

CCOC INTERACTIVE BUDGET TRAINING

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Lead staff for the Executive Council, oversees CCOC operations, integral part of the clerks' legislative team, and supports the ongoing development and management of the Guardianship database



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**Budget and Communications
Director**

Lead staff for the Budget Committee, oversees monthly reconciliations and annual settle-up, manages the jury reimbursement process, and oversees the CCOC website and social media



LEONARD CARPER

Data Quality Officer

Lead staff for report intake, Quality Assurance reviews, reporting and data questions, data extracts, and assists with the Guardianship Database





Presenters



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Education Coordinator

Lead staff for the Education Committee and partners with FCCC to deliver impactful training and educational opportunities for clerks and staff



GRACIE JENKINS

Legislative Specialist

Tracks legislation and elections, analyzes bills and amendments, and supports the CCOC team with research and special projects





BUDGET

PERFORMANCE

EDUCATION



SUPPORTING THE CLERKS

TODAY'S TRAINING

Budget Development Process Overview

CCOC Budget-related Reports Overview

CCOC Reports Intake & Processing Overview

Revenue & REC Overview

Case Weights

Budget Issues Facing the Clerks



COURT-RELATED BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



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FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT

Clerks of Court have a multitude of duties and responsibilities that make Florida's justice system work



CLERKS' FUNDING MODEL

REVENUE-LIMITED BUDGET

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST (LBR)
ALLOCATION

FINES & FEES

FUNDED OR DEPOSITORY?

SETTLE-UP

CCOC



**COUNTY FISCAL YEAR (CFY) v.
STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY)**

OPERATIONAL BUDGET

WEIGHTED CASES

BUDGET ISSUE REQUEST

NO FEE CASES

FUNDING DEFICIT

BUDGET COMMITTEE

RESERVE FUND

CLERKS OF COURT TRUST FUND (COCTF)

TOTAL REQUESTED BUDGET

STATE GENERAL REVENUE FUND

ARTICLE V REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE (REC)

NEEDS-BASED BUDGET



CLERKS' BUDGET OVERVIEW

CCOC oversees the clerks' court-related budget

CCOC budget development process mirrors the State process (Base Budget, Clerks' Budget Issues Request = LBRs, etc.)

There is no “extra” budget – Clerks allocate 100% of available revenue (excluding the Reserve Fund)

Clerks are often subsidized by the BOCC out of necessity

Over 90% of costs are Personnel costs



CLERKS' BUDGET OVERVIEW

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How do we
increase the
total pie?

?

?

**\$544.2
million**



What is each clerk's
fair share of the
total pie?

CFY 2025-26

Court-related Budget



AVAILABLE CCOC BALANCED BUDGET

s. 28.35(2)(f), F.S., requires CCOC to “ensure that the total combined budgets of the clerks” do not exceed:

The Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) projection

+

The Unspent Budgeted Funds from the previous CFY

+

~~Clerks’ share of the Cumulative Excess in Trust Fund (50%)~~

+

Any additional appropriations for court-related functions

CCOC
Revenue-
Limited
Budget



CFY 2025-26 AVAILABLE REVENUE

REC Revenue Estimate [July 2025]	\$ 516,691,576
Cumulative Excess (Clerks' Share 50%) (CFY 2023-24)	\$ 10,855,958
Statutorily Required Amount to Reserve (10%)	(\$ 1,085,596)
Unspent Budgeted Funds (CFY 2023-24)	\$ 6,013,550
CFY 2025-26 Revenue-Limited Budget Authority	\$ 532,475,488

Jury Reimbursement (State GR)	\$ 11,700,000
CFY 2025-26 Total Court-Side Budget Authority	\$ 544,175,488

Year-over-year budget increase of \$13.5 million (2.5%)

\$544.2
million



CUMULATIVE EXCESS (CE) & UNSPENT BUDGETED FUNDS (UBF)

Clerks' share of CE used in budget development

CFY 18-19	\$ 10,000,000
CFY 19-20	\$ -
CFY 20-21	\$ 12,176,499
CFY 21-22	\$ 2,719,382
CFY 22-23	\$ 14,209,685
CFY 23-24	\$ 10,855,958
CFY 24-25	\$ 10,700,677
	\$ 60,662,202
Annual Avg.:	\$ 8,666,029
3-Year Avg.:	\$ 11,922,107

Unspent Budgeted Funds used in budget development

CFY 18-19	\$ 5,812,672
CFY 19-20	\$ 2,054,573
CFY 20-21	\$ 9,750,224
CFY 21-22	\$ 14,955,360
CFY 22-23	\$ 11,939,829
CFY 23-24	\$ 6,013,550
CFY 24-25	\$ 9,643,537
	\$ 60,169,745
Annual Avg.:	\$ 8,595,678
3-Year Avg.:	\$ 9,198,972



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JURY REIMBURSEMENT

State General Revenue funding (state fiscal year) = \$11.7 million

- Recurring State funding since 2016
- Administered through the Justice Administrative Commission (JAC)

2021 – switched process from budgeted/reconciliation to a reimbursement model

Expenditures tracked quarterly via Jury Management Form

Jury Management Policy & Procedures

Currently face a quarterly reimbursement deficit

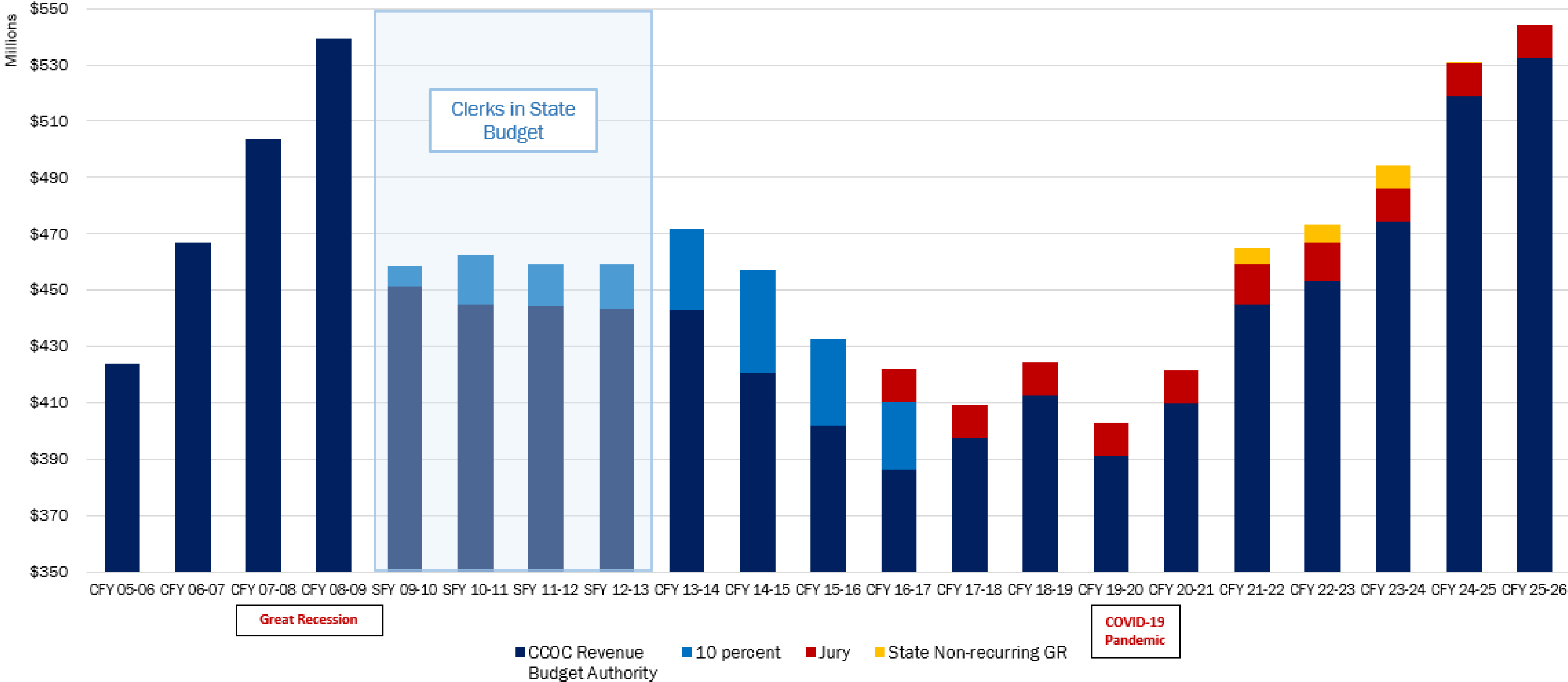


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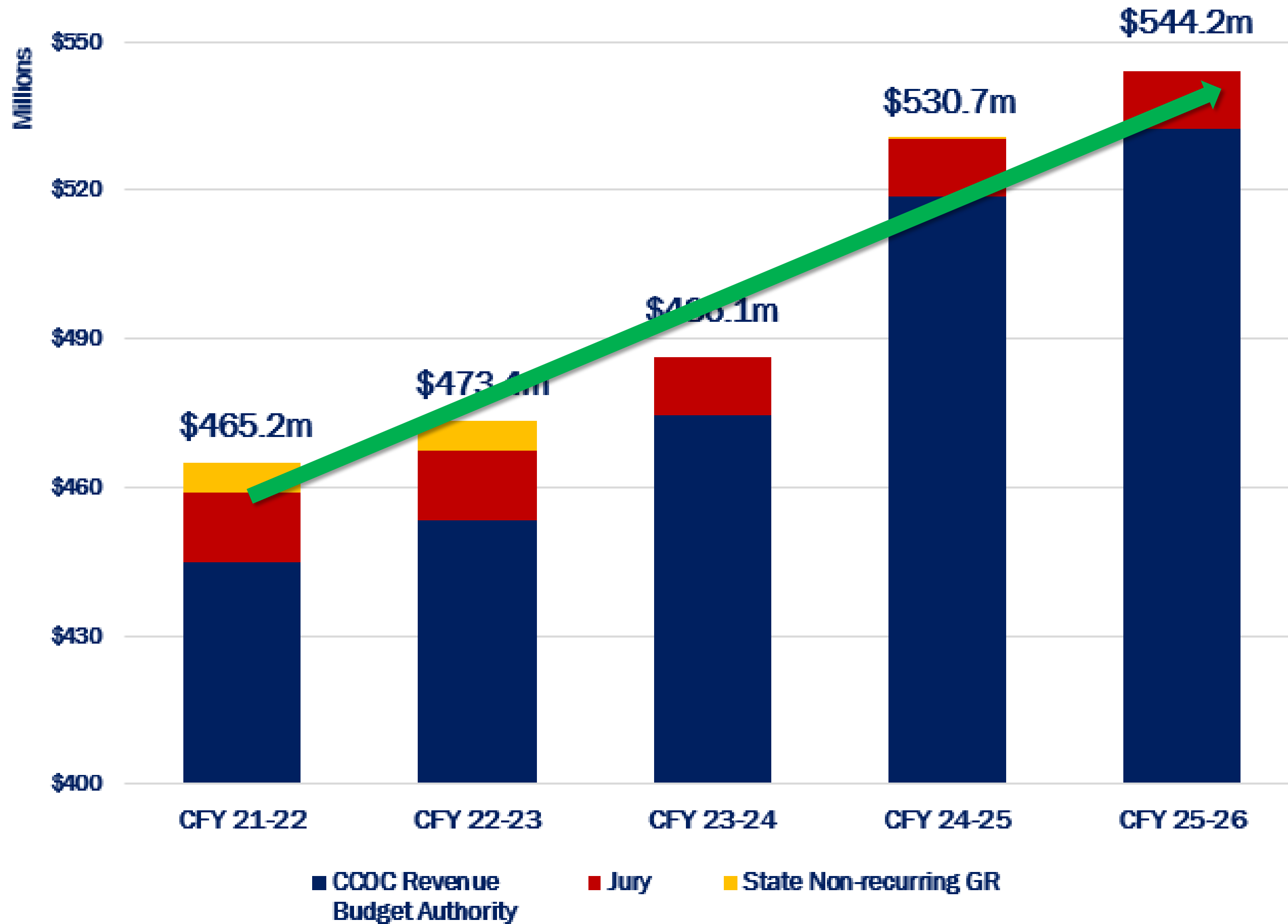
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Clerks' Court-Side Budget Authority



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FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM (FRS) COSTS

Required employer Florida Retirement System (FRS) costs:

County Fiscal Year	FRS Increase	Compounding Increase	FRS TOTAL COST
20-21	\$ 5,420,510	\$ 5,420,510	
21-22	\$ 3,271,121	\$ 8,691,631	
22-23	\$ 3,518,133	\$ 12,209,764	
23-24	\$ 5,404,099	\$ 17,613,864	\$ 50,625,239
24-25	\$ 163,860	\$ 17,777,724	\$ 54,486,639
25-26	\$ 1,018,936	\$ 18,796,660	
26-27		\$ 18,796,660	
	\$ 18,796,660	\$ 99,306,813	

10% of clerks' total court-related costs



CLERKS' RESERVE FUND

Clerks' contingency fund created via legislation in 2021 (s. 28.36(3), F.S.)

