

# Louisiana Senate Finance Committee



## FY27 Executive Budget

### 01 – Executive Department

#### 01-116 – Office of the State Public Defender (OSPD)

February 2026

*Senator Cameron Henry, President  
Senator Glen Womack, Chairman*





# FY27 Executive Budget

## Schedule 01 — Executive Department Agencies

### Executive Department

Management and  
Regulatory Agencies  
Supporting the  
Executive Branch of  
State Government

Executive Office	01-100 EXEC
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# 01-116 Office of the State Public Defender

## Table of Organization

### Office of the Governor

### Office of the State Public Defender

*Rémy Voisin Starns, State Public Defender*

#### District Defenders

42 Public Defender Offices (PDOs)  
37 District Defenders

4 District Defenders Manage 2 or More Contiguous  
Districts:  
7/28; 11/39/42; 14/38; 30/36

#### Contract Programs

- Louisiana Appeals & Writ Project (LAWS)
- Louisiana Capital Assistance Center (LCAC)
- Loyola Center for Social Justice (formerly CAP)
- Mwalimu Center for Justice (formerly CPCPL)
- University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM)

**Public Defenders and Staff**

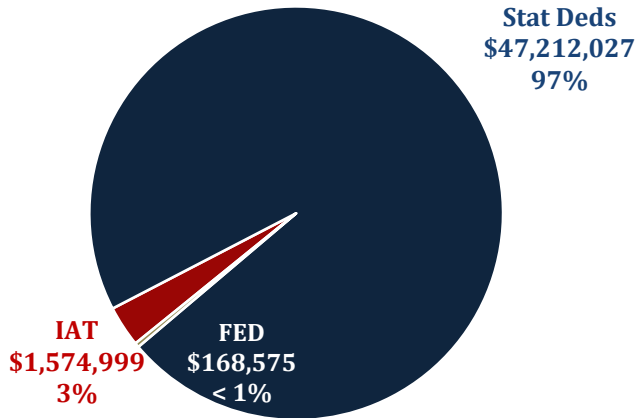
**Contract Program Attorneys and Staff**



# 01-116 Office of the State Public Defender FY27 Executive Budget Recommendations

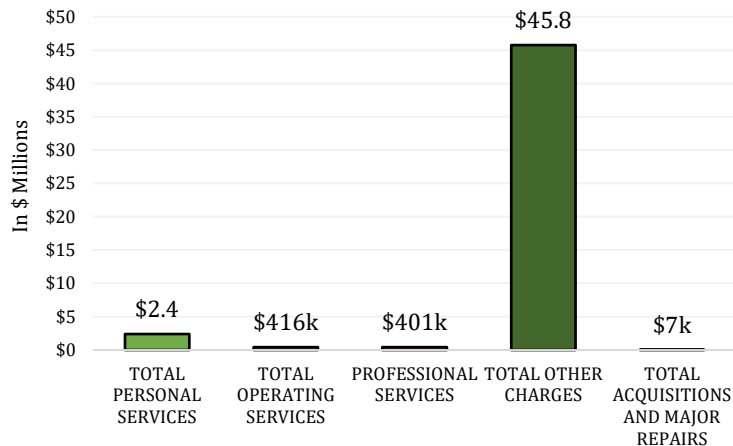
**Total FY27 Recommended Budget = \$48,955,601 and 17 authorized positions**

## FY27 Recommended Means of Financing



Three-year Budget Comparison	FY25 Actual	FY26 EOB as of 12-1-25	FY27 Recommended	Difference FY27 Recommended vs. FY26 EOB
Total Means of Finance	\$ 48,089,807	\$ 54,035,709	\$ 48,955,601	(\$5,080,108)
Authorized Positions	17	17	17	-

## FY27 Recommended Expenditures



## FY27 Significant Adjustments

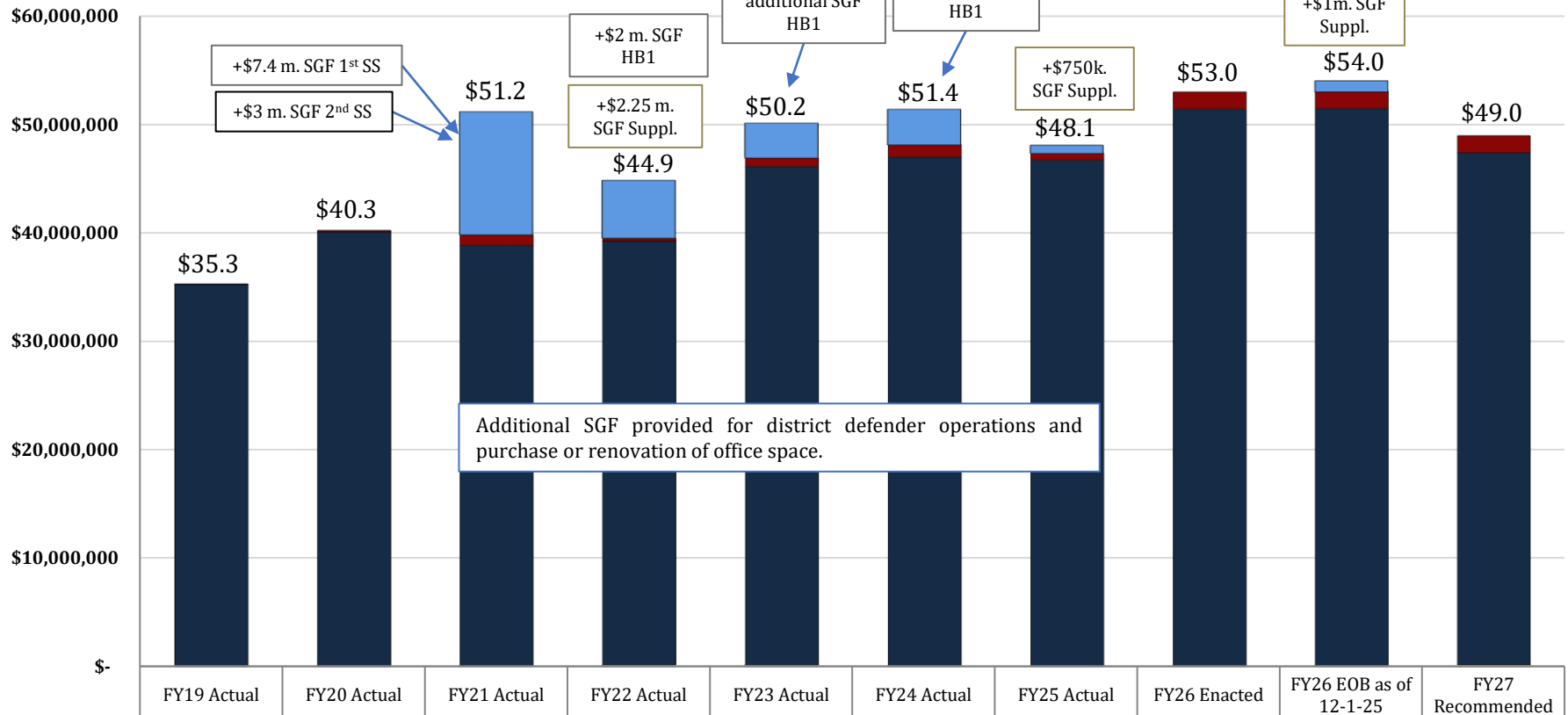
Significant adjustments include a \$1 million reduction of carryforward funding for district defender building repairs/improvements and a \$4.2 million reduction from the Overcollections Fund for post-conviction relief contract costs (Act 393 of 2025 Regular Session).



