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September 2, 2025

Mario Semiglia
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: FY'27 Appropriation Budget-25800

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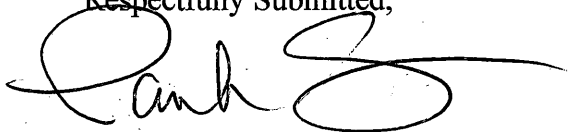
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If you have any questions or need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (575) 758-8683.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Paula M. Sisneros, Chief Financial Officer
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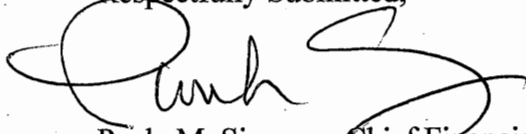
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FY27 Appropriation Request Checklist

Agency Name: **Eighth Judicial District Attorney**

Business Unit: **25800**

Reports to Include in PDF Submission

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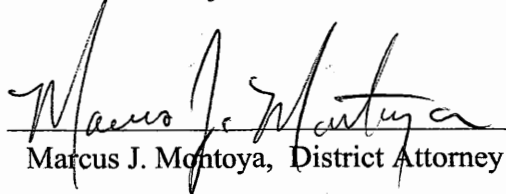
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**APPROPRIATION REQUEST
CERTIFICATION
FORM S-1**

Agency Name: Eighth Judicial District Attorney

Business Unit: 25800

I hereby certify that the accompanying summary and detailed statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that the arithmetic accuracy of all numeric information has been verified.



Marcus J. Montoya, District Attorney



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Financial Administrator Renee Valdez		
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S-9 Account Code Revenue/Expenditure Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

BU PCode Department
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		2024-25	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	FY 2027 Agency Request		
		Opbud	Actuals	Opbud	PCF Proj	Base	Expansion	Total
499105	General Fd. Appropriation	4,604.8	4,488.9	4,955.3	0.0	6,164.6	0.0	6,164.6
111	General Fund Transfers	4,604.8	4,488.9	4,955.3	0.0	6,164.6	0.0	6,164.6
475109	Other Gifts-Grants-Interagency	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
499905	Other Financing Sources	0.0	115.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
112	Other Transfers	0.0	115.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL REVENUE		4,604.8	4,604.8	4,955.3	0	6,164.6	0.0	6,164.6
520000	Payroll	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
520100	Exempt Perm Positions P/T&F/T	2,899.0	2,857.2	3,216.6	3,477.1	3,743.7	132.9	3,876.6
520700	Overtime & Other Premium Pay	0.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
520800	Annl & Comp Paid At Separation	0.0	21.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
521100	Group Insurance Premium	416.1	380.6	385.2	472.6	486.0	5.6	491.6
521200	Retirement Contributions	530.8	547.7	563.9	677.9	813.5	21.4	834.9
521300	F I C A	206.9	213.9	190.7	214.8	257.8	6.9	264.7
521400	Workers' Comp Assessment Fee	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
521410	GSD Work Comp Insur Premium	31.7	0.0	49.4	0.0	21.4	0.0	21.4
521500	Unemployment Comp Premium	0.0	31.7	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3
521600	Employee Liability Ins Premium	5.7	8.1	29.8	0.0	31.9	0.0	31.9
521700	RHC Act Contributions	57.7	56.9	62.5	72.3	87.0	2.8	89.8
200	Personal services and employee benef	4,148.2	4,127.4	4,498.7	4,914.6	5,441.6	169.6	5,611.2
535100	Medical Services	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5
535200	Professional Services	120.0	139.4	76.2	0.0	76.2	0.0	76.2
535300	Other Services	10.0	13.8	10.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	10.0
535400	Audit Services	17.6	18.0	18.5	0.0	21.3	0.0	21.3
535500	Attorney Services	0.0	56.4	43.0	0.0	43.0	0.0	43.0
300	Contractual services	148.1	228.1	148.1	0.0	151.0	0.0	151.0
542100	Employee I/S Mileage & Fares	3.0	0.8	3.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0
542200	Employee I/S Meals & Lodging	20.0	39.0	20.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	25.0
542500	Transp - Fuel & Oil	10.0	8.3	10.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	9.0
542600	Transp - Parts & Supplies	5.0	5.6	5.0	0.0	5.5	0.0	5.5
542700	Transp - Transp Insurance	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.0	1.5	0.0	1.5
543200	Maint - Furn, Fixt, Equipment	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
543300	Maint - Buildings & Structures	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5
543400	Maint - Property Insurance	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1

