

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

County Attorney's Office

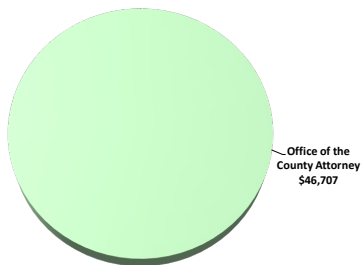
The County Attorney's Office (CAO) is established in the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter to "serve as legal counsel to the Board, Mayor, and all County departments, offices, and agencies, and perform such other legal duties as may be assigned." The CAO represents the County in all civil legal matters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

As part of the Policy Formulation strategic area, 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.

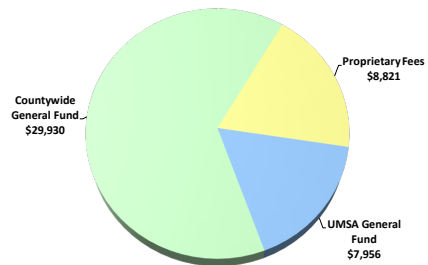
The CAO provides legal representation to the BCC, the Mayor, the Public Health Trust, various County boards and all County departments and agencies. In addition, the County Attorney's Office may, in certain circumstances, provide legal advice and representation to the newly elected constitutional officers.

FY 2025-26 Proposed Operating Budget

Expenditures by Activity
(dollars in thousands)

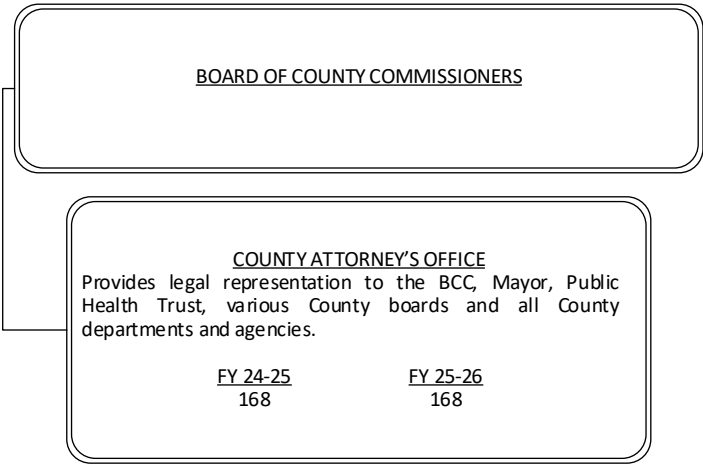


Revenues by Source
(dollars in thousands)



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TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



The FY 2025-26 total number of full-time equivalent positions is 168.

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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 2025-26 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 2025-26 Proposed Budget includes funding from multiple sources (\$8.821 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); Public Health Trust (\$2.451 million); Children's Trust (\$250,000); the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (\$705,000) 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

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	Proposed FY 25-26
Advertising	0	0	0	0	0
Fuel	0	0	1	1	1
Overtime	0	0	0	0	0
Rent	0	0	0	0	0
Security Services	1	1	1	1	1
Temporary Services	0	0	0	0	0
Travel and Registration	71	57	80	80	80
Utilities	52	53	60	60	61

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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	14,782	16,337	25,888	29,930
General Fund UMSA	3,929	4,343	6,881	7,956
Reimbursements from Departments	6,783	7,954	8,118	8,406
Reimbursements from Outside Agencies	193	123	415	415
Total Revenues	25,687	28,757	41,302	46,707
Operating Expenditures Summary				
Salary	18,598	20,212	30,390	34,457
Fringe Benefits	7,033	8,088	9,871	11,169
Court Costs	-767	-447	53	53
Contractual Services	17	58	4	4
Other Operating	554	578	648	683
Charges for County Services	233	231	244	249
Capital	19	37	92	92
Total Operating Expenditures	25,687	28,757	41,302	46,707
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

(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: Policy Formulation				
Office of the County Attorney	41,302	46,707	168	168
Total Operating Expenditures	41,302	46,707	168	168