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## Changes in Funding since FY19

**Total Budget by Fiscal Year and Means of Finance  
(in \$ millions)**



	FY19 Actual	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Actual	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Enacted	FY26 EOB as of 12-1-25	FY27 Recommended
SGF	\$-	\$-	\$11,329,995	\$5,324,180	\$3,220,073	\$3,300,000	\$750,000	\$-	\$1,000,000	\$-
IAT	\$49,920	\$136,321	\$967,159	\$255,000	\$800,000	\$1,111,086	\$618,519	\$1,574,999	\$1,574,999	\$1,574,999
FSGR	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
STAT DED	\$35,296,308	\$40,126,388	\$38,816,409	\$39,140,145	\$45,983,962	\$46,965,805	\$46,699,028	\$51,319,773	\$51,331,325	\$47,212,027
FED	\$-	\$-	\$72,916	\$147,125	\$149,385	\$58,254	\$22,260	\$75,823	\$129,385	\$168,575



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## Statewide Adjustments for FY27 Recommended

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$1,000,000	\$1,574,999	\$0	\$51,331,325	\$129,385	\$54,035,709	17	FY26 Existing Operating Budget as of 12-1-25
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,600	\$0	\$6,600	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,120	\$0	\$2,120	0	Civil Service Fees
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,447	\$0	\$6,447	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,621	\$0	\$1,621	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33,299	\$0	\$33,299	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$6,600)	\$0	(\$6,600)	0	Non-recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
(\$1,000,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$11,552)	(\$53,562)	(\$1,065,114)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$479)	\$0	(\$479)	0	Office of State Procurement
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,005	\$0	\$5,005	0	Office of Technology Services (OTS)
\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$19,014)	\$0	(\$19,014)	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$181)	\$0	(\$181)	0	Rent in State-Owned Buildings
\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$22,403)	\$0	(\$22,403)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,198	\$0	\$2,198	0	Risk Management
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,465	\$0	\$26,465	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$112	\$0	\$112	0	UPS Fees
(\$1,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$23,638	(\$53,562)	(\$1,029,924)	0	Total Statewide Adjustments
\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$4,160,105)	\$0	(\$4,160,105)	0	Total Non-Recurring Other Adjustments
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,169	\$92,752	\$109,921	0	Total Other Adjustments
\$0	\$1,574,999	\$0	\$47,212,027	\$168,575	\$48,955,601	17	Total FY27 Recommended Budget
(\$1,000,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$4,119,298)	\$39,190	(\$5,080,108)	0	Total Adjustments (Statewide and Agency-Specific)



# 01-116 Office of the State Public Defender Non-Statewide Adjustments for FY27 Recommended

## Non-Recurring Other Adjustments

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$4,160,105)	\$0	(\$4,160,105)	0	Non-recurs Statutory Dedications out of the Overcollections Fund for contract cost associated with post-conviction relief, in accordance with Act 393 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session.
\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$4,160,105)	\$0	(\$4,160,105)	0	<b>Total Non-Recurring Other Adjustments</b>

## Other Adjustments

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$92,752	\$92,752	0	Increases funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention for the Enhancing Youth Defense Grant to aid in the quality and availability of youth defense services.
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,169	\$0	\$17,169	0	Increases Statutory Dedications out of the Louisiana Public Defender Fund to adjust funding for services provided by Division of Administration.
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,169	\$92,752	\$109,921	0	<b>Total Other Adjustments</b>



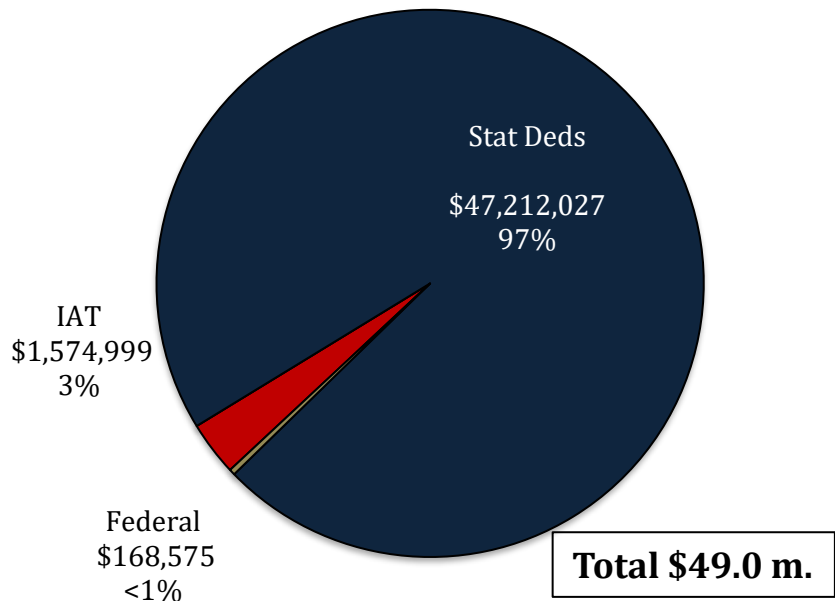


# 01-116 Office of the State Public Defender

## Total Budget and Means of Finance

Total Funding	FY25 Actual	FY26 Enacted	FY26 EOB as of 12-1-25	FY27 Recommended	Difference FY26 EOB to FY27 Recommended
OSPD	\$48,089,807	\$52,970,595	\$54,035,709	\$48,955,601	(\$5,080,108)
Total Positions	17	17	17	17	-

### FY27 Recommended Total Means of Finance



### FY27 Budget Adjustments:

(\$4,160,105) reduction in Overcollections Fund for contract cost associated with post-conviction relief.  
 \$92,752 increase in federal funds from the Advanced Advocacy Project grant for increased investigative fieldwork to indigent juvenile offenders in East Baton Rouge parish.

### Sources of Funding:

**Interagency Transfers** are sourced from a grant from the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Title IV-E program (children under foster care or adoption) from Department of Children and Family Services.

**Statutory Dedications** are derived from the Louisiana Public Defender Fund and the DNA Post-Conviction Relief for Indigents Fund.