Established within the Clerks of the Court Trust Fund; managed by CCOC

Reserve Fund Policy

s. 28.37(4)(b), F.S., requires at least 10% of the ~~clerks' share of the~~
Cumulative Excess of revenue ~~(50%)~~ be held in reserve

To use reserve, CCOC must request a budget amendment



CLERKS' RESERVE FUND

Current Balance = \$5.1 million

Fiscal Year	Amount to Reserve
2021-22	\$ 1,182,040
2022-23	\$ 273,309
2023-24	\$ 111,938
2024-25	\$ 1,420,969
2025-26	\$ 1,085,596
2026-27	\$ 1,070,439
Balance:	\$ 5,144,291



BUDGET COMMITTEE ALLOCATION PROCESS

Base Budget – each year, the Budget Committee establishes a standard starting place or “funding floor”

Ensures each clerk will have at least a continuation budget plus the FRS rate increases covered for all court-side FTE

No clerk’s budget has been cut since the Covid-19 pandemic



	Allocation	CFY 2023-24 Budget	CFY 2024-25 Budget	CFY 2025-26 Budget
Base Budget	Prior-Year Revenue-Limited Budget	\$ 453,209,797	\$ 474,436,051	\$ 518,781,741
	FRS Increase	\$ 5,404,099	\$ 163,861	\$ 1,018,936
		\$ 458,613,896	\$ 474,599,912	\$ 519,800,677



BUDGET COMMITTEE ALLOCATION PROCESS

Allocations above Base Budget

Uniform cost allocations (FRS and New Judges)

Weighted Cases

**73.7% of
allocated
funds**

	Allocation	CFY 2023-24 Budget	CFY 2024-25 Budget	CFY 2025-26 Budget	Alloc. %
	Base Budget	\$ 458,613,896	\$ 474,599,912	\$ 519,800,677	
Alloc. Above Base Budget	New Judges Funding (1 FTE per Judge)		\$ 657,780	\$ 2,895,780	4.9%
	Weighted Cases Allocation	\$ 14,454,762	\$ 25,762,021	\$ 9,779,031	68.8%
	Pay Increases		\$ 13,610,376		18.7%
	Other Allocations & Adjustments	\$ 1,367,391	\$ 4,151,652		7.6%
	Revenue-Limited Budget:	\$474,436,049	\$518,781,741	\$532,475,488	



BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SPREADSHEET

County	Peer Group	CFY 2024-25 Revenue-Limited Budget	ADD FRS Increase	CFY 2025-26 Base Budget	ADD New Judges Approved in 2025 (1 FTE per Judge)	Weighted Workload Measure (CFY 2023-24)	ADD Weighted Workload Measure Allocation	CFY 2025-26 Revenue-Limited Budget	Year-over-year Increase	Increase Over Current Year Budget
Escambia	6	\$ 7,939,619	\$ 12,001	\$ 7,951,620		243,701.0	\$ 125,371	\$ 8,076,991	\$ 137,372	1.7%
Manatee	6	\$ 6,884,221	\$ 15,768	\$ 6,899,989	\$ 156,444	257,677.0	\$ 132,561	\$ 7,188,994	\$ 304,773	4.4%
Osceola	6	\$ 8,991,338	\$ 11,169	\$ 9,002,507	\$ 78,222	340,616.0	\$ 175,229	\$ 9,255,958	\$ 264,620	2.9%
Pasco	6	\$ 13,281,406	\$ 30,985	\$ 13,312,391		353,999.0	\$ 182,114	\$ 13,494,505	\$ 213,099	1.6%
Sarasota	6	\$ 9,443,102	\$ 18,645	\$ 9,461,747	\$ 78,222	313,159.0	\$ 161,104	\$ 9,701,073	\$ 257,971	2.7%
Seminole	6	\$ 10,199,230	\$ 13,421	\$ 10,212,651		365,175.0	\$ 187,863	\$ 10,400,514	\$ 201,284	2.0%
Lee	7	\$ 13,753,772	\$ 29,967	\$ 13,783,739		609,639.5	\$ 313,627	\$ 14,097,366	\$ 343,594	2.5%
Pinellas	7	\$ 25,966,935	\$ 67,366	\$ 26,034,301		694,289.0	\$ 357,175	\$ 26,391,476	\$ 424,541	1.6%
Polk	7	\$ 14,703,061	\$ 36,789	\$ 14,739,850	\$ 234,666	683,255.0	\$ 351,498	\$ 15,326,014	\$ 622,953	4.2%
Volusia	7	\$ 13,645,907	\$ 32,011	\$ 13,677,918	\$ 78,222	552,816.5	\$ 284,395	\$ 14,040,535	\$ 394,628	2.9%
Broward	8	\$ 45,017,522	\$ 87,359	\$ 45,104,881		1,475,104.5	\$ 758,862	\$ 45,863,743	\$ 846,221	1.9%
Duval	8	\$ 23,144,597	\$ 45,928	\$ 23,190,525	\$ 78,222	972,500.5	\$ 500,300	\$ 23,769,047	\$ 624,450	2.7%
Hillsborough	8	\$ 35,834,370	\$ 84,588	\$ 35,918,958		1,373,579.0	\$ 706,632	\$ 36,625,590	\$ 791,220	2.2%
Miami-Dade	8	\$ 83,295,613	\$ 213,440	\$ 83,509,053	\$ 547,554	3,738,430.5	\$ 1,923,222	\$ 85,979,829	\$ 2,684,216	3.2%
Orange	8	\$ 34,409,249	\$ 78,867	\$ 34,488,116	\$ 156,444	1,488,836.5	\$ 765,927	\$ 35,410,487	\$ 1,001,238	2.9%
Palm Beach	8	\$ 34,557,372	\$ 72,411	\$ 34,629,783	\$ 234,666	1,151,981.5	\$ 592,633	\$ 35,457,082	\$ 899,710	2.6%
STATEWIDE TOTAL		\$ 518,781,741	\$ 1,018,936	\$ 519,800,677	\$ 2,895,780	19,008,832.0	\$ 9,779,031	\$ 532,475,488	\$ 13,693,747	2.6%
					26	weighted cases		-		(0.7% - 7.2%)



FUNDED / DEPOSITORY DESIGNATIONS

Each year, clerks submit a revenue projection for the year by June 1

Using the clerk's projection, a clerk is designated "Funded" or "Depository" for the year with the Department of Revenue (DOR)

"Funded" = revenue projection less than Revenue-Limited Budget

"Depository" = revenue projection greater than Revenue-Limited Budget

Quarterly distributions / deposits

Only deposit actual quarterly
amount collected above
quarterly projection



BUDGET COMMITTEE WORKGROUPS

Active Workgroups:

- Jury Management Workgroup (2016-Pres.) (Maloy)
- Additional Budget Components Workgroup (2025-Pres.) (staff)
- Reserve Fund Policy Workgroup (2025-26) (Russell)
- Vacancies Review Workgroup (2025-26) (Green)



BUDGET COMMITTEE WORKGROUPS

Recent Workgroups:

Updated Operational Budget Forms

- Operational Budget Workgroup (2024-25) (Rhoades)
- Needs-Based Budget Workgroup (2023-24) (Burke)
- Living Wage Analysis Workgroup (2023-24) (Alvarez-Sowles)
- Statutory Compliance Review Workgroup (2023) (Abruzzo)
- Surplus Revenue Collections Distribution Workgroup (2023) (Patty)
- New Judges Funding Workgroup (2022-23) (Abruzzo)
- Compliance Workgroup (2022) (Maloy)
- Cost of Living Component Workgroup (2022) (Godwin)
- Reserve Policy Workgroup (2021) (Smith)

Introduced Living Wage Data

Confirmed CCOC Compliance

New Judges Funding Formula

Original Reserve Fund Policy



BUDGETING / FORECASTING

Uniform Accounting System (UAS) Codes

s. 218.33, F.S., requires each local governmental entity to follow uniform accounting practices and procedures as promulgated by rule of the Department of Financial Services (DFS), including a uniform classification of accounts

DFS Rule 69I-51.0012, F.A.C., establishes the UAS Manual detailing the required UAS Codes for financial reporting

Operational Budget now laid out by UAS Object and Account Codes



BUDGETING / FORECASTING

93% of clerks' costs are Personnel

Incorporate anticipated staffing changes for the year (promotions, pay raises, employees in DROP, etc.)

Use prior-year actuals and Tab B data (Operational Budget)

Expenditures cannot exceed the budget authority

Challenges: Multiple different finance and budgeting systems used statewide; CCOC does not have access to any of them



CCOC BUDGET-RELATED REPORTS



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CCOC BUDGET-RELATED REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

- Expenditures & Collection (EC Report) **Detailed Revenues**

Quarterly Reports:

- Additional Court Costs, s. 318.18(14), F.S.
- Jury Management **Request State Reimbursement Funding**
- ~~Collections to GR (fka Ch. 2008-111)~~

Annual Reports (Due Dates Vary):

- Operational Budget (Prior-year Actuals & Current-year Projections) **Detailed Expenditures**
- Budget Issue Requests
- ~~Revenue Projections~~ **Identify Needed Funding**



EXPENDITURES AND COLLECTION (EC) REPORT

Tracks court-related fines and fees revenue collected by clerks by subcase type, totaled court-related expenditures, funds transferred to and from the Trust Fund, and FTE counts and separations

Oversight: the Budget Committee

Authority: s. 28.35(2)(f), F.S. and s. 28.37, F.S.