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543500	Maint - Supplies	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
543820	Maintenance IT	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4
543830	IT HW/SW Agreements	63.2	19.4	63.0	0.0	63.0	0.0	63.0
544000	Supply Inventory IT	35.0	37.9	35.0	0.0	35.0	0.0	35.0
544100	Supplies-Office Supplies	10.5	9.7	10.5	0.0	10.5	0.0	10.5
544200	Supplies-Medical, Lab, Personal	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0
544400	Supplies-Field Supplies	2.1	0.9	2.1	0.0	1.5	0.0	1.5
544500	Supplies-Food	1.5	0.8	1.5	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
544800	Supplies-Education&Recreation	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
544900	Supplies-Inventory Exempt	10.0	7.4	8.1	0.0	8.0	0.0	8.0
545600	Reporting & Recording	14.0	19.2	10.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	15.0
545710	DOIT HCM Assessment Fees	13.3	12.1	13.3	0.0	14.7	0.0	14.7
545900	Printing & Photo Services	3.0	3.1	3.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	3.0
546100	Postage & Mail Services	5.0	0.6	5.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	5.0
546400	Rent Of Land & Buildings	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
546500	Rent Of Equipment	16.6	12.7	15.8	0.0	13.0	0.0	13.0
546600	Communications	30.0	30.6	30.0	0.0	30.7	0.0	30.7
546700	Subscriptions/Dues/License Fee	20.0	39.8	25.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	30.0
546800	Employee Training & Education	6.0	12.3	6.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	10.0
546900	Advertising	1.0	1.5	1.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	1.5
547900	Miscellaneous Expense	2.5	9.8	2.5	0.0	5.0	0.0	5.0
548800	Automotive & Aircraft	0.0	48.8	0.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	75.0
549600	Employee O/S Mileage & Fares	14.5	12.8	14.5	0.0	14.5	0.0	14.5
549700	Employee O/S Meals & Lodging	15.0	17.8	15.0	0.0	16.0	0.0	16.0
400	Other	308.5	354.3	308.5	0.0	402.4	0.0	402.4
TOTAL EXPENSE		4,604.8	4,709.8	4,955.3	4,914.62	5,995.0	169.6	6,164.6
810	Permanent	37.00	0.00	39.00	40.00	39.00	1.00	40.00
810	Permanent	37.00	0.00	39.00	40.00	39.00	1.00	40.00
TOTAL FTE POSITIONS		37.00	0.00	39.00	40.00	39.00	1.00	40.00

S-8 Financial Summary DFA

(Dollars in Thousands)

BU PCode Department
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	2024-25 Opbud	2024-25 Actuals	2025-26 Opbud	2026-27 PCF Proj	----- FY 2027 Agency Request -----			--- FY 2027 Exec Recommendation ---			FY 2027 Opbud
					Base	Expansion	Total	Base	Expansion	Total	
REVENUE											
111 General Fund Transfers	4,604.8	4,488.9	4,955.3	0.0	5,995.0	169.6	6,164.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
112 Other Transfers	0.0	115.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
REVENUE, TRANSFERS	4,604.8	4,604.8	4,955.3	0.0	5,995.0	169.6	6,164.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
REVENUE	4,604.8	4,604.8	4,955.3	0.0	5,995.0	169.6	6,164.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EXPENSE											
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400 Other	308.5	354.3	308.5	0.0	402.4	0.0	402.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EXPENDITURES	4,604.8	4,601.3	4,955.3	4,914.6	5,995.0	169.6	6,164.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EXPENSE	4,604.8	4,601.3	4,955.3	4,914.6	5,995.0	169.6	6,164.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FTE POSITIONS											
810 Permanent	37.00	36.00	39.00	40.00	39.00	1.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FTEs	37.00	36.00	39.00	40.00	39.00	1.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FTE POSITIONS	37.00	36.00	39.00	40.00	39.00	1.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

