District Attorneys Council - 220

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FY'16 Projected Division/Program Funding By Source							
	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Local	Other*	Total	
Prosecutorial Services	\$37,320,290		\$23,642,207			\$60,962,497	
General Administration	\$1,035,382		\$249,592			\$1,284,974	
Child Support Services			\$8,421,271			\$8,421,271	
Bogus Check Enforcement			\$4,755,592			\$4,755,592	
Federal Grant Programs		\$2,771,539	\$3,754,418			\$6,525,957	
Drug Asset Forfeiture			\$2,474,603			\$2,474,603	
Federal Grant Services		\$16,273,711				\$16,273,711	
Crime Victim Services			\$8,605,649			\$8,605,649	
Information Technology			\$1,770,455			\$1,770,455	
Total	\$38,355,672	\$19,045,250	\$53,673,787	\$0	\$0	\$111,074,709	

*Source of "Other" and % of "Other" total for each.

FY'15 Carryover by Funding Source							
Appropriations Federal Revolving Local Other* Total						Total	
FY'15 Carryover	\$196,581					\$196,581	
*Course of "Other" and % of	"Other" total for each						

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What Changes did the Agency Make between FY'15 and FY'16?

1.) Are there any services no longer provided because of budget cuts?

Currently district attorneys are considering eliminating alternative programs such as truancy dockets and other other alternative programs as these programs required more resources than will be available due to budget cuts.

District attorneys have carefully reviewed other programs to determine if any savings are possible. Through careful management and dedicated employees, along with the use of non-appropriated funds to offset the loss of appropriated funds, we have not cut services at this time.

2.) What services are provided at a higher cost to the user?

Not applicable.

3.) What services are still provided but with a slower response rate?

The district attorneys have not filled positions, have cut operating costs, and are utilizing all funding resources. For some districts, this has resulted in slower response times for certain cases and dockets.

4.) Did the agency provide any pay raises that were not legislatively/statutorily required? If so, please provide a detailed description in a separate document.

Each district attorney evaluates pay on a regular basis based on performance and his or her individual fiscal situation.

FY'17 Requested Division/Program Funding By Source						
	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Other	Total	% Change
Prosecutorial Services	\$37,320,290		\$23,642,207		\$60,962,497	0.00%
General Administration	\$1,035,382		\$249,592		\$1,284,974	0.00%
Child Support Services			\$8,421,271		\$8,421,271	0.00%
Bogus Check Enforcement			\$4,755,592		\$4,755,592	0.00%
Federal Grant Programs		\$2,771,539	\$3,754,418		\$6,525,957	0.00%
Drug Asset Forfeiture			\$2,474,603		\$2,474,603	0.00%
Federal Pass-Through Grants		\$16,273,711			\$16,273,711	0.00%
Crime Victim Services			\$8,605,649		\$8,605,649	0.00%
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FY'17 Top Five Appropriation Funding Requests					
	\$ Amount				
Request 1: Due to the declining state budget and specific request from leadership the District Attorneys Council is not	\$0				
requesting additional funds for FY17.					
Request 2: Description					
Request 3: Description					
Request 4: Description					
Request 5: Description					

How would the agency handle a 5% appropriation reduction in FY'17?

A reduction of 5% could have a devastating impact on the district attorneys and the services that they provide. District Attorneys have reported the potential loss of 26 FTE through attrition or termination. Some district attorneys may have to furlough employees as a result of this reduction. Currently all of the district attorneys are utilizing non-appropriated funding sources to maintain operations but these resources have been depleted in many instances by the previous reductions that have occurred since FY09. Currently, district attorneys must generate 54.6% of their budgets.

How would the agency handle a 7.5% appropriation reduction in FY'17?

A reduction of 7.5% would have a devastating impact on the district attorneys and the services that they provide. District attorneys would have to eliminate or reduce non-essential services and diversionary programs in order to provide citizens of this state with basic prosecutorial services.

How would the agency handle a 10% appropriation reduction in FY'17?

A reduction of 10% would have a major devastating impact on the district attorneys and the services that they provide. We are looking at the possibility losing 44 FTE through attrition or termination. It is very likely that some district attorneys will have to furlough employees as a result of this reduction. A reduction of this size and amount would put a tremendous burden on the system due to increased caseload on available employees and hinder the ability of prosecutors to prosecute cases.