Application: Source of detailed revenue and FTE information; Data used in annual Settle-Up calculation

Goal: Provide detailed data on clerks' court-related revenue and FTE



EXPENDITURES AND COLLECTION (EC) REPORT

Tracks court-related FTE and separations monthly:

			Court-related FTE ¹⁵
		FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS (FTE)	
F.		Total Number of FILLED COURT-RELATED FTE (as of the last day of the month)	
		Number of SEPARATIONS During the Month (as of the last day of the month)	

Calculates your Settle-Up amount and unspent budget:

	Projected CFY 2024-25 Settle-Up	\$	-
	Remaining CFY 2024-25 Budget Authority	\$	-

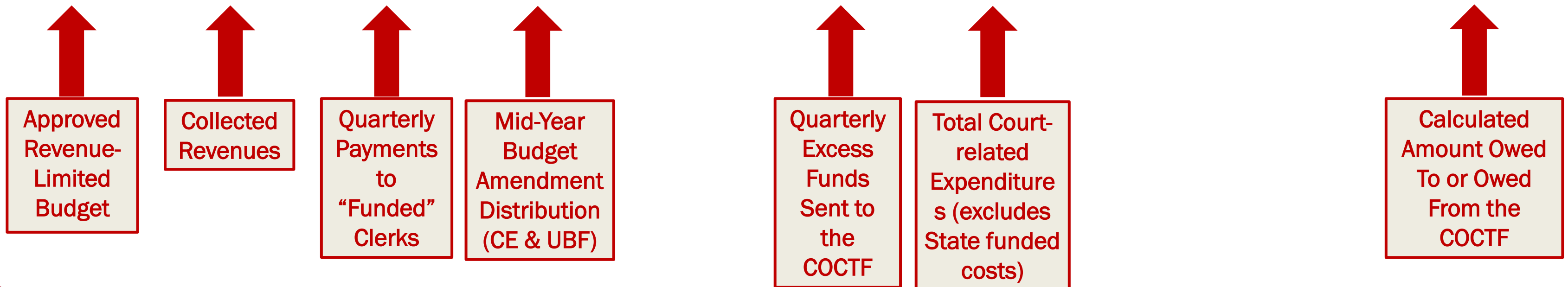


SETTLE-UP PROCESS / CALCULATION

Annual reconciliation process balancing a clerk's books with the Clerks of Court Trust Fund (COCTF)

Data from September EC Report and the Department of Revenue (DOR)

County	Final Budget Authority (Adopted by Exec. Council 9/10/24)	CCOC Revenues (Sep 24-Aug 25) (EC Report)	Funds Received from Trust Fund (Sep 24-Aug 25) (EC Report)	Additional Revenues from Trust Fund (EC Report)	Total Revenues + Funds from Trust Fund	Excess Revenue Sent to Trust Fund (Oct 24-Sep 25) (DOR Report)	CCOC Expenditures (Oct 24-Sep 25) (EC Report)	Excess Revenue Sent to the TF + CCOC Expenditures	Unspent Budgeted Funds	CFY 2024-25 Settle-Up Calculation	Due To (Due From) TF
Osceola	\$ 8,991,338.00	\$ 9,459,987.31	\$ -	\$ 428,586.00	\$ 9,888,573.31	\$ 530,580.04	\$ 6,436,716.67	\$ 6,967,296.71	\$ (2,554,621.33)	\$ 2,921,276.60	Due To TF



EXPENDITURES AND COLLECTION (EC) REPORT

Data previously collected on the Collections to GR Report is now collected quarterly on the EC Report:

150							
151							Quarterly Reporting
152	COLLECTIONS TO GR		Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25
153							
154	E.	Driving Under the Influence s. 316.193, F.S.					
155		Traffic Additional Court Costs s. 318.18(12)(a), F.S.					
156		Felony, Misdemeanor, and Criminal Traffic Additional Court Costs s. 938.05(1)(a-c), F.S.					
157		All Other Line 47 Additional Revenues					
158		TOTAL COLLECTED to GENERAL REVENUE				\$ -	

The monthly Collections to GR Report is no longer required



ADDITIONAL COURT COSTS REPORT

Commonly referred to as the “318.18 Report”

Statutorily required pass-through report (due on the 30th)

Typically completed by staff on county side of the office

Oversight: the Budget Committee

Authority: s. 318.18(14)(b), F.S.; CCOC submits a combined report to Governor, Senate, House, and the board of county commissioners

Application: No applications have been identified



JURY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Tracks court-related jury costs, juror performance, and juror statistics

Combined three previous jury-related reports (quarterly CCOC Jury Reimbursement Request and Juror Performance Reports and monthly OSCA Jury Management Report)

Oversight: the Budget Committee and the PIE Committee

Authority: s. 40.29, F.S.

Application: Collects actual costs for quarterly funding reimbursement requests; Identify juror performance measures



OPERATIONAL BUDGET

Collects detailed budget projections and prior-year actual cost detail by UAS Codes (all court-related revenues & expenditures, regardless of fund)

Oversight: the Budget Committee

Authority: s. 28.35(2)(f), F.S.

Application: Multitude of budget and FTE-related analyses/calculations

FTE information now collected on monthly EC Report instead of Operational Budget



OPERATIONAL BUDGET

Spreadsheet is laid out by UAS Object and Account Codes

UAS Account Codes:

- Court-related Expenditures (6xx and 7xx)
- ‘Other’

UAS Object Codes:

- Personnel Costs (11 - 26)
- Operating Costs (31 - 59)
- Capital Costs (60 - 68)

11	Salary - Executive
12	Salary - Regular Employees
13	Salary - Other Employees (OPS, etc.)
14	Salary - Overtime
15	Salary - Special Pay
16	Compensated Leave
17	Compensated Sick Leave
18	Compensated Compensatory Leave
21	FICA Taxes
22	FRS - Retirement Contributions
23	Life and Health Insurance (and Other Benefits)
24	Workers' Compensation
25	Unemployment Compensation
26	Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

604	608	614	634	654	674	694	713	715	724	744	764	
Clerk Court Admin.	Jury Management	Circuit Criminal	Circuit Civil	Family	Juvenile	Probate	Information Systems	Legal Aid	County Criminal	County Civil	Traffic	Other



2024-25 ACTUAL COURT-RELATED SPENDING AUTHORITY AND EXPENDITURES

				On EC Report
CCOC Revenues				
Fines and Fees Revenues (County Fiscal Year):		-		S125
Prior-Year September Revenues:		-		E125
[Less] Current-Year September Revenues:		-		Q125
CCOC Trust Fund Revenues:		-		R128
Additional CCOC Revenues:		-		R126
Adjusted CCOC Revenues:			-	R129
Court-related Expenditures				
Actual Court-related Expenditures (County Fiscal Year):		-		
[Less] Jury Distribution/Reimbursement Received:		-		
[Less] Title IV-D Funded Costs:				
[Less] BOCC Funding for Court-related Expenditures:				
[Less] Other Non-CCOC Court-related Funding (Grants, etc.):				
CCOC Expenditures:			-	S135
Settle-Up Calculation				
Revenue-Limited Budget Authority:	-			D8
CCOC Expenditures:	-			S135
Unspent Budget Authority:		-		R148
Over/(Under) Collected Revenues:		-		
[Less] Payments to the Trust Fund:		-		S138
Due To/From CCOC (Settle-Up):			-	R147

OPERATIONAL BUDGET – RECURRING ISSUES

Title IV-D (costs and reimbursements; UAS Account Codes)

Jury Reimbursements (CFY / SFY; total costs should mirror submitted Jury Management Report submissions for reimbursement)

IT UAS Codes (713 excludes PRMTF costs; 716 includes only PRMTF costs)

Account Code ‘Other’

Reconciliation Tab numbers should directly balance to the agreed upon Settle-Up calculation

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BUDGET ISSUE REQUESTS

Collects detailed budget and FTE data on any needed budget issues over the current year budget

Statutorily due by June 1st each year

Oversight: the Budget Committee

Authority: s. 28.35(2)(f), F.S. and s. 28.36(2)(a), F.S.

Application: Establishes clerks' Total Requested Budget each year for budget deliberations and legislative advocacy; Identifies the true need

Goal: Request any issues needed to operate your office



BUDGET ISSUE REQUESTS

CFY 2025-26 Total Requested Budget Summary:

County	Peer Group	CFY 2024-25 Revenue-Limited Budget	FRS Increase	CFY 2025-26 Base Budget	Jury Shortfall Projection (Calculated Using Prior-Year Actuals)	New Judges Calculation (Using Approved Formula)	ADD Additional FRS	ADD Additional Health Insurance	ADD Pay & Benefits/ COLA	ADD Pay & Benefits: New FTE	ADD Compliance Issues	ADD Cost Shifts	ADD IT Funded from CCOC	ADD Other	TOTAL Funding Issues Requested	TOTAL FTE Requested	CFY 2025-26 Total Requested Budget	Increase Over Base Budget	Increase Over Current Year Budget	
STATEWIDE TOTAL		\$ 518,781,741	\$ 1,018,936	\$ 519,800,677	\$ 4,819,349	\$ 12,179,951	\$ 2,161,620	\$ 10,016,324	\$ 35,631,100	\$ 10,449,114	\$ 1,508,663	\$ 6,493,598	\$ 3,896,497	\$ 1,169,106	\$ 88,325,322	306.58	\$ 608,125,999	16.99%	17.22%	
										Total New FTE:	\$ 23,063,501					Total Requests + FRS Increase:	\$ 89,344,258			(2.7% - 55.6%)
Number of Counties						26	7	53	59	22	9	17	7	9	67	41				
																Jury Reimbursement Funding:		\$ 11,700,000		
																TOTAL REQUESTED COURT-RELATED BUDGET:		\$ 619,825,999		
																		\$ 75,650,511		

This is a tab on the annual Budget Development Spreadsheet (available on the CCOC website)



BUDGET ISSUE REQUESTS

As with most companies and government agencies, “budget needs” does not equal the “actual budget”

CFY 2023-24 Total Requested Budget = \$527.2 million
CFY 2025-26 Total Court-related Budget = \$544.2 million
\$ 17.0 million

CFY 2024-25 Total Requested Budget = \$583.3 million
CFY 2026-27 Total Court-related Budget = \$590.6 million (*Projected*)
\$ 7.3 million



REVENUE PROJECTIONS

Now part of the Budget Issue Requests Spreadsheet; statutorily due by June 1st each year

Collects annual court-related revenue projections, including Chapter 2008-111, L.O.F., revenues

Oversight: the Budget Committee

Authority: s. 28.35(2)(f), F.S. and s. 28.36(2)(a), F.S.

Application: Establishes annual “Funded” or “Depository” designation for each clerk, including the quarterly amount sent to each Funded clerk



DFS FINANCIAL AUDITS

Statutorily required audits are on a rotating basis, typically performed every three years

Audits performed by Department of Financial Services (DFS)

CCOC has a Memorandum of Agreement with DFS to perform audits

Authority: s. 28.35(2)(e), F.S.

Application: CCOC uses audit findings to provide training and education to clerk offices



DFS FINANCIAL AUDITS

Allowable Expenditures:

- DFS two-page document on CCOC website
- s. 28.35(3), F.S., outlines allowable and prohibited court-related expenditures
- DFS audit findings (available on the DFS website)

IT Costs:

- In 2024, HB 1077 added “improving court technology” to s. 28.35(3)(a), F.S., as an allowable court-related expenditure
- **No longer limited to only 10% of certain revenues**



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CCOC REPORTING

All report forms available on the CCOC Website: <https://flccoc.org/>

Reports sent to reports@flccoc.org is improving for staff

CCOC Reports due in 2024-25: 89



CCOC Reports due in 2025-26: 71

Report submissions calendar is available on the CCOC Website

- Complete report listing is available by month on the calendar
- Due dates are identified by **Green** shaded squares in each month



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All reports should be **submitted** directly to reports@flccoc.org **WITHOUT** copying other CCOC staff on the submission email

Report form workbooks that are in Microsoft Excel format **MUST** be attached to the submission email in Microsoft Excel format

Ensure the report form workbook version (upper right-hand corner) is the **MOST RECENT** version from the CCOC Website

- Older/previous versions will not work accurately with the data aggregation MACRO program



IMPORTANT GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION

Notes at the bottom of CCOC report forms:

- Provides explanations of embedded calculations
- Used to identify changes on the report form worksheets
- Provides additional references to key cells that must be reported

Reporting Policy & Procedures:

- Authority found in Florida Statutes
- Purpose and Scope of report rules
- Rules and Procedures
- Reporting Guidelines
- Validation Process
- Questions Points of Contact



OUTREACH AND CORRESPONDENCE

PLEEEEEEEASE DO NOT:

- Place additional information or explanations in the submission email
- Ask any questions in the submission email

If any **explanations** about the data being submitted are required, they **MUST BE ON THE REPORT FORM** in the “Additional Information / Explanations / Notes” area of the report form

If you have any **questions** about the reported data or the report form, please send the question directly to the CCOC staff person who is the primary user/analyzer of the data (Griffin for Budget/Revenue, etc.)