State of New Mexico

S-13 Line Items by Business Unit Expenditures

(Dollars in Thousands)

BusUnit	Line Item	2024-25	2025-26	Request		Recommendation		Opbud	
		Actuals	Opbud	Base	Expansion	Base	Expansion		
25800	P258-R Eighth Judicial District Attorney 521410	GSD Work Comp Insur Premium	0	49.4	21.4	0	0	0	0.0
	521600	Employee Liability Ins Premium	8.07	29.8	31.9	0	0	0	0.0
	535400	Audit Services	17.95	18.5	21.3	0	0	0	0.0
	542700	Transp - Transp Insurance	1.31	1.2	1.5	0	0	0	0.0
	545710	DOIT HCM Assessment Fees	12.14	13.3	14.7	0	0	0	0.0
Subtotal for:	25800 P258-R Eighth Judicial District Attorney		39.47	112.2	90.8	0	0	0	0.0
25800			39.47	112.2	90.8	0	0	0	0.0

Totals by Line Item

BusUnit	Line Item	2024-25	2025-26	Request		Recommendation		Opbud	
		Actuals	Opbud	Base	Expansion	Base	Expansion		
25800	521410	GSD Work Comp Insur Premium	0	49.4	21.4	0	0	0	0.0
	521600	Employee Liability Ins Premium	8.07	29.8	31.9	0	0	0	0.0
	535400	Audit Services	17.95	18.5	21.3	0	0	0	0.0
	542700	Transp - Transp Insurance	1.31	1.2	1.5	0	0	0	0.0
	545710	DOIT HCM Assessment Fees	12.14	13.3	14.7	0	0	0	0.0
	Grand Total		39.47	112.2	90.8	0	0	0	0.0

P-1 Program Overview

BU PCode
25800 P258

Base Budget Justification: We are requesting a 24.4% increase in our overall budget. This year's appropriation request contains a \$169,600 expansion request for a Senior Trial Attorney. We have also included a 20% increase in attorney salaries which is consistent with the proposed NM District Attorney Classification FY 27 Salary Schedule submitted on behalf of all DA Offices in a unified request. This year we are requesting an increase of \$93,900 in our Other category. Of this amount \$75,000 is attributed to purchasing two much needed vehicles to replace our aging fleet, and is a recurring expense to properly maintain and replace our fleet of ten vehicles to ensure the safety of our employees who travel the mountainous and vast terrain. Our Axon Justice Premier software program which enables our agency to receive discovery from law enforcement digitally and allows prompt electronic discovery to defense with the click of a button is estimated to cost \$52,435.29 for FY 27. Fuel costs continue to increase and travel between offices has increased as we continue to provide court coverage due to attorney shortages. Increasing communications costs, increases in postage, as well as the necessity for expert witnesses are some of the contributing factors to our request for more operating funds. More in-person training is available, and our agency would like to send attorneys and staff for professional development. Professional development not only enhances our abilities, it also has a positive impact on morale and retention.

Currently this agency does not receive any federal funds. Our agency is not eligible for SWBPI funding as we do not get cases that are federally initiated and referred for criminal prosecution.

In conclusion, if our agency base request is cut significantly, not only would be able to maintain our current caseload, it would prevent us from being prepared for any future unforeseen spikes in crime nor would we be able to handle any protracted increase in crime. Ultimately, it would hinder our mission to protect the public's safety by promoting justice.