	Is the agency seeking any fee increases for FY'16? No.						
			\$ Amount				
Increase 1	Not at this time.		\$0				
Increase 2	N/A		\$0				
Increase 3	N/A		\$0				

What are the agency's top 2-3 capital or technology (one-time) requests, if applicable?

The agency has no capital requests at this time. Our IT disaster recovery plan requires revision and updating. Implementing data sharing with law enforcement for paperless prosecutions.

Federal Government Impact

1.) How much federal money received by the agency is tied to a mandate by the Federal Government?

All federal funding received by the District Attorneys Council is tied to strict grant guidelines established by the federal government. Inherent in the grant programs are rules which guide the use of the federal funds but there are no mandates prior to applying for and accepting federal grant funds. There is not a "mandate" per se which is required if federal funds are not available.

2.) Are any of those funds inadequate to pay for the federal mandate?

Federal funds are used to supplement duties and services provided.

3.) What would the consequences be of ending all of the federal funded programs for your agency?

Due to many types of grants administered by the agency, public safety would be significantly and negatively impacted. In addition, the District Attorneys Council would not be able to maintain the same level of services to crime victims. Many of the victims service agencies currently funded with federal funds would have to close or try to find resources in the community or through the legislature to comply with state mandates for victims services.

4.) How will your agency be affected by federal budget cuts in the coming fiscal year?

There will be some impact to certain programs but it is impossible to predict the reductions as each program is addressed at the federal level in different ways. What is known is that as fewer programs are implemented, the impact on public safety can and will be significant depending on the individual program. It will have a negative impact on public safety and will be significant depending on the individual program.

An exception is the Victims of Crime Act funding. The fdederal government has recognized these funds are paid to offenders for the benefit of victims of crime and has made more funds available for FY17.

5.) Has the agency requested any additional federal earmarks or increases?

No. All grants are formula grants or discretionary grants. There is no provision in the federal guidelines to request earmarks or increases. In the event of a mass casualty incident, such as the bombing of the Murrah building, supplemental awards are possible.

Division and Program Descriptions

10 - Prosecutorial Services

The 27 elected District Attorneys of the State of Oklahoma are responsible for the prosecution of state crimes, all juvenile delinquency actions, actions involving abused or neglected children and mental health cases, as well as serving as legal advisor to the counties.

20 - General Administration

The District Attorneys Council provides general administrative support to the prosecutorial system by processing the personnel, fiscal and other financial operations of district attorney offices, by providing training and legal research support, by acting as liaison between the district attorney system and other parts of the criminal justice system, by providing general information and coordination of district attorney system activities as needed and by representing the district attorneys system as liaison to other areas of government.

41 - Child Support Services

Through Cooperative Agreements with DHS, 9 District Attorneys provide child support enforcement services, i.e. enforcing child support obligations by all available and appropriate civil and criminal remedies.

42 - Bogus Check/Restitution and Diversion

These programs are self-supporting systems of deferred prosecution, providing restitution to victims of crimes involving bogus checks and certain property crimes. They provide an alternative to traditional prosecution and incarceration of offenders through diversion of cases prior to filing through the court system. These alternative types of prosecution reduce costs of the prosecution, court, and correction systems. These programs are completely funded through fees and require no state appropriations. In recent years, funds derived from this program have assisted with temporarily prevented wide-spread furloughs and lay-offs. However, revenues have been decreasing in recent years as more merchants utilize electronic means to verify checks, and more offenders use debit cards.

43 - Federal Grant Programs

This activity encompasses federal grant funds which the District Attorneys Council and District Attorneys have been awarded or administer. Major programs include the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Violence Against Women (VAWA), and Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA). The FY16 budget for the Council and the District Attorneys is approximately \$6.5 million within this program. These funds are intended to assist in providing case services or to enhance services provided by District Attorney offices.

45 - Drug Asset Forfeiture

The Drug Asset Forfeiture program is a system of cooperative law enforcement activity at the local level in which assets used in illegal drug operations are forfeited. These assets, or the proceeds from the sale of these assets, go to District Attorneys and law enforcement entities involved in the seizures. The forfeited assets are used for drug enforcement, prosecution, prevention, and education.

50 - Federal Pass-Through Grants

The Council is designated by the Governor to administer the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Violence Against Women Act Grant (VAWA), Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant (RSAT), the Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants (NFSIA), Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP), and Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA).

The Council also has three discretionary grants, Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protective Orders Program (ARREST), the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP), and the State-Tribal Crime Victim Liaison Demonstration Program.