CHALLENGES

NO single, uniform platform for reports

- Offices use a plethora of processes for completing and reviewing reports statewide (different staff, multiple staff, internal approval process, etc.)
- Different Case Management Systems and Financial Management Systems (CCOC does not have access to any of these platforms)
- System and program versions in each office / county are not all the most recent update

NO database for data accumulation, storage, and retrieval



REVENUE OVERVIEW & REC UPDATES



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REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE (REC)

Article V Revenue Estimating Conference (REC)

Principals: the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Governor's Office, and the Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR)

EDR is the research arm of the Legislature that independently forecasts economic and social trends affecting policy, revenues, and budget

CCOC and the Courts have a non-voting representative

REC estimates each individual source of revenue, not the clerks' annual budget total



REVENUE FORECAST BY VARIABLE

(\$ millions)

Fiscal Year	Estimate	COUNTY COURT					TRAFFIC COURT		CIRCUIT COURT					OTHER			FILING FEES TO CLERKS	CLERKS OF COURT				TOTAL		
		Claims \$2,500 to \$15,000	Claims above \$15,000	Foreclosure	Removal of Tenant Action	Additional Fees	Allocated Civil Penalties	Other Violations RL Ticket Unlawful Speed	Family Base Fee	Marriage Dissolution	Other Base Fee Other	Probate	Additional Fee	Foreclosure Base Fee	Variable Fee	Appeals to SC & DCA		Counterclaim	Mediation, Marriage Licenses and other	Other 142.01(1)	10% of Fines per 28.37		Total 142.01(1)	Chapter 2008-111*
Non-clerk		\$15.00	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$10.00	var.	43.1%	var.	\$100.00	\$97.50	\$200.00	\$115.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	var.	var.	var.				var.			
Clerks		\$280.00	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$170.00				\$195.00	\$195.00			\$195.00	var.						var.				
2020-21	ACTUAL	63.0	15.3	0.2	16.9	3.4	21.8	20.3	21.8	6.6	65.5	8.8	1.4	3.6	10.0	1.8	0.3	7.2	133.7	254.8	16.7	405.2	53.0	592.2
2021-22	ACTUAL	65.2	13.3	0.3	20.5	3.2	24.8	23.3	22.1	6.7	56.8	9.8	1.3	4.9	15.7	2.0	0.3	7.7	135.4	281.1	19.4	435.9	58.1	636.2
2022-23	ACTUAL	64.3	15.1	0.3	27.8	4.1	25.5	23.7	21.6	6.5	88.7	9.3	1.7	6.2	22.1	2.0	0.3	8.2	159.1	288.6	20.0	467.7	61.1	697.1
2023-24	ACTUAL	72.1	21.2	0.6	27.7	3.7	27.1	24.5	21.8	6.7	50.6	9.1	1.3	6.7	24.8	1.9	0.3	7.9	158.6	288.9	20.7	468.2	52.0	689.7
2024-25	ACTUAL	89.5	25.3	0.9	26.9	3.6	27.6	25.2	21.9	6.8	56.0	8.8	1.4	6.3	24.9	2.0	0.3	8.0	178.5	306.6	22.2	507.4	21.6	685.7
YTD	FCST	37.3	10.8	0.4	11.7	1.5	11.4	10.3	9.2	2.8	23.6	3.7	0.6	3.1	13.2	0.8	0.1	3.2	76.1	133.4	9.5	219.1	9.0	295.7
2025-26	ACTUAL	44.9	12.4	0.3	11.8	1.6	12.4	11.5	9.5	2.9	25.9	3.8	0.6	3.4	15.5	0.9	0.2	3.3	86.0	134.4	9.9	230.3	9.7	314.7
	Diff.	7.6	1.6	-0.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	1.2	0.3	0.1	2.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	2.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	10.0	0.9	0.3	11.1	0.6	18.9
2025-26	OLD	90.7	25.8	1.0	26.9	3.6	28.1	25.3	21.9	6.8	56.8	8.9	1.3	7.4	31.2	2.0	0.3	8.0	182.5	310.3	22.4	515.2	21.8	700.5
	EDR	109.5	29.6	0.9	26.9	3.7	30.3	27.4	22.4	7.0	61.8	9.1	1.5	9.0	40.3	2.2	0.4	8.2	207.5	314.9	23.7	546.1	23.0	751.8
	EOG	105.3	29.1	0.8	26.9	3.7	29.4	27.7	22.4	6.9	61.7	9.0	1.4	7.9	35.3	2.1	0.3	8.1	201.2	317.3	24.0	542.5	23.4	742.7
	DEPT	107.2	29.4	0.9	26.9	3.8	#N/A	27.2	22.5	6.9	60.6	8.9	1.5	7.8	32.7	2.1	0.3	8.1	202.6	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
	CCOC	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	206.4	314.4	23.2	544.0	23.6	#N/A
	NEW	107.2	29.4	0.8	26.9	3.8	30.3	27.4	22.4	7.0	61.8	9.0	1.5	8.2	36.1	2.1	0.3	8.1	203.9	314.9	23.7	542.5	23.4	744.3
2026-27	OLD	91.9	26.2	0.9	26.9	3.6	28.6	25.4	21.9	6.8	57.6	9.2	1.3	7.6	30.9	2.0	0.3	8.0	185.1	313.4	22.5	521.0	21.9	706.9
	EDR	111.0	30.0	0.8	26.9	3.8	31.0	27.8	22.4	7.0	62.7	9.3	1.5	9.1	41.5	2.2	0.4	8.3	209.8	318.3	24.0	552.1	23.4	781.4
	EOG	107.2	29.6	0.8	26.9	3.7	29.8	28.2	22.4	6.9	63.0	9.3	1.4	7.9	35.4	2.0	0.3	8.2	204.0	317.8	24.3	546.1	24.0	749.1
	DEPT	108.6	29.7	0.8	26.9	3.8	#N/A	27.3	22.5	6.9	61.3	9.2	1.5	7.9	34.1	2.1	0.3	8.1	204.9	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
	CCOC	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	212.6	323.9	23.2	559.7	24.0	#N/A
	NEW	108.6	29.7	0.8	26.9	3.8	31.0	27.8	22.4	7.0	62.7	9.3	1.5	8.3	37.0	2.1	0.3	8.2	206.1	318.3	24.0	548.4	24.0	753.7
2027-28	OLD	93.1	26.5	0.9	26.9	3.7	29.0	25.5	21.9	6.8	58.3	9.3	1.3	7.9	32.9	2.0	0.3	8.0	187.6	316.5	22.6	526.7	22.0	716.4
	EDR	112.5	30.4	0.8	26.9	3.8	31.7	28.3	22.4	7.0	63.5	9.6	1.6	9.3	43.0	2.2	0.4	8.3	212.2	322.3	24.4	558.9	23.7	772.1
	EOG	109.4	30.3	0.8	26.9	3.7	30.3	28.3	22.4	6.9	64.3	9.6	1.4	8.0	35.8	2.0	0.3	8.2	207.3	321.0	24.5	552.8	24.7	758.8
	DEPT	110.0	30.1	0.8	26.9	3.9	#N/A	27.5	22.5	6.9	62.1	9.5	1.5	8.3	36.7	2.1	0.3	8.1	207.5	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
	CCOC	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	219.0	333.6	23.2	575.8	24.4	#N/A
	NEW	110.0	30.1	0.8	26.9	3.9	31.7	28.3	22.4	7.0	63.5	9.6	1.6	8.5	38.5	2.1	0.3	8.2	208.5	322.3	24.4	555.2	24.7	764.8
2028-29	OLD	94.2	26.8	0.9	26.9	3.7	29.4	25.5	21.9	6.8	58.9	9.4	1.4	8.0	33.2	2.0	0.3	8.0	189.2	319.7	22.7	531.6	22.1	721.8
	EDR	113.8	30.8	0.9	26.9	3.8	32.3	28.8	22.5	7.0	64.3	9.9	1.6	9.5	44.2	2.2	0.4	8.3	214.5	326.1	24.7	565.3	24.1	782.1
	EOG	111.7	30.9	0.8	26.9	3.7	30.8	28.3	22.4	6.9	65.0	9.8	1.4	8.1	36.1	2.0	0.3	8.2	210.3	323.4	24.8	558.5	24.7	766.2
	DEPT	111.3	30.4	0.8	26.9	3.9	#N/A	27.6	22.5	6.9	62.4	9.7	1.5	8.7	39.4	2.1	0.3	8.1	210.0	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
	CCOC	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	225.5	343.6	23.2	592.3	24.8	#N/A
	NEW	111.3	30.4	0.8	26.9	3.9	32.3	28.8	22.5	7.0	64.3	9.8	1.6	8.8	39.9	2.1	0.3	8.2	210.8	326.1	24.7	561.6	24.7	774.4
2029-30	OLD	95.2	27.1	0.9	26.9	3.7	29.8	25.6	21.9	6.8	59.6	9.6	1.4	8.0	33.5	2.0	0.3	8.0	190.8	322.9	22.9	536.6	22.2	728.3
	EDR	115.1	31.1	0.9	26.9	3.9	32.9	29.3	22.6	7.1	65.0	10.1	1.6	9.7	45.3	2.2	0.4	8.3	216.6	329.8	25.0	571.4	24.4	791.6
	EOG	114.1	31.6	0.8	26.9	3.7	31.2	28.3	22.4	6.9	66.4	10.0	1.4	8.2	36.5	2.0	0.3	8.2	213.7	325.1	25.1	563.9	24.8	773.9
	DEPT	112.5	30.8	0.8	26.9	4.0	#N/A	27.7	22.5	6.9	62.4	10.0	1.6	9.2	42.0	2.1	0.3	8.1	212.3	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
	CCOC	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	232.3	353.9	23.2	609.4	25.2	#N/A
	NEW	112.5	30.8	0.8	26.9	4.0	32.9	29.3	22.6	7.1	65.0	10.0	1.6	9.0	41.3	2.1	0.3	8.2	213.0	329.8	25.0	567.8	24.8	784.0
2030-31	OLD	96.2	27.4	0.9	26.9	3.7	30.2	25.6	21.9	6.8	60.2	9.9	1.4	8.1	34.0	2.0	0.3	8.0	192.4	326.1	23.0	541.5	22.4	735.0
	EDR	116.4	35.9	1.0	26.9	4.0	33.5	29.8	22.6	7.1	61.2	10.4	1.5	9.8	46.2	2.2	0.4	8.5	218.6	333.2	25.3	577.1	24.7	800.6
	EOG	116.7	36.9	0.9	26.9	3.8	31.6	28.3	22.4	6.9	63.3	10.3	1.3	8.2	36.8	2.0	0.3	8.2	217.4	326.4	25.2	569.0	24.8	781.2
	DEPT	113.7	35.6	0.9	26.9	4.2	#N/A	27.7	22.5	6.9	58.0	10.2	1.5	9.6	44.7	2.1	0.3	8.1	214.5	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
	CCOC	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	239.3	364.5	23.2	627.0	25.7	#N/A
	NEW	113.7	35.6	0.9	26.9	4.2	33.5	29.8	22.6	7.1	61.2	10.3	1.5	9.2	42.6	2.1	0.3	8.2	215.1	333.2	25.3	573.6	24.8	793.0

Note: The amounts above reflect Article V fees, which are not inclusive of all court-related fines, fees, and surcharges. FY 2024-25 actual amounts for Other 142 and 10% of Fines to the Clerks are Preliminary

REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE (REC)

