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Reply to:

May 1, 2025

Chair Charles Chestnut
Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
12 SE 1st ST, 2nd Floor
Gainesville, FL 32601

VIA: Hand Delivered

Re: FY25-26 Public Defender Budget Request

Dear Chair Chestnut,

The FY 25-26 Budget Request for the Public Defender's Office has been submitted to Budget Analyst Alex Corona and Budget Manager Maureen Rischitelli for entry into the New World System. Our current budget request contains one budget enhancement related to additional software for digital evidence storage and management. Otherwise, it is a carry forward budget with any increases due to rising costs. This budget enhancement has also been submitted to the county budget department staff.

Please contact me if you need additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dan Priscott
Administrative Director, PD-08
Public Defender

cc: Maureen Rishchitelli, Budget Manager

Account	Account Description	2026 Departmental
Fund 001 - General Fund		
EXPENSE		
Department 35 - Public Defender		
Division 3500 - Public Defender		
Sub-Function 603 - Public Defender		
Personal Services		
12.00	Regular Salaries Regular Salaries & Wages	61,384.00
	Budget Transactions	
	Level Transaction	Number of Units Cost Per Unit Total Amount
	Departmental 1132-35001 - PUBLIC DEFENDER DISPOSITION SPEC	1.0000 61,384.00 61,384.00
		Departmental Totals \$61,384.00
21.00	Fica Fica Taxes	4,696.00
	Budget Transactions	
	Level Transaction	Number of Units Cost Per Unit Total Amount
	Departmental 1132-35001 - PUBLIC DEFENDER DISPOSITION SPEC	1.0000 4,696.00 4,696.00
		Departmental Totals \$4,696.00
22.00	Retirement Retirement Contributions	8,618.00
	Budget Transactions	
	Level Transaction	Number of Units Cost Per Unit Total Amount
	Departmental 1132-35001 - PUBLIC DEFENDER DISPOSITION SPEC	1.0000 8,618.00 8,618.00
		Departmental Totals \$8,618.00
23.20	Life And Health Insurance Life Insurance	69.00
	Budget Transactions	
	Level Transaction	Number of Units Cost Per Unit Total Amount
	Departmental 1132-35001 - PUBLIC DEFENDER DISPOSITION SPEC	1.0000 69.00 69.00
		Departmental Totals \$69.00
23.25	Life And Health Insurance 10,000 Life Insurance	14.00
	Budget Transactions	
	Level Transaction	Number of Units Cost Per Unit Total Amount
	Departmental 1132-35001 - PUBLIC DEFENDER DISPOSITION SPEC	1.0000 14.00 14.00
		Departmental Totals \$14.00
24.10	Workers Compensation 17 Govmax Budget Import	944.00
	Personal Services Totals	\$75,725.00
	Operating Expenditures	
40.00	Travel Travel And Per Diem	1,250.00
41.00	Communication Services Communication Services	12,670.00

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EXPENSE					
Department 35 - Public Defender					
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Sub-Function 603 - Public Defender					
Operating Expenditures					
41.30	Communication Services Local,long Dist And Other	18,544.00			
	Budget Transactions				
	Level Transaction		Number of Units	Cost Per Unit	Total Amount
	Departmental Telecom Switch Billing - Dept Long Distance Cost		1.0000	18,544.00	18,544.00
			Departmental Totals		\$18,544.00
45.60	Insurance CORA / Self Insur Annual Charge	18,670.00			
	Budget Transactions				
	Level Transaction		Number of Units	Cost Per Unit	Total Amount
	Departmental Public Defender		1.0000	18,670.00	18,670.00
			Departmental Totals		\$18,670.00
49.00	Other Current Charges and Obligations Other Curr	500.00			
	Chgs & Obligations				
	Operating Expenditures Totals	\$51,634.00			
	Sub-Function 603 - Public Defender Totals	\$127,359.00			
	Sub-Function 713 - Information Systems				
	Operating Expenditures				
46.00	Repairs and Maintenance Repairs And Maintenance	135,000.00			
	Svcs				
	Budget Transactions				
	Level Transaction		Number of Units	Cost Per Unit	Total Amount
	Departmental Base		1.0000	45,000.00	45,000.00
	Departmental FY26 Software Proposal		1.0000	90,000.00	90,000.00
			Departmental Totals		\$135,000.00
51.00	Office Supplies Office Supplies	36,750.00			
	Operating Expenditures Totals	\$171,750.00			
	Sub-Function 713 - Information Systems Totals	\$171,750.00			
	Division 3500 - Public Defender Totals	\$299,109.00			
	Department 35 - Public Defender Totals	\$299,109.00			
	EXPENSE TOTALS	\$299,109.00			
	Fund 001 - General Fund Totals				
	EXPENSE TOTALS	\$299,109.00			
	Fund 001 - General Fund Totals	(\$299,109.00)			