**Federal Funds** are from the Office of Justice Programs in the U.S. Department of Justice.





# 01-116 Office of the State Public Defender Dedicated Funds

Dedicated Funds	FY25 Actual	FY26 Enacted	FY26 EOB as of 12-1-25	FY27 Recommended	Difference FY26 EOB to FY27 REC
Louisiana Public Defender Fund	\$46,663,437	\$47,109,668	\$47,121,220	\$47,162,027	\$40,807
DNA Testing Post-Conviction Relief for Indigents	\$35,591	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Overcollections Fund	\$1,000,000	\$4,160,105	\$4,160,105	\$0	(\$4,160,105)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$47,699,028</b>	<b>\$51,319,773</b>	<b>\$51,331,325</b>	<b>\$47,212,027</b>	<b>(\$4,119,298)</b>

Ninety-seven percent of the budget for the Office of the State Public Defender is comprised from Dedicated funds.

The DNA Testing Post-Conviction Relief for Indigents Fund is created in the Code of Criminal Procedure 926.1. It is funded solely through appropriations of the legislature and is administered by the Office of the State Public Defender.

The Louisiana Public Defender Fund is created in R.S. 15:167 and derives its funding from appropriations, donations, or other sources. It may be used solely for the provisions of the Louisiana Public Defender Act.

Both of these dedications are funded through State General Fund appropriations in Schedule 20-XXX Funds in HB1.

The Overcollections Fund is created in R.S. 39:100.21 and receives funds solely through acts of the legislature (funds transfer bill).



# Categorical Expenditures

## Examples of Categories

**Departments expend funding in the five major categories listed below.**

### **Personal Services**

- Salaries – Regular, overtime, and termination pay for Classified and Unclassified personnel.
- Other Compensation – Wages, student labor, compensation for board members and/or board of trustees, evening instruction, university instructors, etc.
- Related Benefits – Retirement contributions, post-retirement contributions/benefits, FICA tax, Medicare tax, group insurance contributions, compensated absences, other related benefits, taxable fringe benefits, etc.

### **Total Operating Expenses**

- Travel – In-state and Out-of-state, including meal reimbursement.
- Operating Services – Advertising, printing, insurance, maintenance, rentals, data processing, internet costs, dues and subscriptions, mail delivery, telephones, data lines, vehicle tracking and telematics, utilities, depreciation, amortization, banking services, credit card fees, etc.
- Supplies – office supplies and equipment, computers, clothing and uniforms, medical, pharmaceutical, food, automotive, repair and maintenance, software, etc.

**Professional Services** – Accounting, auditing, management consulting, engineering, architectural, legal, medical and dental, veterinary, information technology, etc.

### **Total Other Charges**

- Other Charges – Aid to school boards, local government, etc.; public assistance; miscellaneous charges; judgments, fines, and penalties; interest on judgments; punitive/compensatory damages; OC personal services, operating expenses, professional services; contract attorney expenses; recoupments; furlough; contractual services; interest expense; claim payments; commercial group insurance; reinsurance; loans issued; disbursements; etc.
- Debt Service – Principal, interest, related charges, reserve requirement, amortization, and bond premiums.
- Interagency Transfer Line-Item Expenditure – Any expenses paid for with Interagency Transfers – from commodities and services to equipment.

### **Acquisitions and Major Repairs**

- Acquisitions – Land; buildings; automobiles; aircraft; accessories; equipment; software; hardware; farm and heavy equipment; boats; capital outlay expenditures; construction; etc.
- Major Repairs – Land improvement; buildings; automotive; grounds; boats; aircraft; movable equipment; farm equipment; medical; office; library; education; recreation; communication; other equipment; pollution remediation; etc.



# 01-116 Office of the State Public Defender Categorical Expenditures at FY27 Recommended

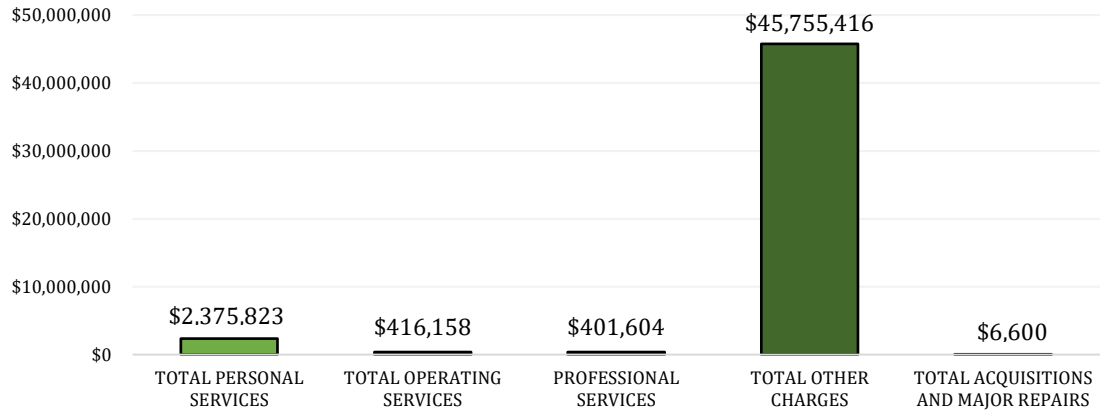
The largest expenditure category in the Office of the State Public Defender for FY27 Recommended is Other Charges at 93 percent of the budget.

This is due to the funding provided to the district public defender offices and other entities at the beginning of each year.

Total Personal Services make up 5 percent of the expenditures, while other Total Operating Expenses and Professional Services are 1 percent each.

A total of \$6,600 is provided for Acquisitions.

## FY27 Recommended Expenditures



Categorical Expenditures	FY25 Actual	FY26 Enacted	FY26 EOB as of 12/01/25	FY27 Recommended	Difference FY26 EOB vs. FY27 REC
Salaries	\$1,302,854	\$1,511,300	\$1,511,300	\$1,563,083	\$51,783
Other Compensation	\$0	\$113,549	\$113,549	\$113,549	\$0
Related Benefits	\$608,758	\$724,559	\$724,559	\$699,191	(\$25,368)
<b>TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$1,911,612</b>	<b>\$2,349,408</b>	<b>\$2,349,408</b>	<b>\$2,375,823</b>	<b>\$26,415</b>
Travel	\$3,265	\$43,000	\$43,000	\$43,000	\$0
Operating Services	\$295,195	\$319,799	\$319,799	\$319,799	\$0
Supplies	\$10,628	\$53,359	\$53,359	\$53,359	\$0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$309,088</b>	<b>\$416,158</b>	<b>\$416,158</b>	<b>\$416,158</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$341,349</b>	<b>\$401,604</b>	<b>\$401,604</b>	<b>\$401,604</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Other Charges	\$45,346,217	\$49,610,533	\$50,675,647	\$45,543,180	(\$5,132,467)
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interagency Transfers	\$176,764	\$186,292	\$186,292	\$212,236	\$25,944
<b>TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>	<b>\$45,522,981</b>	<b>\$49,796,825</b>	<b>\$50,861,939</b>	<b>\$45,755,416</b>	<b>(\$5,106,523)</b>
Acquisitions	\$4,779	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$0
Major Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL ACQ. &amp; MAJOR REPAIRS</b>	<b>\$4,779</b>	<b>\$6,600</b>	<b>\$6,600</b>	<b>\$6,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$48,089,809</b>	<b>\$52,970,595</b>	<b>\$54,035,709</b>	<b>\$48,955,601</b>	<b>(\$5,080,108)</b>