The REC estimates the **statewide** revenue total

The REC does **NOT** provide revenue estimates by county

Statute requires the CCOC budget balance to the REC estimate

**“BALANCED BUDGET” IS
THE STATEWIDE TOTAL**



Article V REC

12/15/2025

Local Government Fines/Fees/Charges Schedule for Clerks
(Millions)

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	TOTAL
SFY25/26	43.9	45.8	44.6	48.5	47.4	40.0	41.7	43.2	42.7	52.6	46.6	45.5	542.5
SFY26/27	48.5	45.7	46.9	45.3	46.8	40.4	42.1	43.6	43.1	53.1	47.1	45.9	548.4
SFY27/28	49.1	46.2	47.5	45.9	47.4	40.9	42.6	44.1	43.6	53.7	47.7	46.5	555.2
SFY28/29	49.7	46.8	48.0	46.4	48.0	41.4	43.1	44.6	44.2	54.3	48.2	47.0	561.6
SFY29/30	50.2	47.3	48.5	46.9	48.5	41.8	43.6	45.1	44.6	54.9	48.7	47.6	567.8
SFY30/31	50.7	47.8	49.0	47.4	49.0	42.3	44.0	45.6	45.1	55.5	49.2	48.0	573.6

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TOTAL
LFY 25/26	48.5	47.4	40.0	41.7	43.2	42.7	52.6	46.6	45.5	48.5	45.7	46.9	549.1
LFY 26/27	45.3	46.8	40.4	42.1	43.6	43.1	53.1	47.1	45.9	49.1	46.2	47.5	550.1
LFY 27/28	45.9	47.4	40.9	42.6	44.1	43.6	53.7	47.7	46.5	49.7	46.8	48.0	556.8
LFY 28/29	46.4	48.0	41.4	43.1	44.6	44.2	54.3	48.2	47.0	50.2	47.3	48.5	563.2
LFY 29/30	46.9	48.5	41.8	43.6	45.1	44.6	54.9	48.7	47.6	50.7	47.8	49.0	569.3
LFY 30/31	47.4	49.0	42.3	44.0	45.6	45.1	55.5	49.2	48.0	50.7	47.8	49.0	573.6

PROJECTED CFY 2026-27 AVAILABLE REVENUE

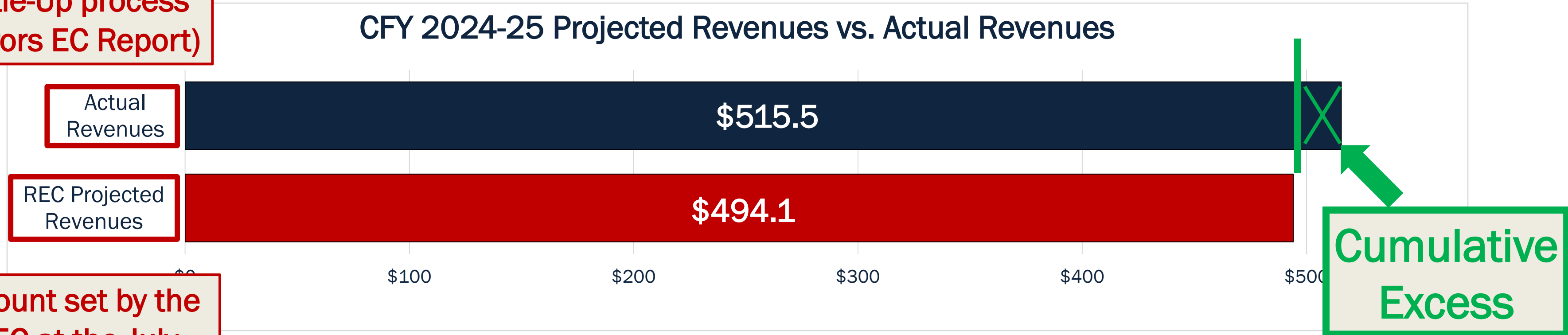
 Projected REC Revenue Estimate [December 2025]	\$ 550,148,744
Projected Impact of HB 925 <i>(if bill is signed into law)</i>	\$ 9,500,000
Cumulative Excess (Clerks' Share 50%) (CFY 2024-25)	\$ 10,704,394
Statutorily Required Amount to Reserve (10%)	(\$ 1,070,439)
Unspent Budgeted Funds (CFY 2024-25)	\$ 9,625,169
CFY 2026-27 Revenue-Limited Budget Authority	\$ 578,907,868



CFY 2024-25 REVENUES

Determined via the Settle-Up process (mirrors EC Report)

CFY 2024-25 Projected Revenues vs. Actual Revenues



Amount set by the REC at the July 2024 Meeting

\$21.4 million (4.3%) over the REC projection

Clerks' share (50%) of **\$10.7 million** available to build the CFY 2026-27 Revenue-Limited Budget



PROJECTED CFY 2026-27 AVAILABLE REVENUE

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CFY 2026-27 Revenue-Limited Budget Authority	\$ 578,907,868
Jury Reimbursement (State GR)	\$ 11,700,000
CFY 2026-27 Total Court-Side Budget Authority	\$ 590,607,868

Projected year-over-year budget increase of \$46.4 million (8.5%)



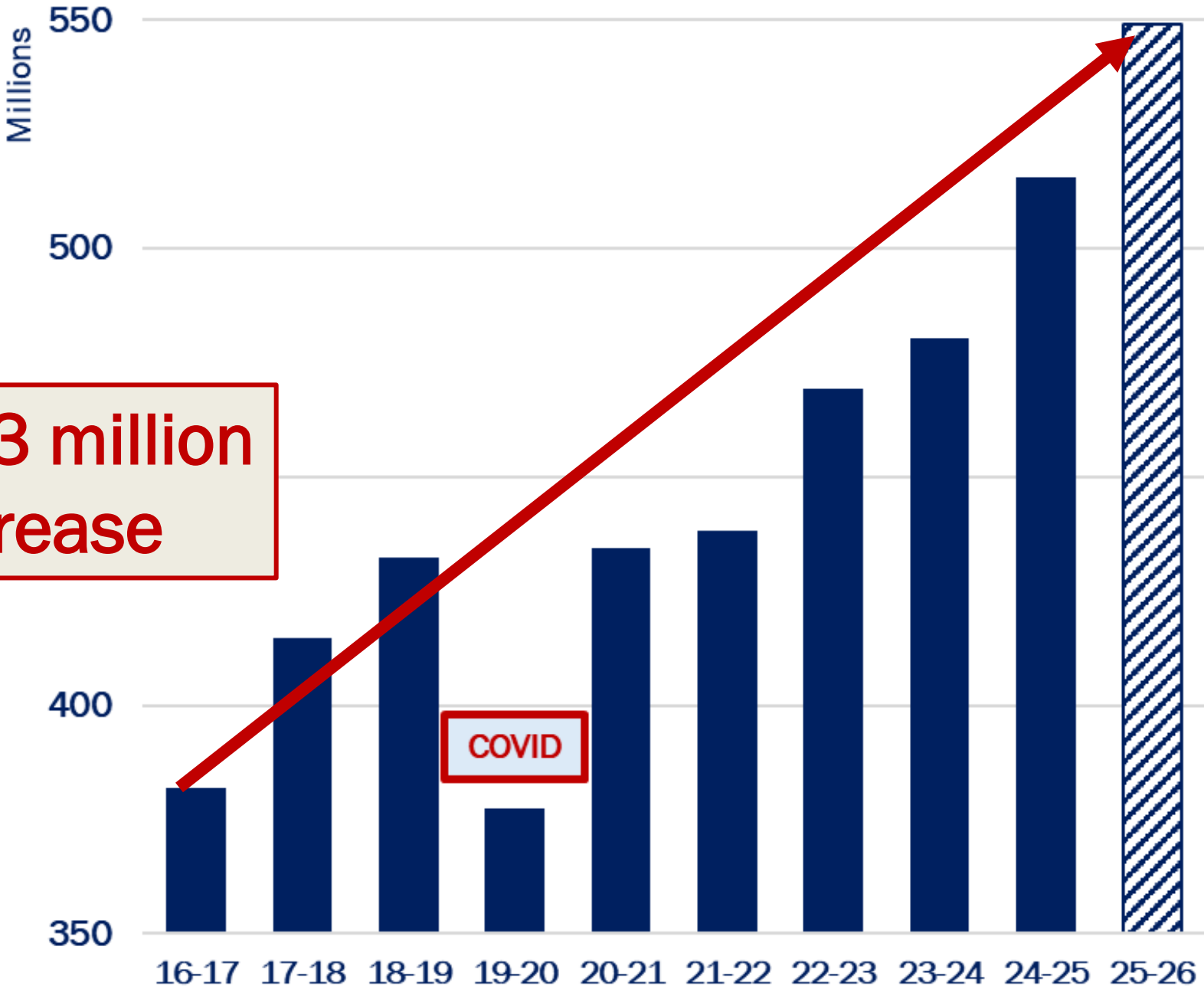
CLERKS' COLLECTED REVENUES

Collected revenues are tracked in detail on the monthly EC Report

CFY	Revenue
16-17	\$ 381,829,789
17-18	\$ 414,811,846
18-19	\$ 432,216,216
19-20	\$ 377,357,410
20-21	\$ 434,366,182
21-22	\$ 438,294,435
22-23	\$ 469,401,286
23-24	\$ 480,185,161
24-25	\$ 515,461,985
25-26	\$ 549,100,000

\$167.3 million increase

Clerks' Collected Revenue



CLERKS' COLLECTIONS EFFORTS

Increased collections efforts increases the budget for all clerks

Payment Plans

Operation Green Light (OGL)

Increases the
clerks' budget
each year



CLERKS' REVENUE PROJECTIONS

Each clerk is statutorily required to submit an annual revenue projection to the CCOC by June 1

An available reference, if needed, is on the CCOC website:

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT TOOLS

REVENUE PROJECTION TOOL

- [Revenue Projection Tool](#) by Citrus County
- [Revenue Projection Tool - COVID Update](#) by Citrus County

Please contact Susan Sullivan, ssullivan@citrusclerk.org, in Citrus County for assistance or further explanation of the Revenue Projection Tool.



