



November 19, 2025

Dear Honorable Senators and Representatives
of the Legislative Finance Interim Committee;

Wayne Propst, Cabinet Secretary and Department of Finance Analysts Department;

Charles Sallee, Director and Legislative Finance Committee Analysts.

Greetings:

On behalf of the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA), I respectfully request your full support for our FY27 General Fund budget proposal totaling \$7,393,100. This investment is critical to sustaining the integrity of New Mexico's justice system, protecting victims, and ensuring that our offices can meet growing demands for security and efficiency in an increasingly complex judicial and intellectual technology environment.

General Fund Overview

Our request includes \$3,688,600 for personnel, \$1,828,400 for contractual services, and \$1,876,100 for other essential costs. These allocations are not discretionary; they represent the minimum necessary to maintain operations, safeguard sensitive data, and provide consistent, compliant services across all 14 District Attorney offices statewide and our partnerships with Law Enforcement Agencies and other State Agencies.

Category 200 – Personal Services (\$3,688,600)

Personnel funding is the backbone of our ability to deliver justice. We propose salaries based on the FY27 District Attorney schedule, including a 20% increase for attorneys and a 10% increase for remaining staff. These adjustments are vital to retain experienced professionals and prevent turnover that jeopardizes case continuity. This amount also covers critical expansion positions to include a Chief Security Officer, IT Network Specialist, IT Administrator, IT Assistant II, Senior Trial Attorney, and Victim Witness Administrator. These roles are essential for managing cybersecurity risks, supporting victims, and ensuring that our offices operate efficiently and securely.

Category 300 – Contractual Services (\$1,828,400)

This allocation addresses urgent technology needs that are fundamental to our statewide operations. It includes funding for the E-Pros Case Management System, cybersecurity and vulnerability assessments, managed VPN services, CrowdStrike support, and an e-learning platform. Cyber threats are escalating nationwide, and our offices handle highly sensitive data. Without these investments, we risk system breaches that could compromise victim confidentiality and case integrity. The case management system is the cornerstone of our operations, enabling prosecutors to manage caseloads effectively and collaborate across jurisdictions.

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Category 400 – Other Costs (\$1,876,100)

This category funds essential tools and training initiatives that ensure secure communication and compliance with federal and state standards. It includes Microsoft Office 365 licenses, statewide voice services, and professional development programs for prosecutors and staff. These resources are critical for collaboration and for maintaining the capacity to respond effectively to complex cases. Inadequate funding for these items would hinder our ability to deliver justice efficiently and securely.

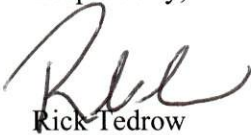
Special Appropriations and Language

We also seek one-time funding for critical IT contractual positions and CMS licensing fees to maintain system security and continuity if expansion requests are not approved. These appropriations will allow us to sustain operations during this transition period. Additionally, we request language to preserve unexpended balances from federal and tribal agreements, ensuring these funds remain available for FY27 operations. This flexibility is essential for honoring agreements and maintaining financial stability across all district offices.

Your approval of this budget is not merely an administrative decision; it is a commitment to public safety, victim protection, and the integrity of our justice system. Underfunding these priorities would expose our statewide offices to cybersecurity vulnerabilities, increase staff turnover, and compromise the District Attorneys abilities to prosecute cases effectively and efficiently. Full funding will ensure that New Mexico's prosecutors have the tools, personnel, and technology necessary to provide our communities the justice they deserve.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys. We look forward to working with you to strengthen justice and security for all New Mexicans.

Respectfully,



Rick Tedrow

Director

Administrative Office of the District Attorneys

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**FY2027 Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)
(Agency Number 26400)**

Summary of Budget Request

FY27 Budget Request

General Fund

Personnel \$3,688,600.00

Contractual \$1,828,400.00

Other \$1,876,100.00

Total General Fund Request \$7,393,100.00

Category 200 – Personal Services

- Salaries based on FY27 DA schedule
20% raise for attorneys; 10% raise for remaining staff.

FTE Requests

- Chief Security Officer – \$129,574
- IT Network Specialist – \$142,577
- IT Administrator – \$99,728
- IT Assistant II – \$82,663
- Senior Trial Attorney – \$178,294
- Victim Witness Administrators – \$115,186

Category 300 – Contractual Services

- E-Pros Case Management System – \$998,000
- Cybersecurity assessment: \$90,000
- Vulnerability assessment: \$28,000
- Managed Trust VPN: \$60,000
- CrowdStrike support: \$90,000
- E-Learning system: \$24,000

Category 400 – Other

- Office 365 statewide: \$429,000
- Voice services statewide: \$197,000
- Training Funding Need \$160,000

Special Appropriations Submitted for FY27:

300- Contractual Services

- Case Management System (CMS) Licensing Fees – \$998,000
- Professional Contractual Positions – \$272,152
- Funds will be used to hire critical IT contractual services which include an IT Network Specialist, Project Manager, and Chief Security Officer. These roles are vital for securing data and ensuring the successful implementation and operation of statewide technology systems.

These positions were requested as expansions in our FY27 Budget Request.

We understand that we may not receive expansion approval, therefore we are asking for a nonrecurring money to cover these positions for a year. This one-time funding will allow us to maintain our case management system and ensure security with contracted IT.

400- Other

\$429,000 for Microsoft Office 365 licenses to provide secure, consistent, and compliant communication and collaboration tools across all 14 District Attorney offices

Special FY27 Language

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 from revenues received in fiscal year 2026 and prior years by a district attorney or the administrative office of the district attorneys from the United States department of justice pursuant to the southwest border prosecution initiative shall not revert and shall remain with the recipient district attorney's office for expenditure in fiscal year 2027. Prior to November 1, 2026, the administrative office of the district attorneys shall provide to the department of finance and administration and the legislative finance committee a detailed report documenting the amount of all southwest border prosecution initiative funds that do not revert at the end of fiscal year 2026 for each of the district attorneys and the administrative office of the district attorneys.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 from revenues received in fiscal year 2026 and prior years by a district attorney from any Native American tribe, pueblo or political subdivision pursuant to a contract, memorandum of understanding, joint powers agreement or grant shall not revert and shall remain with the recipient district attorney's office for expenditure in fiscal year 2027. Prior to November 1, 2026, the administrative office of the district attorneys shall provide the department of finance and administration and the legislative finance committee a detailed report documenting the amount of all funds received from Native American tribes, pueblos and political subdivisions pursuant to a contract, memorandum of understanding, joint powers agreement or grant that do not revert at the end of fiscal year 2026 for each of the district attorneys and the administrative office of the district attorneys.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S DISTRICT MAP

- 1st Judicial District - Mary Carmack-Altwhies
- 2nd Judicial District - Sam Bregman
- 3rd Judicial District - Fernando Macias
- 4th Judicial District - Thomas Clayton
- 5th Judicial District - Dianna Luce
- 6th Judicial District - Norman Wheeler
- 7th Judicial District - Clint H. Wellborn
- 8th Judicial District - Marcus J. Montoya
- 9th Judicial District - Quentin Ray
- 10th Judicial District - Heidi Adams
- 11th Div. 1 Judicial District - Jack Fortner
- 11th Div. 2 Judicial District - Bernadine Martin
- 12th Judicial District - Ryan Suggs
- 13th Judicial District - Barbara Romo