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## FY26 Categorical Expenditures Detail

### Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$223,802	Legal representation for OSPD in non-tort litigation
\$173,802	Emergency backup and technical support for IT function
\$4,000	Case management IT assistance
<b>\$401,604</b>	<b>Total Professional Services</b>

### Other Charges

Amount	Description
\$34,596,447	District Assistance - Allocation to qualified judicial district indigent defenders
\$4,970,628	Contracts with 501(c)(3) organizations to provide capital and other legal defense
\$1,659,640	Indigent Parent Representation - qualified legal representation of indigent parents in child abuse and neglect cases
\$2,005,991	Louisiana Appeals and Writs Service Project (LAWS)
\$1,500,000	Title IV-E Program
\$274,000	Case Management System - Justice Works
\$242,900	Contract with the University of Louisiana at Monroe to provide public defender training as required by Act 237 of the 2022 Regular Session
\$168,575	Enhancing Juvenile Indigent Defense Grant
\$74,999	Consulting fees for auditing services, which is 100% funded by Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE) grant
\$50,000	DNA Post Conviction Testing - post-conviction DNA testing when the guilt of an individual is in question
<b>\$45,543,180</b>	<b>Total Other Charges</b>

### Interagency Transfers Expenses

Amount	Description
\$65,872	Office of Finance and Support Services (OFSS) - Accounting
\$62,567	Office of Internal Audit
\$19,545	Office of Technology Service (OTS) Fees
\$15,849	Office of Finance and Support Services (OFSS) - Human Resources and Payroll
\$14,094	Office of Risk Management (ORM) Premiums
\$9,743	Phone and Internet Services- Office of Technology Service
\$6,854	Office of State Printing
\$6,036	Civil Service Fees
\$3,610	Office of State Procurement (OSP) Fees
\$6,154	Office of State Mail
\$901	Uniform Payroll System (UPS) Fees
\$614	LA Property Assistance Agency Fleet Services - GPS
\$397	Rent in State-owned Buildings
<b>\$212,236</b>	<b>Total IAT Expenses</b>

### Acquisitions

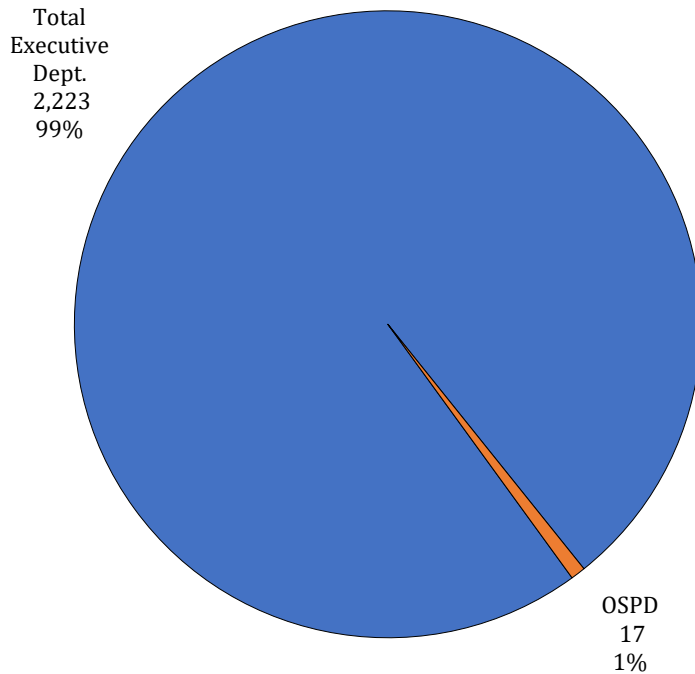
Amount	Description
\$4,000	Four (4) desktop computers
\$2,600	Two (2) laptop computers
<b>\$6,600</b>	<b>Total Acquisitions</b>



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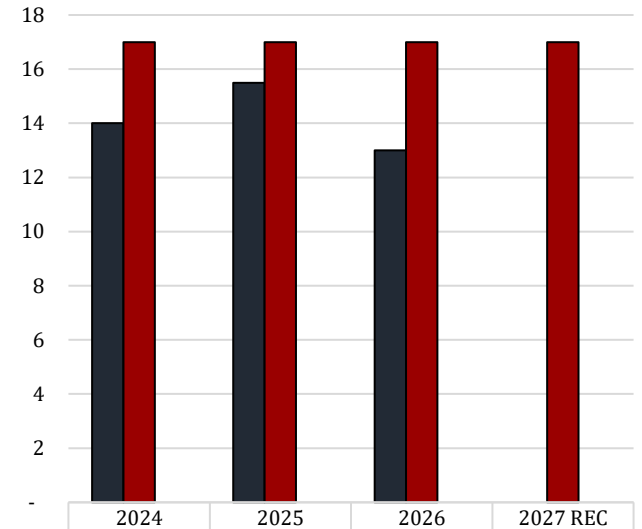
## FTEs, Authorized T.O., and Other Charges Positions

**FY27 Agency Employees  
as a portion of  
FY27 Total Department Employees**



FY26 number of funded, but not filled,  
positions as of January 5, 2026 = 4

**Number  
and  
Types  
of  
Positions**



	2024	2025	2026	2027 REC
■ Total FTEs (1st July Report)	14	15.5	13.0	-
■ Authorized T.O. Positions	17	17	17	17
■ Other Charges Positions	-	-	-	-

The full-time equivalent or **FTE** definition refers to the number of hours considered full-time. For example, if an agency considers 40 hours full time, and there are two employees working 20 hours per week, those two employees would be 1.0 FTE.

**Authorized Positions** are those referred to in the Table of Organization (or T.O.) for each department. This count includes only those positions paid for from the Salaries expenditure category for the organization units and agencies included in each department's appropriation. This excludes positions paid for from other expenditure categories, such as wages or per diem.

**Other Charges** positions are authorized under R.S. 39:2(5)(b) ...

(5)(b) "Authorized other charges positions" means the number of positions in an appropriation bill to be funded by the other charges continuing category of the accounting system for the state. The number may be adjusted during a fiscal year in accordance with law.

