

District Attorney's Office

MISSION

Protecting the community & safeguarding rights through an unrelenting pursuit of justice.

MANDATORY & MAJOR DUTIES

- Promote Public Safety
- Fair Administration of Justice in the County of Los Angeles
- Address Fraud, Police Misconduct, and Public Corruption
- Prosecute Full Range of Criminal Activity in the County of Los Angeles
- Provide Comprehensive Services and Support to Victims of Crime



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CURRENT BUDGET OVERVIEW

FY 2025-2026
Final Adopted Budget
(\$ Millions)

Total Appropriation <i>(What We Budgeted to Spend in FY 2025-26)</i>		\$508.1	
	Salaries & Employee Benefits (2,003 positions)	468.4 (92%)	
	Services & Supplies	38.9 (8%)	
	Other (Cap Assets/Equip, Other Charges)	0.8 (<1%)	
Sources of Funding <i>(How We Pay For All of This)</i>		\$508.1	
	Federal Assistance	9.2 (2%)	
	State Assistance*	199.7 (39%)	
	Fees/Charges for Services	5.0 (1%)	
	Other Resources**	13.4 (3%)	
	Net County Cost <i>remaining balance, covered by locally generated revenues</i>		280.8 (55%)

* 73% of State Assistance Funding is from Proposition 172, a California ballot measure that guarantees funding for public safety agencies by protecting a portion of local sales tax revenue.

** "Other Resources" includes miscellaneous revenues not otherwise classified, including fees, auctions, unclaimed restitution, County services rendered, and revenue from other agencies.



BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY PROGRAM AREA

What These Investments Deliver For Residents

General Program Category	% of Dept Budget
General Prosecution	40%
Special Prosecution	33%
Administration	12%
Community Prosecution	3%
Prosecution Support	12%

Program categories shown here are presentation-level groupings created to consolidate information from the new LA County Enterprise System (LACES) for this briefing. Note that as part of the County's initial rollout of data-driven budgeting through LACES, categories and outcome measures will continue to evolve based on practical use and data insights as departments operationalize the system in FY 2026-27.



DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES, METRICS & OUTCOMES

PRIORITIES

1. Hold fraudulent AB 218 claimants accountable
2. Prosecute crimes targeting fire victims
3. Promote public safety & fair justice
4. Fill critical departmentwide vacancies
5. Prosecute human trafficking
6. Prosecute fentanyl sales/distribution & educate public
7. Address police misconduct & corruption
8. Expand victim support services
9. Promote rehabilitation programs
10. Target illegal cannabis operations

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



Operation Sugar Diamond:
\$100M Illegal Cannabis Seizure



Fighting Retail Crime, Organized Crime, Sex Trafficking, Burglaries, & Corruption



Restoring Workforce:
+200 New Hires



Inherited backlog of
10,000 Unfiled Cases

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BUDGET REQUEST (FY2026-2027)

Total New Appropriation Request*	\$105.8M
Additional positions requested	52.0
Additional NCC requested	\$99.6M

Key Budget Requests	Amount (\$Millions)	One-Time/Ongoing?	Positions
AB 218 Consumer Protection Staffing	\$4.6	Both	17.0
Public Safety & Prosecution Staffing	\$9.0	Ongoing	35.0
Technology & Case Management	\$7.1	Ongoing	0.0
Mandatory & Unavoidable Costs	\$85.1	Both	0.0

* Priority budget and unmet needs requests



CHALLENGES & MITIGATION STRATEGIES



- › Judgments & Damages
- › Budget Curtailments: \$24.5 Million
- › Grant Funding Uncertainty
- › Hiring Challenges
- › Increased Workload



- ✓ Strengthen risk management and corrective actions to minimize liability exposure
- ✓ Leverage data and automation to maximize productivity with existing staff
- ✓ Aggressively pursue grants and alternative funding sources
- ✓ Control costs while prioritizing public safety and mission-critical services