State of New Mexico
P-1 Program Overview

BU PCode
25800 P258

Program Description:

The Program P258/Prosecution purpose is to effectively and efficiently enforce laws, improve and ensure the protection, safety, welfare and health of the citizens within the Eighth Judicial District by providing litigation, administrative and special program support. This relates to the overall Strategic Plan which includes the goals of protecting citizens by holding violators & offenders accountable. We also impact the community by cooperating and coordinating with other criminal justice entities and provide leadership in the criminal justice community.

Primary Services Provided/Beneficiaries, Current Service Levels:

The prosecution program provides services which include investigation, victim assistance, trial preparation, administration, law enforcement, technical assistance, and community outreach. The beneficiaries primarily include the citizens of Taos, Union, and Colfax counties but we work cooperatively with the other judicial district attorney offices. The current level of service involves the careful screening of cases for prosecution including those that warrant further investigation. Our office also provides leadership and partnership with related community partners and agencies.

Major Issues and Accomplishments:

This agency continues to work closely with the Taos County Juvenile Justice Board, adult drug courts, the LEAD program, Family Violence Court and juvenile probation. We have had several graduates in these programs that we hope will be contributing members of our communities. We continue to judiciously prosecute violent felonies, DUI's, and domestic violence cases. Our office has successfully tried several high-profile cases involving gun violence. Our focus continues to be on decreasing juvenile crime and has devoted substantial resources to impact juvenile crimes with the hope of preventing escalation. We have also been successful in providing quality training to law enforcement agencies throughout the Eighth Judicial District. We continue to look at the diversion program as a means of working with first time non-violent offenders.

Our agency is resourceful and able to handle the current case volume without having to presumptively request emergency funds. However, if our current base budget were to be cut, there would be no guarantee that an emergency fund request would not be needed. Secondly, and more importantly, if the above-mentioned cyclical change is reason to cut our current base budget, it would undoubtedly place public safety in jeopardy by diminishing our ability to immediately apply the proactive and reactive resources needed to efficiently curb any unforeseen spikes or protracted increases in crime. Our agency must also maintain the resources and time necessary for the effective prosecution of crimes already charged.

Overview of Request:

This year's appropriation request includes a \$169,600 expansion request to fund a Senior Trial Attorney position. Establishing this position will allow our agency to reduce reliance on multiple contract attorneys, ensuring more consistent representation while maintaining a high level of professional service for the citizens of Taos, Colfax, and Union Counties.

Programmatic Changes:

Over the past year, we have worked to implement policies and develop a work culture that encourages self-care and development. We value our employees as our most valuable resource and want to continue to enable them with the best tools to continue to do a difficult job well.

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EB-1 Expansion Justifications
(Dollars in Thousands)

Senior Trial Attorney

Rank: 0

New Initiative	2026-27 GF Sources	2026-27 OSF Sources	2026-27 ISF/ IAT Sources	2026-27 FF Sources	2026-27 Total Request	2026-27 Exec Recommendation
General Fund Transfers	169.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	169.6	0.0
REVENUE, TRANSFERS	169.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	169.6	0.0
Personal services and employee t	169.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	169.6	0.0
EXPENDITURES	169.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	169.6	0.0
Permanent	0	0	0	0	1	
FTEs	0	0	0	0	1	0

Brief Description:

Legislative Change: —

Session Law Citation:

Legal Settlement: —

Case Number or Citation:

EB-2 Expansion Fiscal Summary
(Dollars in Thousands)

Senior Trial Attorney

Rank: 0

		2026-27 GF Sources	2026-27 OSF Sources	2026-27 ISF/ IAT Sources	2026-27 FF Sources	2026-27 Total Request	2026-27 Exec Recommendation
111	General Fund Transfers	169.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	169.6	0.0
REVENUE, TRANSFERS		169.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	169.6	0.0
200	Personal services and employee benefits	169.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	169.6	0.0
EXPENDITURES		169.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	169.6	0.0
810	Permanent	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
FTEs		0	0	0	0	1	0

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EB-3 Expansion Line Item Detail
 (Dollars in Thousands)