Account	Account Description	2026 Departmental
Fund 066 - Judicial Circuitwide Tech Billin		
REVENUE		
Department 35 - Public Defender		
Division 3500 - Public Defender		
Charges for Services		
348.8200	Charges for Service-Court Related Circuitwide Judicial Reim	73,350.00
Budget Transactions		
Level	Transaction	Number of Units Cost Per Unit Total Amount
Departmental	Budget Request Software	1.0000 38,350.00 38,350.00
Departmental	FY26 Est FY24 Actual	1.0000 28,000.00 28,000.00
Departmental	Update 05-01-25	1.0000 7,000.00 7,000.00
		Departmental Totals \$73,350.00
Charges for Services Totals		\$73,350.00
Division 3500 - Public Defender Totals		\$73,350.00
Department 35 - Public Defender Totals		\$73,350.00
	REVENUE TOTALS	\$73,350.00
EXPENSE		
Department 35 - Public Defender		
Division 3500 - Public Defender		
Sub-Function 713 - Information Systems		
Operating Expenditures		
46.00	Repairs and Maintenance Repairs And Maintenance Svcs	73,350.00
Budget Transactions		
Level	Transaction	Number of Units Cost Per Unit Total Amount
Departmental	FY25	1.0000 35,000.00 35,000.00
Departmental	FY26 Budget Proposal Request Software	1.0000 38,350.00 38,350.00
		Departmental Totals \$73,350.00
Operating Expenditures Totals		\$73,350.00
Sub-Function 713 - Information Systems Totals		\$73,350.00
Division 3500 - Public Defender Totals		\$73,350.00
Department 35 - Public Defender Totals		\$73,350.00
	EXPENSE TOTALS	\$73,350.00
Fund 066 - Judicial Circuitwide Tech Billin Totals		
	REVENUE TOTALS	\$73,350.00
	EXPENSE TOTALS	\$73,350.00
Fund 066 - Judicial Circuitwide Tech Billin Totals		\$0.00

Account	Account Description	2026 Departmental
Fund 076 - Court Technology 28.24		
EXPENSE		
Department 35 - Public Defender		
Division 3500 - Public Defender		
Sub-Function 713 - Information Systems		
Operating Expenditures		
46.00	Repairs and Maintenance Repairs And Maintenance Svcs	30,000.00
	Budget Transactions	
	Level Transaction	Number of Units Cost Per Unit Total Amount
	Departmental Base	1.0000 25,000.00 25,000.00
	Departmental FY24 Adjust	1.0000 5,000.00 5,000.00
	Departmental Totals	\$30,000.00
51.00	Office Supplies Office Supplies	49,806.00
	Budget Transactions	
	Level Transaction	Number of Units Cost Per Unit Total Amount
	Departmental FY23 Board Approved Equity in Sentencing Software	1.0000 20,000.00 20,000.00
	Departmental FY25 Added from 64.00	1.0000 8,806.00 8,806.00
	Departmental Original	1.0000 21,000.00 21,000.00
	Departmental Totals	\$49,806.00
54.00	Books Publications Subscriptions And Memberships	550.00
	Books Subscript And Memberships	
	Operating Expenditures Totals	\$80,356.00
	Sub-Function 713 - Information Systems Totals	\$80,356.00
	Division 3500 - Public Defender Totals	\$80,356.00
	Department 35 - Public Defender Totals	\$80,356.00
	EXPENSE TOTALS	\$80,356.00
	Fund 076 - Court Technology 28.24 Totals	
	EXPENSE TOTALS	\$80,356.00
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	Net Grand Totals	
	REVENUE GRAND TOTALS	\$73,350.00
	EXPENSE GRAND TOTALS	\$452,815.00
	Net Grand Totals	(\$379,465.00)

Capital Item Being Requested	Description	Estimated Price	Quantity	Total Cost	Make/Model
Software Enhancement	Media storage and evidence manipulation	38350	1	38350	TBD
Vehicle Being Requested	Description	Estimated Price	Quantity	Total Cost	Make/Model

<p>If the request is not funded what is the impact</p>	<p>ACBOCC funded the State Attorney for a similar enhancement in previous years. The Public Defender's Office is requesting to stay on equal footing for efficiency and effectiveness.</p>
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Is There an Existing Fee or Revenue to Support the Budget Request?	YES	Is the Fee Discretionary or Mandatory?	YES
Name of the Fee	Article V - Regional County Reimbursement		
How Much of the Fee Will Cover the Cost of this Request?	TBD		

Revenue Account Numbers	Account Name	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	TOTAL 5 YEAR
							\$ -
							\$ -
Total		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Funding Recommendation

FY26 Budget Request Form**Proposal Title**

Software enhancements

Department

Public Defender

Organizational Report (CM/ACM)

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Brief Description of Proposal Request (Specific Titles for FTE, Tangible Item List, etc.)

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FY26 Budget Request Form

Proposal Title	Software enhancements							
	Scale: Highest Priority #1 to Lowest Priority #5			1	Organizational Report (CM/ACM)			
Proposal Priority for Dept								
Department	Public Defender		Budget Analyst		Alex Corona			
Strategic Initiative	Public Safety	Authority Source	State Law		Authority Type	Mandatory - General		
					Includes Capital (non vehicle more			
Proposal Includes FTE Request	NO	Proposal Includes Vehicle	NO				YES	
Capital Item Being Requested	Description	Estimated Price	Quantity	Total Cost	Make/Model			
Software Enhancement	Media storage and evidence manipula	90000	1	90000	TBD			
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REVENUE IDENTIFICATION

Is There an Existing Fee or Revenue to Support the Budget Request?		YES		Is the Fee Discretionary or Mandatory?				YES	
Name of the Fee		Court Technology Fee F.S.28.24							
How Much of the Fee Will Cover the Cost of this Request?		TBD							
Revenue Account Numbers	Account Name	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	TOTAL 5 YEAR		
							\$	-	
							\$	-	
Total	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	

EXPENDITURE IMPACT

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