- [Act 377 of 2013 by Rep. Burrell]
- Positions coded in the Other Charges expenditure category
- These positions are usually associated with federal grants



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## Related Employment Information

Salaries and Related Benefits for the Authorized Positions are listed below in Chart 1.  
In Chart 2, benefits are broken out to show the portion paid for active versus retired employees.  
This is where payments for the Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) can be found.

1.

Personal Services	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Recommended
Salaries	\$1,198,743	\$1,302,584	\$1,511,300	\$1,563,083
Other Compensation	\$22,997	\$0	\$113,549	\$113,549
Related Benefits	\$651,396	\$608,758	\$724,559	\$699,191
<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>\$1,873,136</b>	<b>\$1,911,342</b>	<b>\$2,349,408</b>	<b>\$2,375,823</b>

Average T.O. Salary = \$86,939

*Examples of Other Compensation include pay for WAE employees, part-time employees, student workers, etc.*

2.

Related Benefits FY27 Recommended	Total Funding	%
Total Related Benefits	\$699,191	
UAL payments	\$350,592	50%
Retiree Health Benefits	\$34,046	
Remaining Benefits*	\$314,553	
Means of Finance	General Fund = 0%	Other = 100%

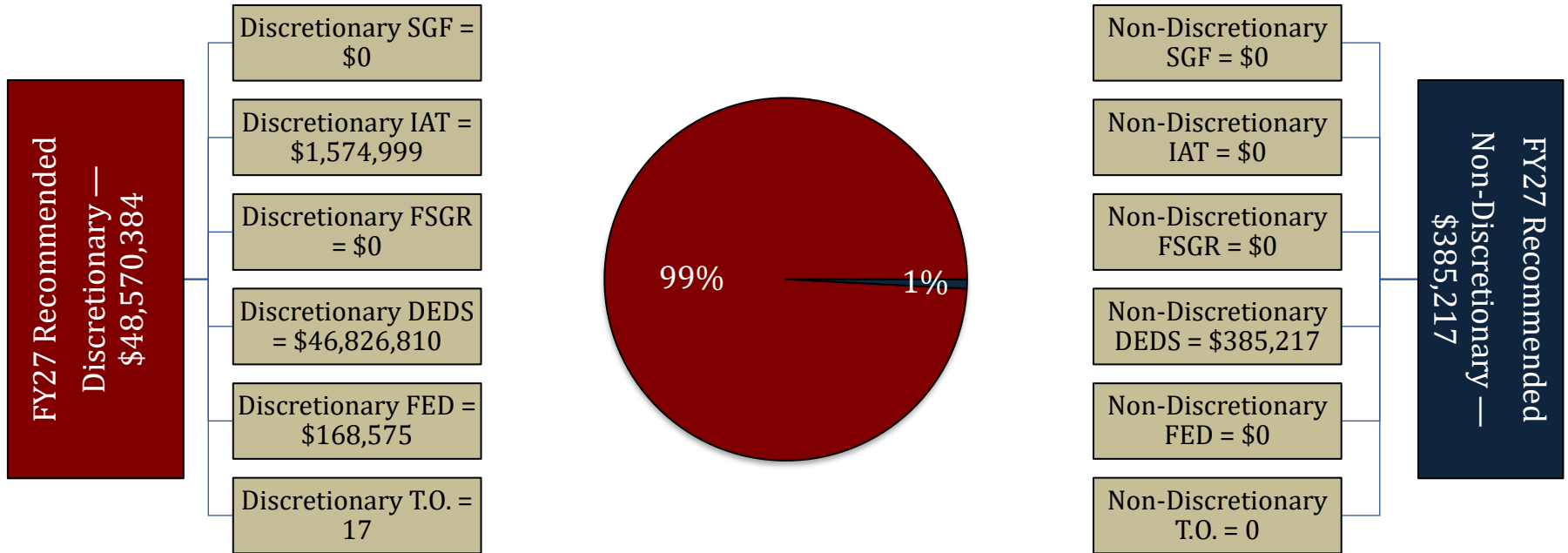
Department Demographics	Total	%
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	10	75
Male	3	23
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White	6	46
Black	7	54
Asian	--	--
Indian	--	--
Hawaiian/Pacific	--	--
Declined to State	--	--
<b>Currently in DROP or Eligible to Retire</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>

\* Remaining Benefits include employer contribution to authorized positions' retirement, health, Medicare, FICA, Emoluments etc. The authorized positions include authorized T.O. positions and authorized other charges positions, both filled and vacant.

Other Charges Benefits  
\$0



# 01-116 Office of the State Public Defender FY27 Discretionary/Non-Discretionary Comparison



Total Discretionary Funding by Office		
Executive Office	\$22,987,131	0.47%
Office of Indian Affairs	\$0	0.00%
Office of Inspector General	\$4,994,198	0.10%
Mental Health Advocacy Service	\$0	0.00%
LA Tax Commission	\$4,607,810	0.09%
Division of Administration	\$1,566,774,963	31.95%
Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority	\$142,810,046	2.91%
Department of Military Affairs	\$2,858,097,876	58.28%
<b>Office of the State Public Defender</b>	<b>\$48,570,384</b>	<b>0.99%</b>
Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District	\$98,646,839	2.01%
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	\$55,195,206	1.13%
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs	\$70,806,595	1.44%
Louisiana State Racing Commission	\$17,277,796	0.35%
Office of Financial Institutions	\$13,069,094	0.27%
<b>Total Discretionary</b>	<b>\$4,903,837,938</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Total Non-Discretionary Funding by Type		
Required by the Constitution: Retirement Systems UAL	\$ 350,592	91.0%
Unavoidable Obligations: Retirees' Group Insurance	\$ 34,046	8.8%
Needed to Pay Debt Service: Rent in State Buildings	\$ 579	0.2%
<b>Total Non-Discretionary</b>	<b>\$ 385,217</b>	<b>100%</b>





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## 2025 Revenues and Expenditures by District