Senior Trial Attorney

Rank: 0

		2026-27 GF Sources	2026-27 OSF Sources	2026-27 ISF/IAT Sources	2026-27 FF Sources	2026-27 Total Request	2026-27 Exec Recommendation
520100	Exempt Perm Positions P/T&F/T	132.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	132.9	0.0
521100	Group Insurance Premium	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	0.0
521200	Retirement Contributions	21.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.4	0.0
521300	F I C A	6.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.9	0.0
521700	RHC Act Contributions	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0
200	Personal services and employee benefits	169.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	169.6	0.0
Total for Senior Trial Attorney		169.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	169.6	0.0

Logic Model

8th Judicial District Attorney's Office

Program Name:

Senior Trial Attorney

Date: Proposed Start Date July 2026

1. Resources/Inputs

What resources are necessary for the program? (e.g., staff, funding, materials)

- \$132.9 thousand to fund salary and benefits for the incumbent
- This position requires comprehensive and many years of experienced knowledge and skills in the areas of criminal prosecution, rules of evidence and rules of criminal procedure, trial skills, motions practice, the ability to work effectively with other criminal agencies, and the ability to research/analyze information and situations. Works independently with minimal consultation with supervisors (except for higher profile or complex cases)
- Equipment will be procured within current budget, no additional request

2. Activities

What activities will the program undertake? (e.g., training sessions, workshops)

- Prosecutes misdemeanor and mid-level felony crimes
- Leads or assists in trial teams and performs other non-prosecution duties as assigned such as educational efforts and public safety outreach
- Opportunity to supervise and mentor other attorneys and staff
- Provides law enforcement training
- Works with law enforcement at crime scenes
- Participates on diversionary courts, public safety boards, and task forces as well as other community groups as assigned
- Undertake more complex felony work under supervision

3. Outputs

What are the direct products or services delivered by the program? (e.g., number of participants trained)

- Deliver expedited and certain justice for defendants, victims, and citizens in our community
- Train law enforcement personnel on current law and best practices
- Work with community advocates on strategies to empower our citizens
- Build relationships with the youth in our community

4. Outcomes

- Reduce attorney turnover
- Better screening of cases up front to identify good cases for diversion and services
- Reduce the amount of time cases are pending in court
- Cases better prepared for prosecution due to better training and coordination with law enforcement

Short-Term Outcomes: What immediate effects are expected? (e.g., increased knowledge)

- Early screening of cases
- Increased morale in the office with lower caseloads
- Better coordination and communication with law enforcement agencies in 3 counties

Medium-Term Outcomes: What intermediate effects are expected? (e.g., behavior changes)

- Mutual trust with law enforcement agencies and community partners
- Cases will be ready for prosecution within shorter timelines
- Consistent Law Enforcement training

Long-Term Outcomes: What ultimate impacts are expected? (e.g., improved community health)

- Public safety will be improved with more efficient application of justice and coordination with law enforcement agencies
- Community outreach efforts will empower community members to become partners in public safety
- Increase confidence in the criminal justice system through swift and certain justice
- Reduced attorney turnover impacting the ability to build consistency with victims

5. Assumptions

What assumptions are being made about how the program will work?

- The recruitment and retention of a qualified and dynamic incumbent
- Continued funding for the position
- Support from management

6. External Factors

What external factors could influence the program's success? (e.g., economic conditions, policies)

- If talent cannot be recruited locally, affordable housing may be an impediment
- Local law enforcement personnel staffing levels
- Lack of resources and opportunities within partner agencies (law enforcement, the courts, the public defender department, juvenile probation etc.)