REVENUE FORECASTING ACCURACY ANALYSIS

Three entities make annual revenue projections:

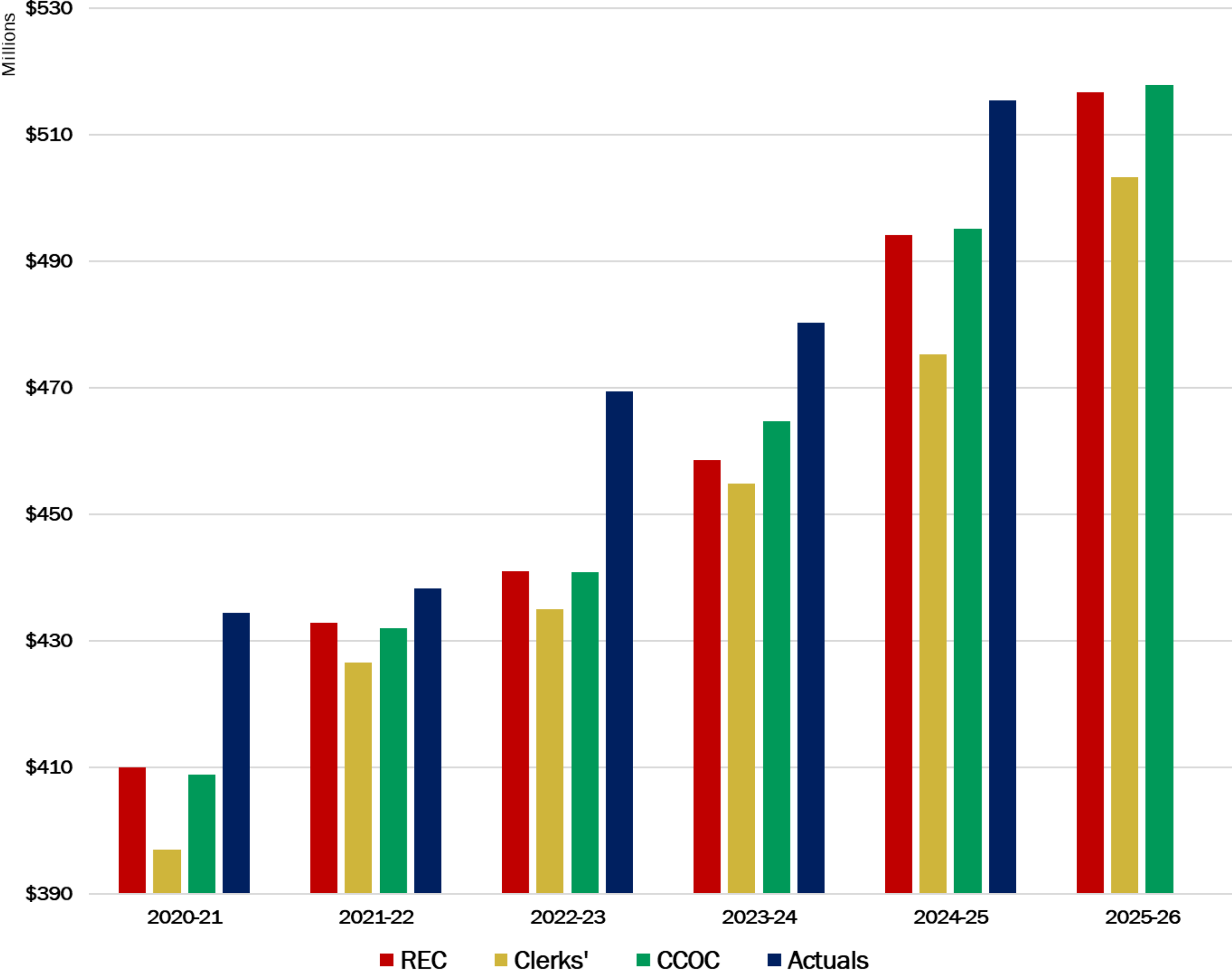
CFY	REC Projection (July/Aug.)	REC Projection over Actuals		Clerks' Projection	Clerks' Projection over REC Projection		Clerks' Projection over Actuals		CCOC Projection	CCOC Projection over REC Projection		CCOC Projection over Actuals		Actuals
2020-21	410,013,184	(24,352,998)	-5.9%	396,948,349	(13,064,835)	-3.2%	(37,417,833)	-8.6%	408,786,482	(1,226,702)	-0.3%	(25,579,700)	-5.9%	434,366,182
2021-22	432,855,670	(5,438,765)	-1.3%	426,585,780	(6,269,890)	-1.4%	(11,708,654)	-2.7%	431,955,479	(900,191)	-0.2%	(6,338,956)	-1.4%	438,294,435
2022-23	440,981,916	(28,419,370)	-6.4%	434,895,532	(6,086,384)	-1.4%	(34,505,755)	-7.4%	440,799,613	(182,303)	0.0%	(28,601,673)	-6.1%	469,401,286
2023-24	458,473,245	(21,711,916)	-4.7%	454,890,112	(3,583,133)	-0.8%	(25,295,049)	-5.3%	464,623,067	6,149,822	1.3%	(15,562,094)	-3.2%	480,185,161
2024-25	494,053,196	(21,408,789)	-4.3%	475,243,637	(18,809,559)	-3.8%	(40,218,348)	-7.8%	495,055,257	1,002,061	0.2%	(20,406,728)	-4.0%	515,461,985
2025-26	516,691,576			503,266,862	(13,424,714)	-2.6%			517,805,824	1,114,248	0.2%			
avg.:		(20,266,368)	-4.5%		(10,206,419)	-2.2%	(29,829,128)	-6.3%		992,823	0.2%	(19,297,830)	-4.1%	

Notes:

- * 2020-21 - Coming out of Pandemic
- * 2021-22 - PIP Reform Impact
- * 2022-23 - Tort Reform Impact



Revenue Forecasting



CLERKS' REVENUE

Increased revenue collections = increased budget

“A rising tide lifts all boats”

Clerks' collections efforts move the needle



CASE WEIGHTS



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WEIGHTED CASES

PIE Committee is currently reviewing/updating case weights

Budget Committee has used weighted cases in four of the last five years

Additional Budget Components (ABC) Workgroup

Goal: Establish a data-driven “apples-to-apples” comparison of clerks’ offices based on the work that they do, factoring in the amount of work each case requires

$$\underline{\text{Case Counts}} \times \underline{\text{Case Weights}} = \underline{\text{Weighted Workload Measure (WWM)}}$$



WEIGHTED CASES

Current Case Weights (1 through 10)

Examples:

- 1 = Medical Extensions Petitions; Notice of Trust; Pre-Need Guardianship; Wills on Deposit
- 5 = Civil (\$8,001 - \$50,000); County/Municipal Ordinances; Name Change; Other Family Court
- 10 = Guardianship

NOTE: These case weights are currently being reviewed by the PIE Committee



WEIGHTED CASES

Case Counts x Case Weights = Weighted Workload Measure (WWM)

Case Type	Court Type	Court Sub Type	Total	Weights	Weighted Total
NewCases	County Civil	Replevins (SRS)	358	4	1432
NewCases	County Civil	Small Claims (\$5,001 - \$8,000) (SRS)	3122	6	18732
NewCases	County Civil	Small Claims (up to \$5,000) (SRS)	20499	6	122994
NewCases	County Criminal	Cases unable to be categorized	0	0	0
NewCases	County Criminal	County/Municipal Ordinances (SRS)	655	5	3275
NewCases	County Criminal	Misdemeanors/Worthless Checks (SRS)	13076	7	91532
NewCases	County Criminal	Non-Criminal Infractions (SRS)	4559	3	13677
NewCases	County Criminal	Out of State Fugitive Warrants (Non-SRS)	323	3	969
NewCases	Criminal Traffic - UTCs	Cases unable to be categorized	0	0	0
NewCases	Criminal Traffic - UTCs	DUI (SRS)	3214	7	22498
NewCases	Criminal Traffic - UTCs	Other Criminal Traffic (SRS)	18110	6	108660
NewCases	Family	Adoption Arising out of Chapter 63 (SRS)	262	4	1048
NewCases	Family	Cases unable to be categorized	0	0	0
NewCases	Family	Dissolution (SRS)	3161	9	28449



WEIGHTED CASES USED IN BUDGET

2021-22: \$7.5m allocated (60% of increase) (1.7% of total budget)

2022-23: Weighted cases considered; not used

2023-24: \$14.5m allocated (91% of increase) (3.0% of total budget)

2024-25: \$8.0m allocated (part of Base Budget - BoB funding carry over)
+ \$17.8m allocated (50% of increase)
\$25.8m total (5.0% of total budget)

2025-26: \$9.8m allocated (100% of increase) (1.8% of total budget)

TOTAL = \$57.6 million allocated in past 5 years



BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SPREADSHEET

County	Peer Group	CFY 2024-25 Revenue-Limited Budget	ADD FRS Increase	CFY 2025-26 Base Budget	ADD New Judges Approved in 2025 (1 FTE per Judge)	Weighted Workload Measure (CFY 2023-24)	ADD Weighted Workload Measure Allocation	CFY 2025-26 Revenue-Limited Budget	Year-over-year Increase	Increase Over Current Year Budget
Escambia	6	\$ 7,939,619	\$ 12,001	\$ 7,951,620		243,701.0	\$ 125,371	\$ 8,076,991	\$ 137,372	1.7%
Manatee	6	\$ 6,884,221	\$ 15,768	\$ 6,899,989	\$ 156,444	257,677.0	\$ 132,561	\$ 7,188,994	\$ 304,773	4.4%
Osceola	6	\$ 8,991,338	\$ 11,169	\$ 9,002,507	\$ 78,222	340,616.0	\$ 175,229	\$ 9,255,958	\$ 264,620	2.9%
Pasco	6	\$ 13,281,406	\$ 30,985	\$ 13,312,391		353,999.0	\$ 182,114	\$ 13,494,505	\$ 213,099	1.6%
Sarasota	6	\$ 9,443,102	\$ 18,645	\$ 9,461,747	\$ 78,222	313,159.0	\$ 161,104	\$ 9,701,073	\$ 257,971	2.7%
Seminole	6	\$ 10,199,230	\$ 13,421	\$ 10,212,651		365,175.0	\$ 187,863	\$ 10,400,514	\$ 201,284	2.0%
Lee	7	\$ 13,753,772	\$ 29,967	\$ 13,783,739		609,639.5	\$ 313,627	\$ 14,097,366	\$ 343,594	2.5%
Pinellas	7	\$ 25,966,935	\$ 67,366	\$ 26,034,301		694,289.0	\$ 357,175	\$ 26,391,476	\$ 424,541	1.6%
Polk	7	\$ 14,703,061	\$ 36,789	\$ 14,739,850	\$ 234,666	683,255.0	\$ 351,498	\$ 15,326,014	\$ 622,953	4.2%
Volusia	7	\$ 13,645,907	\$ 32,011	\$ 13,677,918	\$ 78,222	552,816.5	\$ 284,395	\$ 14,040,535	\$ 394,628	2.9%
Broward	8	\$ 45,017,522	\$ 87,359	\$ 45,104,881		1,475,104.5	\$ 758,862	\$ 45,863,743	\$ 846,221	1.9%
Duval	8	\$ 23,144,597	\$ 45,928	\$ 23,190,525	\$ 78,222	972,500.5	\$ 500,300	\$ 23,769,047	\$ 624,450	2.7%
Hillsborough	8	\$ 35,834,370	\$ 84,588	\$ 35,918,958		1,373,579.0	\$ 706,632	\$ 36,625,590	\$ 791,220	2.2%
Miami-Dade	8	\$ 83,295,613	\$ 213,440	\$ 83,509,053	\$ 547,554	3,738,430.5	\$ 1,923,222	\$ 85,979,829	\$ 2,684,216	3.2%
Orange	8	\$ 34,409,249	\$ 78,867	\$ 34,488,116	\$ 156,444	1,488,836.5	\$ 765,927	\$ 35,410,487	\$ 1,001,238	2.9%
Palm Beach	8	\$ 34,557,372	\$ 72,411	\$ 34,629,783	\$ 234,666	1,151,981.5	\$ 592,633	\$ 35,457,082	\$ 899,710	2.6%
STATEWIDE TOTAL		\$ 518,781,741	\$ 1,018,936	\$ 519,800,677	\$ 2,895,780	19,008,832.0	\$ 9,779,031	\$ 532,475,488	\$ 13,693,747	2.6%
					26	weighted cases		-		(0.7% - 7.2%)



WEIGHTED CASES USED IN THE BUDGET

Two Similarly Situated Counties:

	2018-19 Budget	2024-25 Budget	Budget Growth	
County A	\$ 2.14m	\$ 2.60m	\$ 460k	21%
County B	\$ 1.76m	\$ 2.31m	\$ 550k	31%
	\$ 380k	\$ 290k	\$ 90k	

Weighted Cases helped bring County B closer to County A based on the actual case workload of both counties



WEIGHTED CASES USED IN THE BUDGET

If Weighted Cases were not used during same timeframe:

	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Budget (would've been without using WWM)	Budget Difference	
County A	\$ 2.60m	\$ 2.66m	\$ 60k	2%
County B	\$ 2.31m	\$ 2.23m	(\$ 80k)	-3%
<i>difference</i>	\$ 290k	\$ 430k	\$ 140k	

Weighted Cases used data-driven allocations to more equitably distribute additional funding based on caseloads



CLERKS' BUDGET OVERVIEW

**\$544.2
million**

**CFY 2025-26
Court-related Budget**



What is each clerk's
fair share of the
total pie?