These funds, other than the discretionary grants, are received by this agency and disbursed to other applicants by Boards established to award the funds. The Council provides administration of the funds, including compliance with federal reporting requirements, monitoring and regulations regarding awards. Funds are used to provide grants to governmental and non-profit organizations to assist victims of crime, to further combat drug and violent crime, to provide enhanced services to crime victims, and to stop violence against women.

60 - Crime Victim Services

The purpose of this program is to provide compensation for economic losses sustained by persons who are injured in Oklahoma as a result of criminally injurious conduct. It is the mission of this program to provide statutory benefits to eligible victims of violent crime in a compassionate, efficient, and respectful manner. The funds used to assist victims of violent crime come from offenders at the state and federal levels. It is the intent of this program to provide a method of compensation for victims of crime that will provide financial relief for the victim and hold the offender accountable.

88 - Information Technology

The District Attorneys Council IT Division provides technical and computer services to all of the offices of the District Attorneys and the District Attorneys Council. In addition, it assists with providing information to the criminal justice system as whole.

FY'17 Budgeted FTE						
	Supervisors	Classified	Unclassified	\$0 - \$35 K	\$35 K - \$70 K	\$70 K - \$\$\$
Prosecutorial Services	26	0	768	274	353	141
General Administration	1	0	13	2	7	4
Child Support Services	0	0	148	109	32	7
Bogus Check Enforcement	1	0	80	50	26	4
Federal Grant Programs	0	0	95	34	56	5
Drug Asset Forfeiture	0	0	30	3	21	6
Federal Pass-Through Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crime Victim Services	0	0	20	9	10	1
Information Technology	0	0	8	0	8	0
Total	28	0	1162	481	513	168

FTE History						
	2016 Budgeted	2015	2012	2009	2005	
Prosecutorial Services	768	745	656	659	533	
General Administration	13	13	17	19	17	
Child Support Services	148	136	142	155	198	
Bogus Check Enforcement	80	91	154	192	203	
Federal Grant Programs	95	72	97	60	120	
Drug Asset Forfeiture	30	23	24	36	38	
Federal Pass-Through Grants	0	1	1	2	0	
Crime Victim Services	20	16	16	13	11	
Information Technology	8	7	0	0	0	
Total	1162	1104	1107	1136	1120	

Performance Measure Review						
	FY'15	FY'14	FY'13	FY'12	FY'11	
Prosecutorial Services						
Number of county drug courts	46	46	46	46	53	
Bogus Check Enforce/Restitute						
Bogus Check Revenue	\$5,768,749	\$6,440,281	\$7,477,175	\$8,982,181	\$9,807,153	
Prosecutorial Services						
Probation Supervision Revenue	\$14,488,607	\$14,504,533	\$14,885,918	\$14,943,610	\$13,854,681	
Drug Asset Forfeiture						
Drug Asset Forfeiture Revenue	\$2,923,765	\$2,901,499	\$3,588,962	\$2,288,004	\$3,229,957	
Drug Asset Forfeiture						
Prosecutors/Investigators dedicated to drug enforcement	18.6	18.8	23.5	24.3	28.7	
Crime Victim Services						
Number of victims compensation program claims filed	1,303	1,291	1,408	1,524	1,510	
Crime Victim Services						
Number of months to process claim	8.30	9.41	6.40	6.50	6.70	

Revolving Funds (200 Series Funds)							
	FY'13-15 Avg. Revenues	FY'13-15 Avg. Expenditures	June '15 Balance				
Revolving Fund 210							
For expenditures required to perform the duties							
imposed on the distric attorneys and the District	\$41,231,083	\$42,799,759	\$3,281,092				
Attorneys Council by law.							
Primary operational fund for the district							
attorneys!							
Revolving Fund 225							
Necessary witness expenses relative to any pending	\$491,014	\$461,302	\$161,845				
case within the official responsibility of the offices	Total Funding transferred from						
of the district attorneys.	State Appropriations each year.						
Revolving Fund 230							
For expenditures pursuant to the Oklahoma Crime	\$7,194,722	\$4,952,400	\$3,785,197				
Victims Compensation Act.							
Only expenditures pursuant to the act.							
Revolving Fund 240							
To provide sexual assault examinations to victims	\$788,663	\$788,663	\$103				
and to aid the process of investigation and							
prosecution. Also, provides medications to victims,	Total Funding transferred from						
if directed by a healthcare professional.	Victims Fund 230.						