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E4 PCode Detail
(Dollars in Thousands)

Fund	Account	2024-25 Actuals	2025-26 Opbud	2026-27 PCF Proj	FY 2027 Agency Request				Total	Justification
					GF	OSF	ISF/IAT	FF		
00000	520100 Exempt Perm Positions P/T&F/T	0.0	0.0	179.25	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
00000	521100 Group Insurance Premium	0.0	0.0	11.25	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
00000	521200 Retirement Contributions	0.0	0.0	34.36	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
00000	521300 F I C A	0.0	0.0	11.07	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
00000	521700 RHC Act Contributions	0.0	0.0	4.46	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
16200	520100 Exempt Perm Positions P/T&F/T	2,857.2	3,216.6	3,297.82	3,743.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,743.7	Amount includes proposed 20% FY 27 increase for attorney's
16200	520700 Overtime & Other Premium Pay	9.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
16200	520800 Annl & Comp Paid At Separation	21.9	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
16200	521100 Group Insurance Premium	380.6	385.2	461.38	486.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	486.0	
16200	521200 Retirement Contributions	547.7	563.9	643.53	813.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	813.5	Includes 20% calculation for proposed attorney increases
16200	521300 F I C A	213.9	190.7	203.68	257.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	257.8	Includes 20% calculation for proposed attorney increases
16200	521400 Workers' Comp Assessment Fee	0.3	0.3	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
16200	521410 GSD Work Comp Insur Premium	0.0	49.4	0	21.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.4	FY 27 Approved Rates
16200	521500 Unemployment Comp Premium	31.7	0.3	0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	Per FY 27 Approved Rates
16200	521600 Employee Liability Ins Premium	8.1	29.8	0	31.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.9	FY 27 Approved Rates
16200	521700 RHC Act Contributions	56.9	62.5	67.81	87.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	87.0	Total amount needed to be fully staffed
	200 Personal services and employee benef	4,127.4	4,498.7	4,914.62	5,441.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	5,441.6	
16200	542100 Employee I/S Mileage & Fares	0.8	3.0	0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	
16200	542200 Employee I/S Meals & Lodging	39.0	20.0	0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	Amount needed to employee training to include DA Fall Conference and Spring Conference.
16200	542500 Transp - Fuel & Oil	8.3	10.0	0	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	
16200	542600 Transp - Parts & Supplies	5.6	5.0	0	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	
16200	542700 Transp - Transp Insurance	1.3	1.2	0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	FY 27 Approved Rates
16200	543200 Maint - Furn, Fixt, Equipment	0.0	1.0	0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	
16200	543300 Maint - Buildings & Structures	0.0	0.5	0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	
16200	543400 Maint - Property Insurance	0.0	0.1	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	
16200	543500 Maint - Supplies	1.0	1.0	0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	
16200	543820 Maintenance IT	0.0	0.4	0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	
16200	543830 IT HW/SW Agreements	19.4	63.0	0	63.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	63.0	Axon, Dell 365 & Qwest
16200	544000 Supply Inventory IT	37.9	35.0	0	35.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.0	
16200	544100 Supplies-Office Supplies	9.7	10.5	0	10.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5	

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F4 PCode Detail
(Dollars in Thousands)

Fund	Account	2024-25 Actuals	2025-26 Opbud	2026-27 PCF Proj	FY 2027 Agency Request				Total	Justification	
					GF	OSF	ISF/IAT	FF			
16200	544200	Supplies-Medical,Lab,Personal	0.0	2.0	0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	
16200	544400	Supplies-Field Supplies	0.9	2.1	0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	
16200	544500	Supplies-Food	0.8	1.5	0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	
16200	544800	Supplies-Education&Recreation	0.0	2.0	0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	
16200	544900	Supplies-Inventory Exempt	7.4	8.1	0	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	
16200	545600	Reporting & Recording	19.2	10.0	0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	
16200	545710	DOIT HCM Assessment Fees	12.1	13.3	0	14.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.7	
16200	545900	Printing & Photo Services	3.1	3.0	0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	
16200	546100	Postage & Mail Services	0.6	5.0	0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	
16200	546400	Rent Of Land & Buildings	1.0	1.0	0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	
16200	546500	Rent Of Equipment	12.7	15.8	0	13.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.0	
16200	546600	Communications	30.6	30.0	0	30.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.7	
16200	546700	Subscriptions/Dues/License Fee	39.8	25.0	0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	Lexis AI
16200	546800	Employee Training & Education	12.3	6.0	0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	
16200	546900	Advertising	1.5	1.0	0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	
16200	547900	Miscellaneous Expense	9.8	2.5	0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	
16200	548800	Automotive & Aircraft	48.8	0.0	0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	75.0	Purchase 2 much needed vehicles for our Raton office
16200	549600	Employee O/S Mileage & Fares	12.8	14.5	0	14.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.5	
16200	549700	Employee O/S Meals & Lodging	17.8	15.0	0	16.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0	
	400	Other	354.3	308.5	0	402.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	402.4	
TOTAL EXPENSE			4,481.7	4,807.2		5,844.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5,844.0	