District	Parish(es)	Total State Funds Distributed in CY25	Total Local Funds Received by Districts in CY25	Total CUFs (Conviction & User Fees) Received by Districts in CY25	Total Other Funds Received by Districts in CY25	CY25 Total Combined Funds	CY25 Total Non-State Funds	Percent of Total Funding by State Funds Distributed in CY25	Total CY25 Expenditures	Individual District Estimated CY25 Fund Balance Depletions	Raw Cases Handled in CY25
1	Caddo	\$2,350,984	\$251,500	\$1,070,160	\$7,680	\$3,680,325	\$1,329,341	63.88%	\$3,779,216	(\$98,891)	12,305
2	Bienville, Claiborne, Jackson	\$306,069	-	\$236,897	\$2,855	\$545,822	\$239,753	56.07%	\$589,328	(\$43,506)	1,430
3	Lincoln, Union	\$133,019	-	\$575,797	\$2,269	\$711,085	\$578,067	18.71%	\$668,205		2,821
4	Morehouse, Ouachita	\$1,562,566	-	\$1,119,193	\$27,499	\$2,709,258	\$1,146,692	57.68%	\$2,707,179		12,113
5	Franklin, Richland, West Carroll	\$325,805	-	\$327,254	\$849	\$653,908	\$328,103	49.82%	\$636,928		1,810
6	East Carroll, Madison, Tensas	\$211,259	-	\$437,733	\$24,032	\$673,024	\$461,765	31.39%	\$577,752		2,523
7	Catahoula, Concordia	\$345,138	-	\$112,079	\$62,399	\$519,616	\$174,478	66.42%	\$471,912		2,238
8	Winn	\$533,433	-	\$91,501	\$299	\$625,232	\$91,799	85.32%	\$685,035	(\$59,803)	695
9	Rapides	\$1,294,833	-	\$546,772	-	\$1,841,605	\$546,772	70.31%	\$1,614,986		7,637
10	Natchitoches	\$491,424	-	\$234,700	\$3,849	\$729,973	\$238,549	67.32%	\$638,392		2,292
11	Sabine	\$414,000	-	\$67,857	\$628	\$482,486	\$68,486	85.81%	\$437,921		1,576
12	Avoyelles	\$300,729	-	\$216,595	\$18,650	\$535,974	\$235,245	56.11%	\$552,888	(\$16,913)	4,343
13	Evangeline	\$354,173	-	\$472,070	\$3,675	\$829,918	\$475,745	42.68%	\$865,954	(\$36,036)	1,796
14	Calcasieu	\$1,512,517	-	\$1,469,195	\$143,875	\$3,125,587	\$1,613,070	48.39%	\$3,005,242		12,637
15	Acadia, Lafayette, Vermilion	\$2,823,972	-	\$2,460,428	\$256,037	\$5,540,437	\$2,716,465	50.97%	\$4,506,011		18,629
16	Iberia, St. Martin, St. Mary	\$1,407,616	-	\$936,099	\$16,865	\$2,360,580	\$952,964	59.63%	\$2,316,693		7,752
17	Lafourche	\$729,293	-	\$441,722	\$12,916	\$1,183,932	\$454,638	61.60%	\$1,224,923	(\$40,992)	4,946
18	Iberville, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge	\$334,897	-	\$863,033	\$2,527	\$1,200,458	\$865,561	27.90%	\$1,027,507		2,299
19	East Baton Rouge	\$6,024,295	\$1,410,801	\$1,406,680	\$99,854	\$8,941,630	\$2,917,335	67.37%	\$7,607,757		18,443
20	East Feliciana, West Feliciana	\$237,599	\$41,250	\$214,942	\$330	\$494,121	\$256,522	48.09%	\$505,194	(\$11,072)	1,492
21	Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa	\$2,212,556	-	\$1,743,087	\$96,900	\$4,052,543	\$1,839,987	54.60%	\$4,064,185	(\$11,642)	12,062
22	St. Tammany, Washington	\$2,511,218	-	\$1,496,242	\$69,061	\$4,076,521	\$1,565,303	61.60%	\$4,010,253		20,179
23	Ascension, Assumption, St. James	\$836,494	-	\$819,444	\$17,621	\$1,673,560	\$837,066	49.98%	\$1,674,049	(\$489)	5,820
24	Jefferson	\$1,858,115	-	\$2,266,716	\$244,270	\$4,369,100	\$2,510,985	42.53%	\$4,127,354		23,239
25	Plaquemines	\$303,764	-	\$287,406	\$50	\$591,219	\$287,455	51.38%	\$495,581		1,131
26	Bossier, Webster	\$1,545,850	-	\$973,305	\$21,551	\$2,540,705	\$994,856	60.84%	\$2,659,608	(\$118,903)	18,085
27	St. Landry	\$783,345	-	\$420,678	\$77,415	\$1,281,437	\$498,092	61.13%	\$1,402,416	(\$120,979)	5,627
28	LaSalle	\$220,152	-	\$49,101	\$870	\$270,124	\$49,971	81.50%	\$274,883	(\$4,760)	707
29	St. Charles	\$801,156	-	\$756,411	\$33,397	\$1,590,963	\$789,808	50.36%	\$1,279,828		2,137
30	Vernon	\$580,093	-	\$354,973	\$231,789	\$1,166,855	\$586,762	49.71%	\$858,493		1,792
31	Jefferson Davis	\$260,232	-	\$451,355	\$303	\$711,890	\$451,658	36.56%	\$672,830		2,620
32	Terrebonne	\$764,926	-	\$814,168	\$4,803	\$1,583,897	\$818,972	48.29%	\$1,588,918	(\$5,021)	5,223
33	Allen	\$72,815	-	\$198,467	\$2,401	\$273,683	\$200,868	26.61%	\$324,150	(\$50,468)	1,183
34	St. Bernard	\$480,242	-	\$128,799	\$11,926	\$620,966	\$140,724	77.34%	\$702,542	(\$81,576)	1,796
35	Grant	\$282,308	-	\$127,806	\$899	\$411,013	\$128,705	68.69%	\$383,995		1,043
36	Beauregard	\$361,715	-	\$257,952	\$133	\$619,800	\$258,085	58.36%	\$581,982		1,403
37	Caldwell	\$387,833	-	\$45,271	-	\$433,104	\$45,271	89.55%	\$307,331		449
38	Cameron	\$749	-	\$81,880	\$305	\$82,933	\$82,185	0.90%	\$113,634	(\$30,700)	264
39	Red River	\$146,028	-	\$27,605	\$223	\$173,855	\$27,827	83.99%	\$193,118	(\$19,262)	670
40	St. John the Baptist	\$619,151	-	\$396,929	\$10,502	\$1,026,582	\$407,431	60.31%	\$943,187		2,644
41	Orleans	\$3,267,650	\$11,002,180	\$908,809	\$334,299	\$15,512,937	\$12,245,288	21.06%	\$15,359,069		19,464
42	DeSoto	\$65,370	-	\$383,501	\$96,804	\$545,676	\$480,305	11.98%	\$522,342		1,578
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$40,055,383</b>	<b>\$12,705,731</b>	<b>\$26,290,612</b>	<b>\$1,942,610</b>	<b>\$80,994,334</b>	<b>\$40,938,954</b>	<b>50.40%</b>	<b>\$76,958,771</b>	<b>(751,013)</b>	<b>248,893</b>

Source: OSPD 2025 Annual Report

NOTE: The individual District Estimated CY25 Fund Balance Depletion is estimated by subtracting district expenditures from combined State, Local, CUFs and Other funds.

Note also that "Total Other Funds" consist of various funding sources ranging from private donations to corporate and philanthropic grants. Further note that because State funding is appropriated for the Fiscal Year and this report is for the Calendar Year, totals must be derived from parts of FY25 & FY26.

