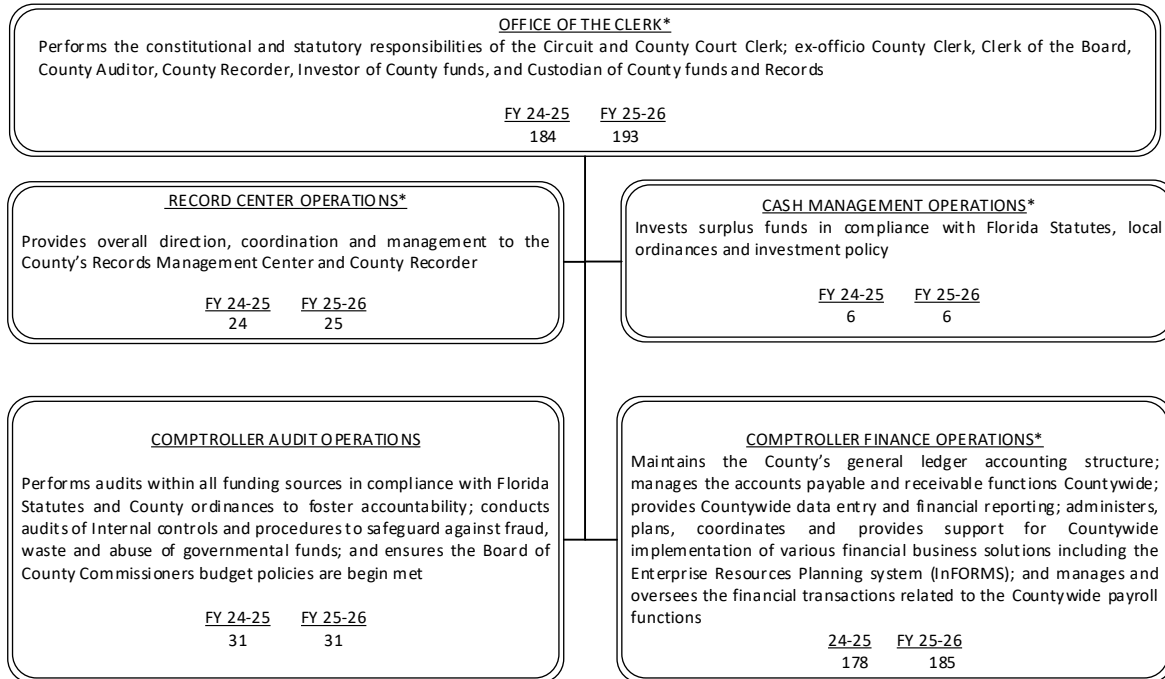
Revenues by Source

(dollars in thousands)



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TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



* Positions funded from both Clerk and County fees, fines and service charges

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget includes funding for County-related operations and includes \$13.1 million of revenues generated by the Clerk from non-court related operations and General Fund support totaling \$37.45 million to fund the Clerk of the Board and Clerk operational support functions (\$16.4 million) and statutorily required functions of Comptroller Finance and Comptroller Audit Operations (\$21.048 million)
- As required under Ordinance 10-56, the FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget includes the transfer of \$130,000 to the Commission on Ethics and Public Trust to support its operations
- The FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget for the COCC does not include \$9.547 million related to expenditure authority for the County's former Finance Department and non-departmental County service charges for the period from October 1, 2024, and January 6, 2025, due to the timing of the implementation of Amendment 10 (\$5.975 million supported by the General Fund and \$3.572 million from other fees and charges)

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OPERATING FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(dollars in thousands)	Actual FY 22-23	Actual FY 23-24	Budget FY 24-25	Proposed FY 25-26
Revenue Summary				
General Fund Countywide*	6,494	22,361	30,156	37,450
Carryover	1,567	4,767	1,969	3,448
Fees and Charges	13,224	14,164	13,725	14,067
Other Revenues	0	4,983	3,150	9,301
IT Funding Model	0	3,664	3,211	0
Interagency Transfers	0	459	800	1,022
Total Revenues	21,285	50,398	53,011	65,288
Operating Expenditures				
Summary				
Salary	9,527	24,991	31,129	40,076
Fringe Benefits	4,042	10,165	13,193	16,863
Court Costs	0	3	0	6
Contractual Services	1,347	3,958	2,797	2,714
Other Operating*	3,772	2,789	4,429	2,906
Charges for County Services*	1,007	2,122	1,148	2,146
Grants to Outside Organizations	127	0	0	0
Capital	180	298	187	298
Total Operating Expenditures	20,002	44,326	52,883	65,009
Non-Operating Expenditures				
Summary				
Transfers	0	2,718	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	1,283	50	128	279
Total Non-Operating Expenditures	1,283	2,768	128	279

(dollars in thousands)	Total Funding		Total Positions	
Expenditure By Program	Budget FY 24-25	Proposed FY 25-26	Budget FY 24-25	Proposed FY 25-26
Strategic Area: Constitutional Office				
Clerk County Operations	27,563	29,504	184	193
Cash Management Operations	932	1,330	6	6
Comptroller Audit Operations	3,725	4,437	31	31
Comptroller Finance Operations	18,200	27,032	178	185
Records Center Operations	2,463	2,706	24	25
Total Operating Expenditures	52,883	65,009	423	440

*Includes Countywide General Fund Revenues and Expenditures (CITD & PIOD), which will be budgeted in the County's Non-Departmental General Fund in the amount of \$2.204 million in FY 2025-26