BUDGET ISSUES FACING THE CLERKS



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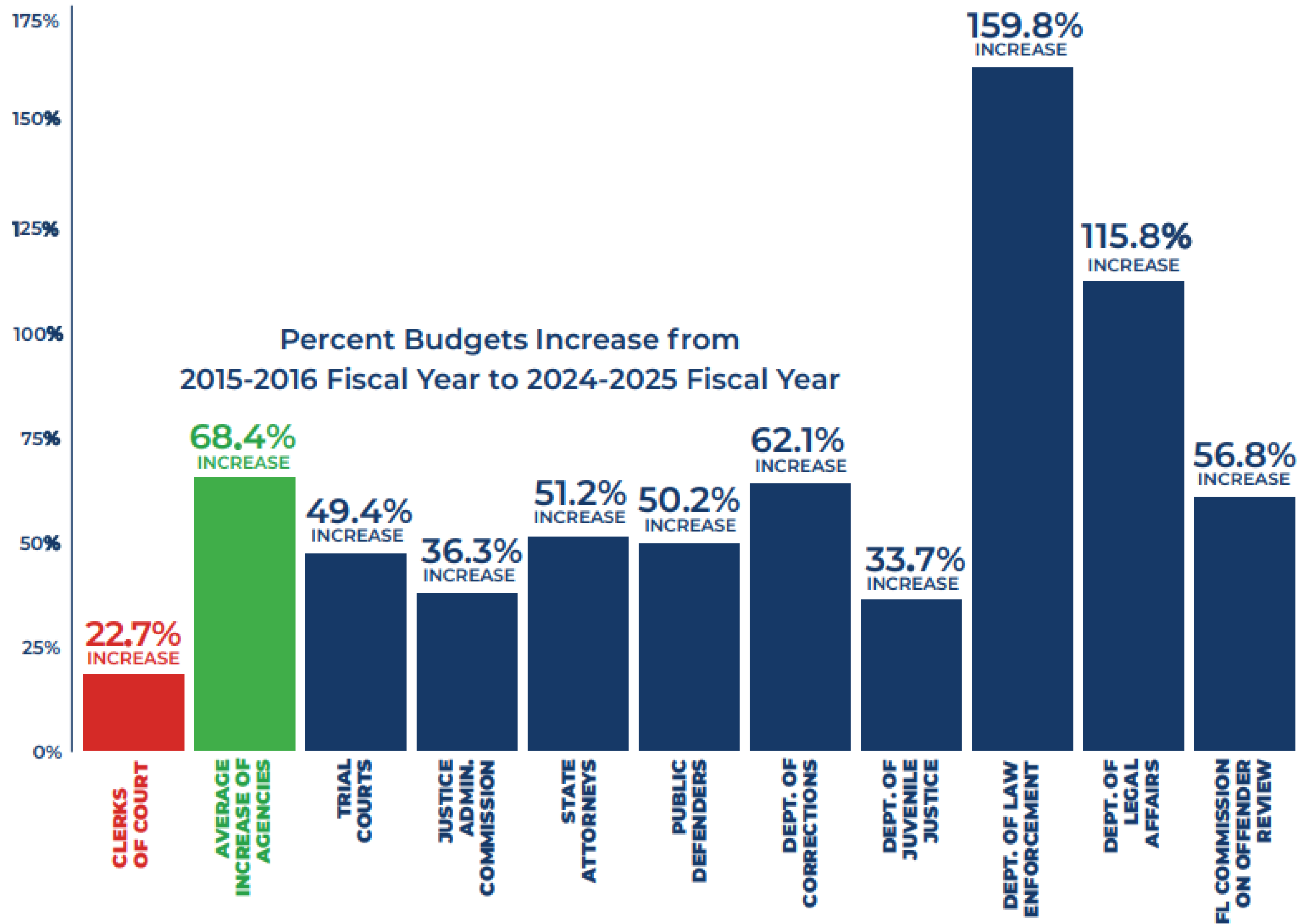
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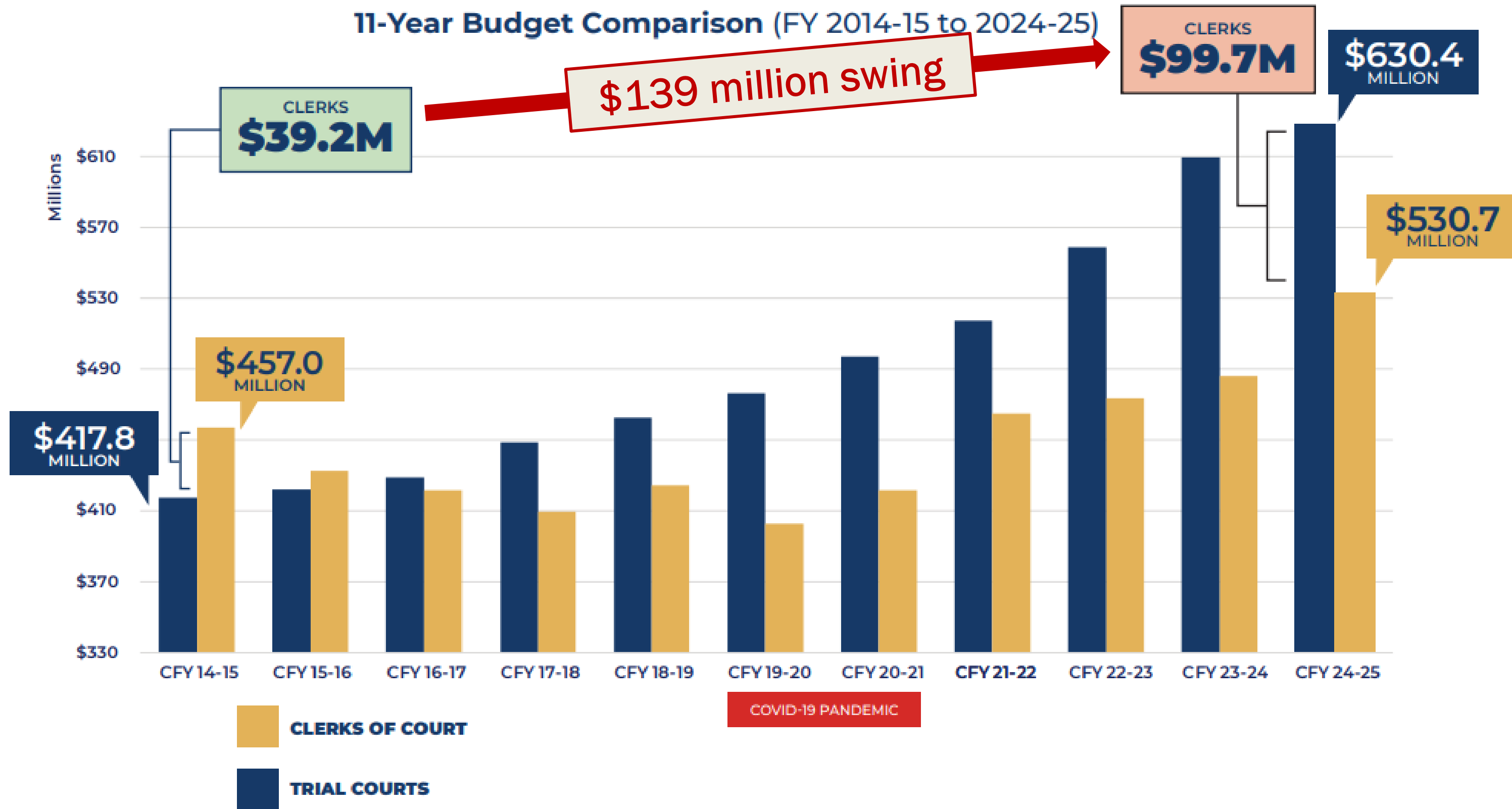
FUNDING

10-YEAR BUDGET INCREASE COMPARISON

On average, state-level court, law enforcement, and justice-related agencies received a 68.4% budget increase over a 10-year period **while Clerks of Court only received a 22.7% increase.**



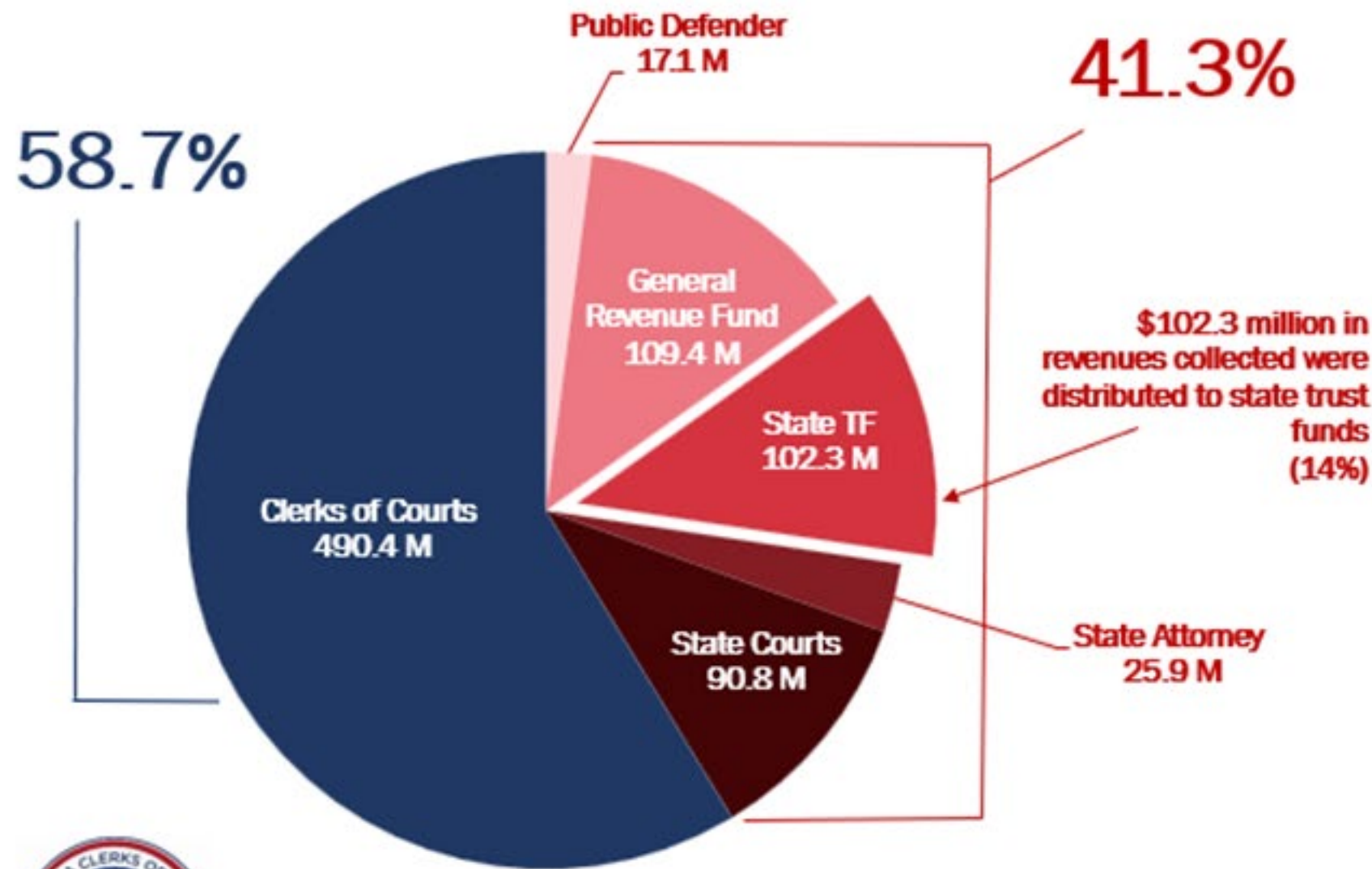
BUDGET COMPARISON: TRIAL COURTS & CLERKS OF COURT



DURING SFY 2024-25, 41.3% OF REVENUES COLLECTED BY CLERKS WERE DISTRIBUTED ELSEWHERE

Revenue Distributed to CLERKS OPERATIONS

In SFY 2024-25, Clerks collected \$835.9 million in statutorily mandated fines and fees, of which they only retained \$490.4 million to provide services to Floridians who depend on the timely resolution of their cases