Finally, please note that some data in this report may change over time due to districts' future corrections or revisions.



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## 2025 Revenues by Source

**2025 Total**  
**\$81.0 m.**

*an decrease of \$383k.  
(or -0.5%) over 2024*

*2024 Total*  
*\$81.4 m.*

*2023 Total*  
*\$75.8 m.*

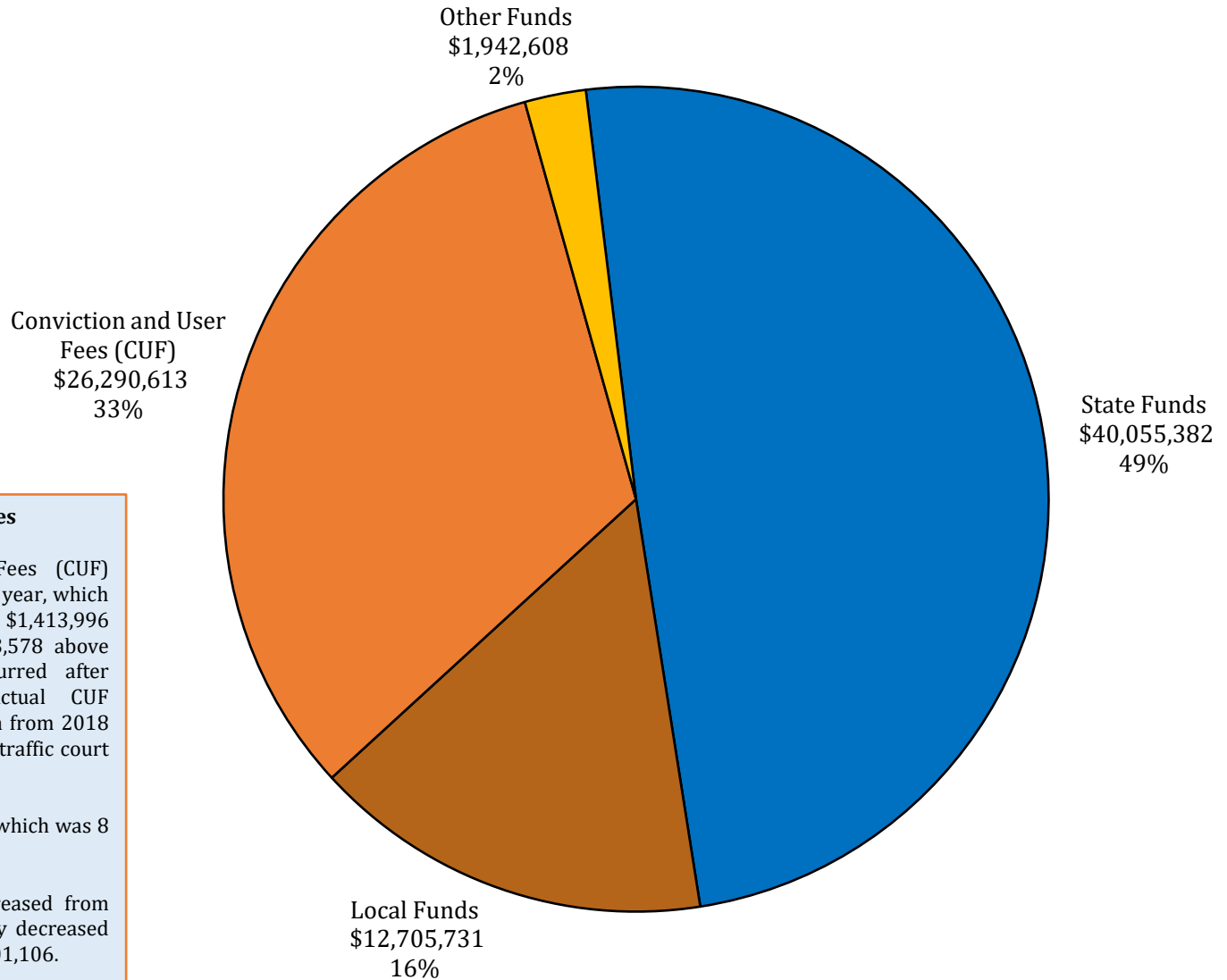
*2022 Total*  
*\$64.4 m.*

### **Increase in CUFs Continues**

In 2025, Conviction and User Fees (CUF) continued an increase over the prior year, which began in 2023. Totals for 2025 were \$1,413,996 above 2024, while 2024 was \$643,578 above 2023. These increases have occurred after several years of decreases. Actual CUF collections had fallen by \$5.7 million from 2018 to 2022 mainly due to a decrease in traffic court filings.

Local Funds increased by \$962,678, which was 8 percent higher than 2024.

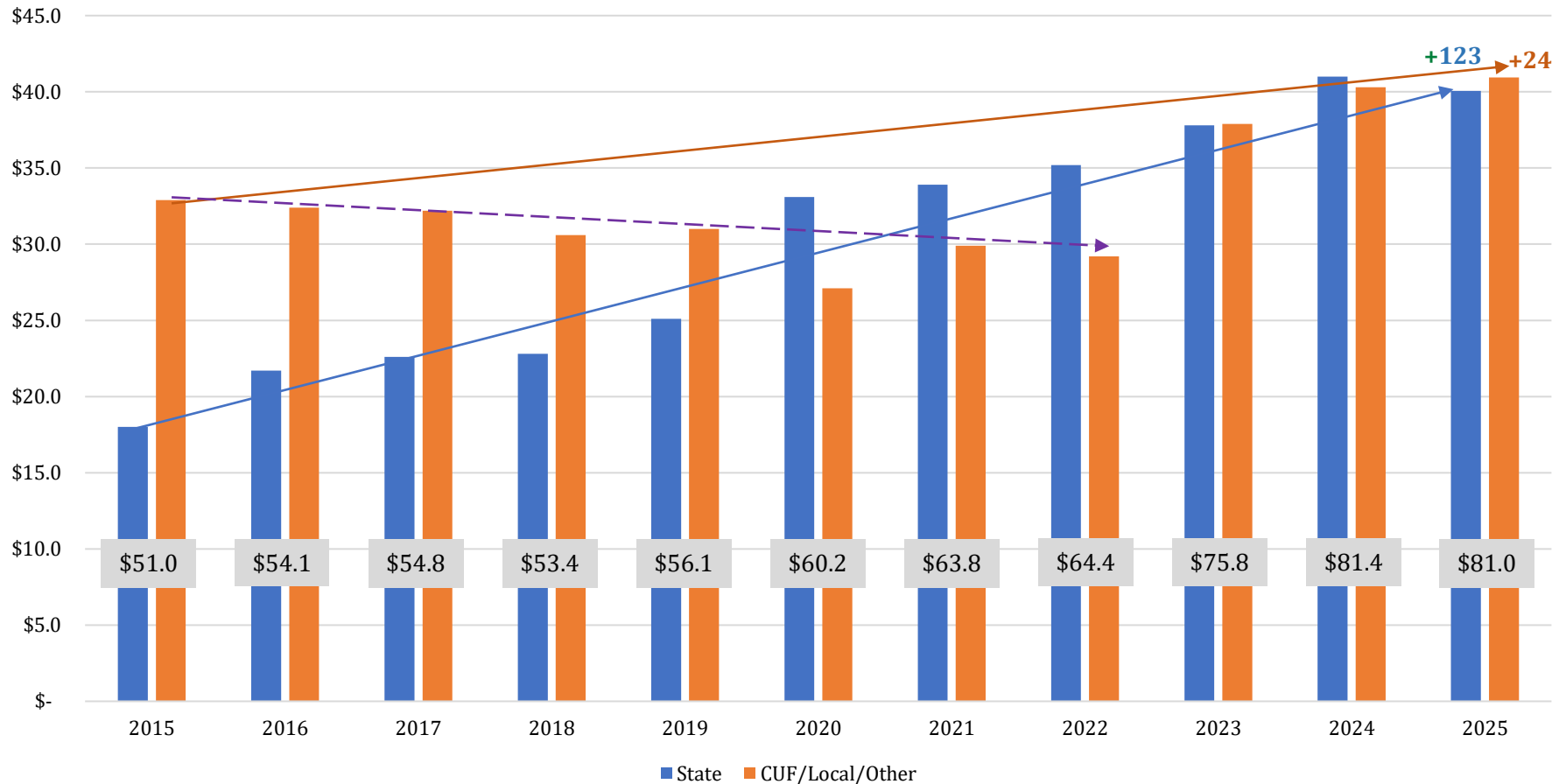
State Funds and Other Funds decreased from 2024 to 2025. State Funds modestly decreased by \$958,102 and Other Funds by 1,801,106.





