



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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The Bernalillo County District Attorney’s Office is projected to handle over 25,000 cases in the 2025 calendar year. Many of the cases involve complex and sensitive matters that frequently proceed to trial. This volume and complexity of cases require additional personnel and resources to maintain prosecutorial effectiveness, reduce employee burnout, improve trial readiness, and ensure that victims receive comprehensive support services.

FY26 Supplemental Request

The Office is requesting a supplemental appropriation to fund salary and benefit shortfalls for the Pre-Prosecution Diversion and Gun Violence Reduction and Prevention programs caused by the discontinuation of grant funding. It also requests funds in the Other (400) category for costs related to a high-profile conflict case in Otero County. Additionally, funding to address rising costs for expert witnesses, consulting services, and transcription fees necessary for prosecutions in Bernalillo County.

FY26 Supplemental Request (dollars in thousands)		
Category	Description	Amount
200s	PPD and GVRP Salary and Benefits	\$ 850.0
400s	Otero County Conflict Case	150.0
400s	Bernalillo County Expert Witness, Consulting, and Transcription Fees	400.0
Total Request		\$ 1,400.0

FY27 Appropriation Request
(dollars in thousands)

FY27 Request vs. FY26 Operating Budget				
Revenues	FY26	FY27	Differences	%
General Fund	\$ 36,967.2	\$ 42,541.2	\$ 5,574.0	15.1%
Grants (Federal and Local)	\$ 3,215.4	\$ 2,616.4	\$ (599.0)	-18.6%
Total	\$ 40,182.6	\$ 45,157.6	\$ 4,975.0	12.4%
5% Budgeted Vacancy Rate and Base Expansion of 14 positions				

All Funds by Category				
Category	FY26	FY27	Differences	% Increase
200s	\$ 36,265.6	\$ 41,072.3	\$ 4,806.7	
300s	\$ 1,080.8	\$ 1,121.2	\$ 40.4	
400s	\$ 2,836.2	\$ 2,964.1	\$ 127.9	
Total	\$ 40,182.6	\$ 45,157.6	\$ 4,975.0	12.4%

FY27 Expansion Requests
(dollars in thousands)

Gun Violence Reduction and Prevention Team Expansion	
8 Positions	\$ 1,019.9
IT Equipment, training, HCM assessment	\$ 45.1
Total	\$ 1,065.0

The **Gun Violence Reduction and Prevention Team** targets offenders ages 18–25 involved in firearms-related crimes. This team explores alternative options within the criminal justice system and reinforces accountability for gun-related offenses for serious offenses. Originally funded by the New Mexico Sentencing grant program, recurring funding is needed in FY27 to fund the program permanently.

The **Pre-Prosecution Diversion Program (PPD)** is the largest diversion program in the state that provides an opportunity for defendants to avoid being convicted of a low-level felony or misdemeanor criminal offense. PPD removes low-level offenders from the criminal justice system and expands access to treatment and rehabilitative services.

Pre-Prosecution Diversion Team Expansion	
6 Positions	\$ 620.2
Contractual Services	\$ 57.0
IT Equipment, Training, HCM assessment	\$ 72.8
Total	\$ 750.0

Special Appropriation Requests
(dollars in thousands)

Funding for OCC will be used to combat organized crime in the areas of Human Trafficking, Drug Trafficking, and Gun Smuggling by assisting, assessing, and evaluating current efforts by law enforcement throughout New Mexico.

Organized Crime Commission - OCC	
11 Positions	\$ 1,650.0
Equipment, Training, Licensing and Supplies	\$ 850.0
Total	\$ 2,500.0

Warrant Enforcement	
1 Temp Position and funding for Law Enforcement OT	\$ 2,650.0
Equipment, Training, and Supplies	\$ 350.0
Total	\$ 3,000.0

Warrant Enforcement funding will be spent on overtime costs for coordinated efforts between the District Attorney’s Office and law enforcement agencies to apprehend individuals with outstanding felony warrants, build combined operations, strengthen prosecution efforts, and address immediate public safety needs.



NEW MEXICO ORGANIZED CRIME COMMISSION

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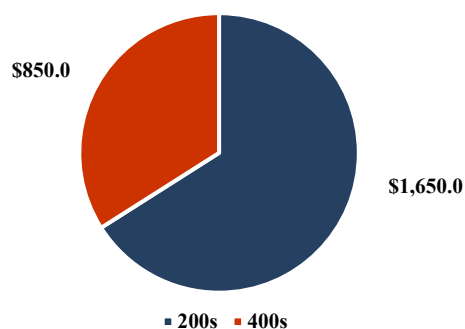
The Organized Crime Commission has been tasked by the Governor to assess, evaluate, and assist current efforts by law enforcement throughout New Mexico to combat organized crime in the areas of human trafficking, drug trafficking, and gun smuggling. In FY2026, we accomplished the following:

- Seized over 20 firearms, including one with a “glock switch,” 19,197.33 grams of fentanyl, 3,442.8 grams of methamphetamines, 1,879.4 grams of cocaine seized, and 548.06 lbs. of illicit cannabis destroyed, all with a street value of over \$2 million.
- Rescued victims of human trafficking with the New Mexico National Guard Joint Counterdrug Task Force and arrested five known perpetrators of human trafficking in coordination with federal law enforcement partners.
- Shut down hotels and motels with alleged ties to cartels and other criminal organizations.
- Identified and drafted areas of improvement with the current human trafficking statute.
- Shut down a dozen sex trafficking massage parlors and seized over \$100,000 with Albuquerque Police Department.
- Opened investigations on illegal labor trafficking exploitation of migrants in New Mexico.
- Charged and are currently prosecuting five cases against known drug and firearm traffickers with ties to criminal organizations.
- Coordinated multiple trainings with Chihuahua police, New Mexico State Police, Texas law enforcement agencies, and other federal law enforcement agencies on countering unmanned aerial systems (drones) currently being used by criminal organizations on both sides of the US/Mexico border, securing \$28 million for countersurveillance systems.
- Provided intelligence analytics on the flow of illegal firearms and drugs for the Dona Ana County Sheriff’s Office and the Las Cruces Police Department.

This appropriation will build upon the OCC’s ongoing work to lead and expand efforts against criminal organizations throughout the state. The OCC will also continue to use its unique position to act as a bridge between international, federal, state, and tribal law enforcement partners to create and distribute intelligence on criminal organizations to the agencies that need the information the most.

In FY26, the OCC received a \$3 million appropriation from the Legislature to purchase equipment, vehicles, weapons, computers, and licensing and significantly increase operational capabilities. To continue building upon that work and establish long-term relationships and strategies to meaningfully disrupt organized crime, the OCC will require approximately \$2.5 million dollars for the next year.

Special Appropriation Request



2027 Special Appropriation Request (\$2.5 Million)

- Personal Services and Benefits (200s) for ten (11) FTE to include OCC Division Director, Deputy Director, Data Analysts, Lead Investigator, Senior Investigators, Attorney, Intelligence Analysts and support staff.
- Other (400s) to include vehicles, equipment for law enforcement staff, furniture, information technology equipment, software applications necessary for intelligence operations and business functions.