Contract by PCode Detail

(Dollars in Thousands)

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Fund	Account	#	Contract Purpose	Actuals	FY 2027 Agency Request				Total	Justification
					GF	OSF	ISF/IAT	FF		
16200	535100	Medical Services	1000	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	
16200	535200	Professional Services	1000	139.4	76.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	76.2	
16200	535300	Other Services	1000	13.8	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	
16200	535400	Audit Services	1000	18.0	21.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.3	Per FY 27 Published Rates
16200	535500	Attorney Services	1000	56.4	43.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	43.0	
TOTAL EXPENSE				228.1	151.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	151.0	

DFA Performance Based Budgeting Data System
Annual Performance Report

Agency: 25800 Eighth Judicial District Attorney

Program: P258 Eighth Judicial District Attorney

The purpose of the eighth judicial district attorney program is to provide litigation, special programs and administrative support for the enforcement of state laws as they pertain to the district attorney and to improve and ensure the protection, safety, welfare and health of the citizens within Taos, Colfax and Union counties.

Performance Measures:		2024-25 Target	2024-25 Result	Met Target	Year End Result Narrative
Explanatory	Average time from filing of charges to final disposition for adults, in months	N/A	0	N/A	
Explanatory	Average time from filing of petition to final disposition for juveniles, in months	N/A	0	N/A	
Explanatory	Number of pretrial detention motions made	N/A	0	N/A	
Explanatory	Percent of pretrial detention motions granted	N/A	0%	N/A	
Outcome	Number of cases prosecuted	1,450	1,481	Yes	The number of cases prosecuted is directly influenced by the volume of cases received from law enforcement."
Output	Average attorney caseload	200	163	Yes	
Output	Average number of cases added to attorney caseloads	150	187	No	Hiring and retaining attorneys in rural New Mexico continues to be difficult.
Output	Number of cases in which defendant was referred into a pre-prosecution diversion program	50	37	No	Number of cases referred to PPD have increased slightly from previous fiscal year.
Output	Number of cases referred for screening	1,500	1,493	No	The volume of cases referred for screening is driven primarily by law enforcement activities.

Eighth Judicial District Attorney
Performance Measures Summary

P258 Eighth Judicial District Attorney						
Purpose:		The purpose of the eighth judicial district attorney program is to provide litigation, special programs and administrative support for the enforcement of state laws as they pertain to the district attorney and to improve and ensure the protection, safety, welfare and health of the citizens within Taos, Colfax and Union counties.				
Performance Measures:		2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Request	2026-27 Recomm
Output	Number of cases referred for screening	1,597	1,493	1,650	1,600	
Output	Number of cases in which defendant was referred into a pre-prosecution diversion program	23	37	30	30	
Output	Average number of cases added to attorney caseloads	245	187	150	150	
Output	Average attorney caseload	206	163	200	200	
Outcome	Number of cases prosecuted	1,434	1,481	1,425	1,425	
Explanatory	Average time from filing of petition to final disposition for juveniles, in months	6	0	N/A	N/A	
Explanatory	Average time from filing of charges to final disposition for adults, in months	7	0	N/A	N/A	
Explanatory	Number of pretrial detention motions made	44	0	N/A	N/A	
Explanatory	Percent of pretrial detention motions granted	45%	0%	N/A	N/A	

**EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY
AGENCY 25800**

STRATEGIC PLAN

FY '27

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY STRATEGIC PLAN

1. Executive Summary

The Eighth Judicial District consists of Taos, Colfax and Union Counties. Personnel resources in the District Attorney's Office include attorneys, investigators, worthless check and pre-prosecution program administrator, district office manager, chief financial manager, financial administrator, support staff, victim advocates, special program director, and program specialists.