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## State and CUF/Local/Other Funding History since 2015



In \$ millions

--- Percent Change for State Funds from 2015 to 2025 is **+123** percent.  
--- Percent Change for CUF/Local/Other Funds from 2014 to 2024 is **+24** percent.

Source: OSPD Annual Reports 2015 through 2025.

From 2015 to 2022,  
CUF/Local/Other  
Funds had  
decreased by 11  
percent.



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## 2025 Caseloads and Outcomes

The chart below shows caseload activity and outcomes for 2025 in all districts.

Case Type	New Cases 01/01/2025 to 12/31/25	Closed Cases 01/01/2025 to 12/31/25	Pending Cases* (# of cases pending on 12/31/24)	# of Cases pending on 12/31/24 plus New Cases Received 01/01/25 to 12/31/25	# of Cases resulting in termination of Parental Rights	# of Cases resulting in Reunification	# Charges with Admit/Guilty Plea to Current Offense	# Charges with Plea of Guilty to Lesser Charge	# Charges Resulting in Dismissal	# Charges Resulting in Diversion or Deferred Disposition	# Jury Trials found Not Guilty	# Jury Trials found Guilty	# Judge Trials found Guilty	# Judge Trials found Not Guilty	Total Trials
Child Support	1,269	1,449	881	2,150	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
CINC-Child	0	6	23	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CINC-Parent	4,108	3,785	5,436	9,544	0	351	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Termination	299	338	210	509	271	7	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
FINS	1,963	2,172	882	2,845	0	0	130	0	571	17	0	0	0	0	0
Delinquency Misdemeanor	4,494	4,850	2,805	7,199	0	0	1,438	88	1,758	238	0	0	11	32	43
Delinquency Felony	2,696	3,270	2,971	5,667	0	0	1,439	221	1,456	103	0	0	15	48	63
Delinquency-Life	38	60	76	114	0	0	9	2	11	0	0	0	0	2	2
Juvenile Revocations	123	220	141	264	0	0	2	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Misdemeanor*	55,966	52,764	42,439	95,542	0	0	22,078	2,927	25,257	6	9	37	141	254	441
Adult Felony Non- LWOP**	59,859	59,644	54,880	114,739	0	0	24,791	6,762	26,796	6	57	216	79	296	648
LWOP	646	714	1,410	2,056	0	0	169	253	306	0	9	69	9	16	103
Capital***	4	11	23	27	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Revocations	2,589	3,980	5,594	8,183	0	0	1	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	0
PCR	10	14	18	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	13
SOAP	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Charges columns include all charges filed in association with a particular Case Type, regardless of each charge's severity.

\*Includes Traffic, Parish/Municipal Ordinances, Extradition and Unclassified Cases

\*\*Life Without Parole

\*\*\*Capital cases may include cases initially opened by the district office and transferred to a program office at some later stage in the proceedings.

PCR = Post Conviction Relief

SOAP = Sex Offender Assessment Panel



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## OSPD Recommendations for Needed Changes in the Law Comparison of FY24 to FY25 Expenditures in Public Defense

### Legislative Recommendations from the OSPD:

- 1) Amend all references to the “Louisiana Public Defender Board” in the law, replacing such references with “Office of the State Public Defender.”
- 2) Creation of a stable, reliable, sufficient funding source for public defense.
- 3) Amend state law to increase public defender employees and staff access to quality, affordable health insurance.
- 4) Create a statute providing that no fees or bonds for costs shall be required for a criminal appeal or writ as long as the prisoner meets all requirements for proceeding in “forma pauperis.”

### FY24 to FY25 Public Defense Expenditure Comparison

Expense Category	FY24 Expenditures	FY25 Expenditures	Difference
All District Office expenditures (funded by Local, CUFs, and District Assistance Fund)	\$ 69,801,668	\$ 74,027,159	\$4,225,491
Trial-Level Capital Programs	\$ 3,798,333	\$ 2,670,000	(\$1,128,333)
Non-Capital Programs and Contracts	\$ 1,583,891	\$ 1,583,891	\$0
OSPD Office Administration Costs	\$ 2,804,200	\$ 2,664,138	(\$140,062)
Post-Trial Capital Programs and Contracts	\$ 2,680,036	\$ 2,315,035	(\$365,001)
Miller - Montgomery Cases	\$ 290,471	\$ 45,833	(\$244,638)
OJJPD Enhancing Juvenile	\$ 58,254	\$ 22,260	(\$35,994)
DCFS – Title IV-E Grant	\$ 436,087	\$ 543,520	\$107,433
LCLE Grant	\$ 74,999	\$ 74,999	\$0
DNA Testing	\$ 3,221	\$ 35,591	\$32,370
Angola 5 Cases	\$ 2,271	\$ 48,447	\$46,176
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$81,533,431</b>	<b>\$84,030,873</b>	<b>\$2,497,442</b>

*Note: Expenses are shown in fiscal years; revenues are shown in calendar years.*