Revenues Distributed ELSEWHERE

\$345.6 million of the \$835.9 million collected by Clerks was distributed elsewhere

State Trust Fund	Distribution
ADDITIONAL COURT COSTS TF	\$ 9,659,938
AUDIT & WARRANT CLEARING TF	\$ 26,664
BRAIN & SPINAL CORD INJURY PROGRAM TF	\$ 8,831,922
CHILD WELFARE TRAINING TF	\$ 1,640,472
CRIME STOPPERS TF	\$ 3,573,355
CRIMES COMPENSATION TF	\$ 12,949,625
CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS & TRAINING TF	\$ 882,433
DEPT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES ADMIN TF	\$ 2,235,232
DFS OPERATING TF	\$ 56,287
DLA REVOLVING TF	\$ 687
DOE GRANTS AND DONATIONS TF	\$ 1,336,653
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TF	\$ 9,511,032
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TF	\$ 16,108,068
EPILEPSY SERVICES TF	\$ 294,284
FDLE OPERATING TF	\$ 1,850,786
FL COASTAL PROTECTION TF	\$ 270
FORFEITURE AND INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT TF	\$ 88,046
FWC OPERATING TF	\$ 65,190
GENERAL INSPECTION TF	\$ 9,972
GRANTS & DONATIONS TF	\$ 428,634
INLAND PROTECTION TF	\$ 75
INSURANCE REGULATORY DOI TF	\$ 4,680
JUVENILE WELFARE TRAINING TF	\$ 1,301,093
LAW ENFORCEMENT RADIO SYSTEM TF	\$ 4,295,201
MARINE RESOURCES CONSERVATION TF	\$ 884,316
MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE CLEARING TF	\$ 20,475,241
NONGAME WILDLIFE TF	\$ 1,373,241
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE TF	\$ 481,969
PLANNING AND EVALUATION TF	\$ 1,144,030
PROJECTS, CONTRACTS & GRANTS TF	\$ 81,400
RAPE CRISIS PROGRAM TF	\$ 2,420,840
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT TF	\$ 35,494
STATE GAME TF	\$ 70,887
STATE TRANSPORTATION TF	\$ 2,701
SWP GRANTS & DONATIONS TF	\$ 189,707
WATER QUALITY ASSURANCE TF	\$ 30
Total	\$ 102,310,454

LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

➔ REC Revenue Estimate [July 2025] Revenue Redirects	↑ \$ 516,691,576
➔ Cumulative Excess (Clerks' Share 50%) (CFY 2023-24) ✓	↑ \$ 10,855,958
Statutorily Required Amount to Reserve (10%)	(\$ 1,085,596)
Unspent Budgeted Funds (CFY 2023-24)	\$ 6,013,550
CFY 2025-26 Revenue-Limited Budget Authority	\$ 532,475,488
➔ Jury Reimbursement (State GR) Increased State Funding	↑ \$ 11,700,000
CFY 2025-26 Total Court-Side Budget Authority	\$ 544,175,488
➔ Additional State Reimbursement (No Fee Cases, New Judges, other?)	↑



SERVICES WITH A STATE REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

INJUNCTIONS FOR PROTECTION

78,131
CASES **\$3,125,240**
POTENTIAL FUNDS

BAKER ACT

50,230
CASES **\$2,009,200**
POTENTIAL FUNDS

SUBSTANCE ABUSE ACT

8,720
CASES **\$348,800**
POTENTIAL FUNDS

\$40 REIMBURSEMENT

SERVICES WITH NO STATE REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

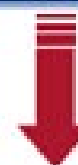
APPROVED INDIGENT APPLICATIONS

43,728
CASES **\$8,526,960**
POTENTIAL FUNDS

\$195
REIMBURSEMENT

\$14,010,200
IN POTENTIAL FUNDING

CLERKS RECEIVED \$0



CLERKS' 2026-27 BUDGET ISSUES

Injunctions for Protection: \$3.1 million

Baker Act, Marchman Act, and Sexually Violent Predators: \$2.4 million

Juror Management: \$4.8 million (additional)

Support for Additional Judges: TBD (*Pending Legislative Action*)



EC REPORT – COLLECTIONS TO GR

Lines 154-158 of the EC Report identify collected revenues required to be remitted to the State’s General Revenue (GR) Fund

			Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
151						
152	COLLECTIONS TO GR NOT PART OF SETTLE-UP					
153						
154	E.	Driving Under the Influence s. 316.193, F.S.				\$ -
155		Traffic Additional Court Costs s. 318.18(12)(a), F.S.				\$ -
156		Felony, Misdemeanor, and Criminal Traffic Additional Court Costs s. 938.05(1)(a-c), F.S.				\$ -
157		All Other Line 47 Additional Revenues				\$ -
158		TOTAL COLLECTED to GENERAL REVENUE				\$ -

Information was previously collected on monthly Collections to GR Report



RECENT LEGISLATION IMPACTING THE CLERKS

2019: HB 337 – allows clerks to retain 50% of Cumulative Excess revenue and 100% of Unspent Budgeted Funds (\$21.1 million annually)

2022: HB 397 – allows clerks to request State funding for new judges and reimbursement for substance abuse and mental health cases

2023: HB 977 – \$17.0 million of annual revenue redirects

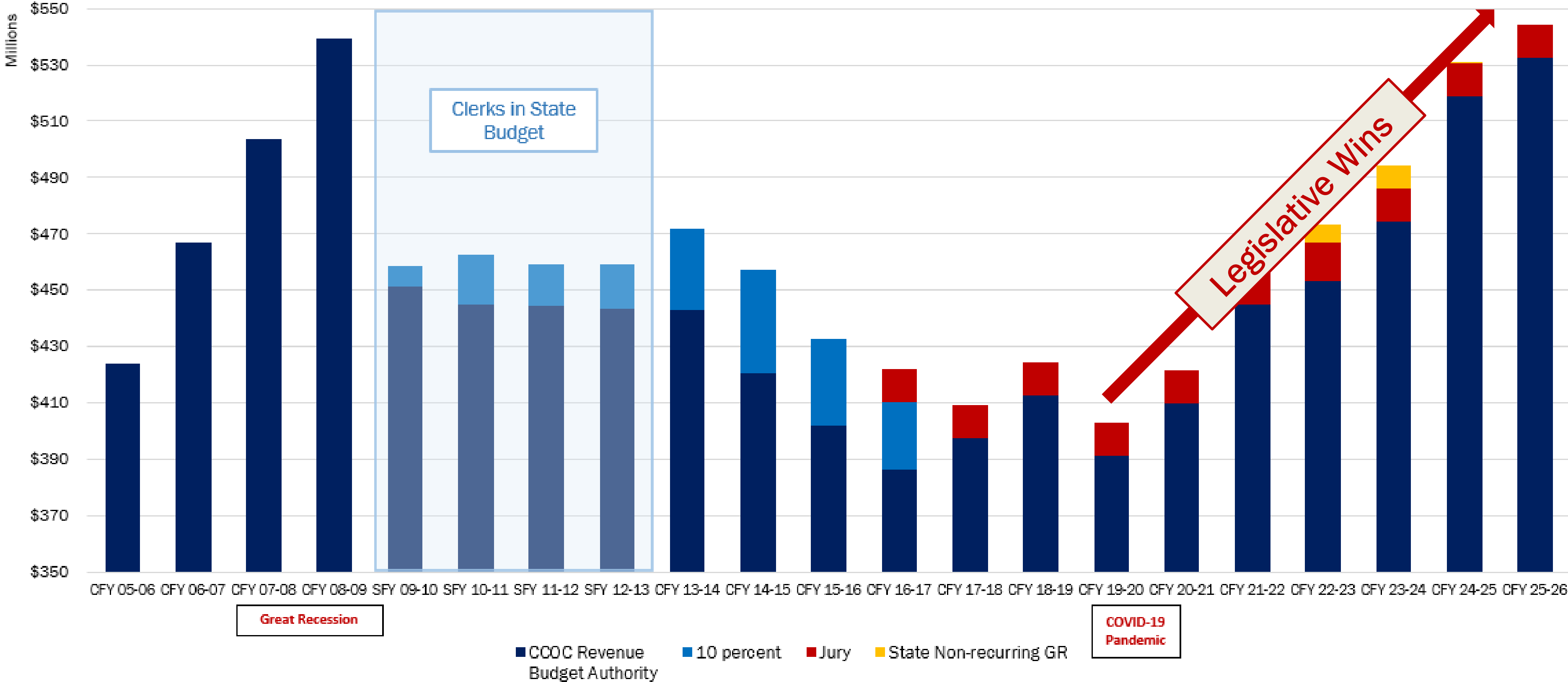
2024: HB 1077 – \$29.4 million of annual revenue redirects; adds “improving court technology” as allowable court-related costs

2026: HB 925 – \$9.5 million of annual revenue redirects; allows clerks to retain 100% of Cumulative Excess revenue (\$11.9 million annually)

\$88.9 million+ annual impact



Clerks' Court-Side Budget Authority



WRAP -UP & KEY TAKEAWAYS



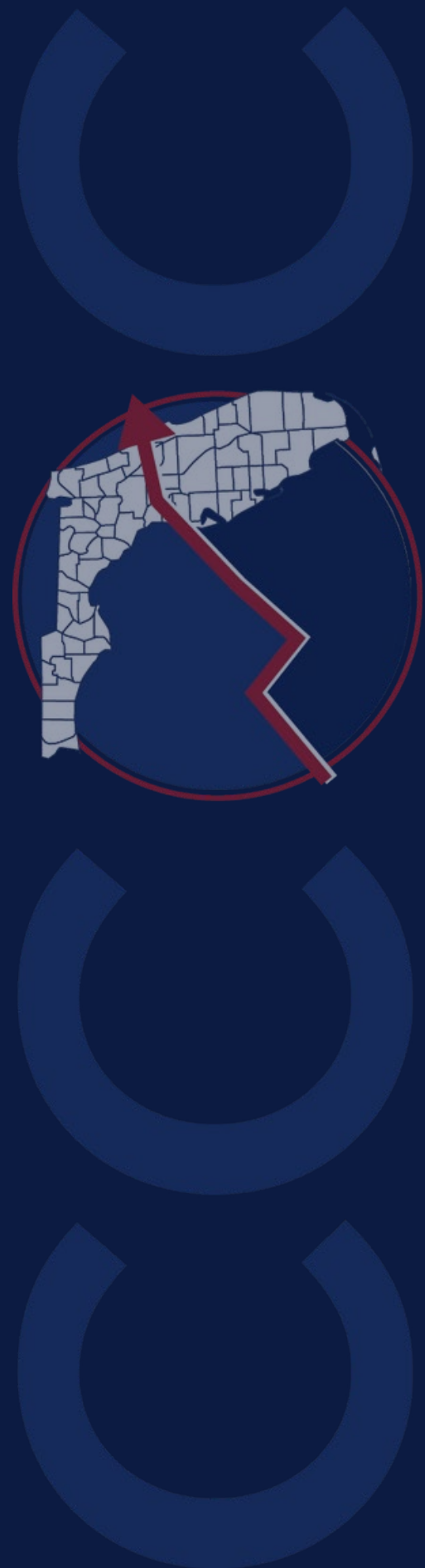
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