This office prosecutes all felonies, domestic violence cases, juvenile delinquency and DUI's and some misdemeanors. As an office located in a rural area, it also handles civil commitments, various civil cases, and acequia association matters. The role the District Attorney is to uphold the rule of law by performing all constitutional and statutory duties.

2. Internal & External Assessments

Like most other state agencies the District Attorney's Office is affected by both internal and external factors. The following analysis reflects an evaluation of these factors:

- a. Situation Inventory** - The Eighth Judicial District Attorneys Office has nine (9) trial attorneys. Two (2) in Colfax County, one (1) in Union County, and six (6) in Taos County. Attorney recruitment and retention in our mostly rural district is a factor that can affect performance. Higher salaries, housing options and other urban amenities make it difficult for rural offices to compete with offices located in central New Mexico/
- b. Environmental Scan** - The Eighth Judicial District Attorney is affected indirectly (and sometimes directly) by most of the external forces that affect all District Attorneys' Offices. Some of these external factors may include the following: crime trends and rates; amendments to the State's criminal code and other legislation; changes in staffing levels at other agencies (i.e., courts, Public Defender Department, Corrections Department; directives and mandates from the courts and the executive).

3. **Mission**

Our mission is to protect the public's safety by promoting justice through the fair and impartial prosecution of all felony and misdemeanor criminal cases, and miscellaneous civil matters.

4. **Goals & Objectives**

- To demand accountability from defendants by tough prosecution of all crimes, especially violent crimes and cases involving the trafficking of illegal drugs.
- To lead the effort in reducing juvenile crimes by increasing collaborations with local school districts and other supporting agencies.
- To be accountable to the public by providing regular status updates.
- To train local law enforcement in effective investigations for a strong prosecution.
- To create a healthy work environment by offering training programs and promoting and incentivizing employees.
- To lead discussions with partner agencies and the public to improve the safety, health, and welfare of the citizens of the Eighth Judicial District.
- To seek and utilize the latest technological tools in jury trials, training presentations and case processing.

5. **Agency Program List**

The Eighth Judicial District Attorney has identified one major program:

Agency: EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Program Name: PROSECUTION

Program Purpose Statement: The purpose of the prosecution program is to provide litigation, special programs and administrative support for the Eighth Judicial District Attorney to enforce and improve protection, safety, welfare and health for the citizens in Taos, Colfax and Union Counties.

6. **Program Activities**

In addition to our case work attorneys and staff participate in the Eighth Judicial Adult Drug Court Program, Taos County Family Violence Court and the Taos County Juvenile Justice Board. Our staff attends community meetings, provides training for law enforcement and

participates in community events and job fairs promoting interaction with the citizens of our district.

The 8th JDA is in its third year with the Junior District Attorney Program with Taos High School. The Program includes up to 15 Taos High School Students who will join our office on Flex Fridays for twelve weeks from 8 am to 1pm. They will learn every aspect of the criminal justice process, meet and hear from partners, see court proceedings and participate in a mock trial. The program will include a Fall and Spring session.

7. **Action Plans**

To use statistics generated by the case management system to provide regular reports to the public and law enforcement agencies. The data will also be used as a yardstick to measure the performance and effectiveness of this office in fulfilling its legal duties and finally, it will be used as a method to showcase our strengths and identify areas that need improvement.

8. **Measures**

- Number of cases referred for screening. (Output)
- Average number of cases added to attorney caseloads. (Output)
- Number of Cases prosecuted. (Outcome)
- Number of cases in which defendant was referred into a pre-prosecution diversion program. (Output)