



DANE COUNTY CLERK OF COURT'S OFFICE

Jeff Okazaki, Clerk of Court | June 25, 2024

OVERVIEW

Meet
the
Clerk

Role
of the
Clerk

Register
in
Probate

The
Courthouse

2025
Budget

Wrap
Up



JEFF
OKAZAKI

Clerk of Circuit Court
Register in Probate



WI Constitutionally Elected Office
4-Year Cycle

WHO WE ARE



“Keep a criminal record and write in that record a history in every criminal action like the court record in civil actions and proceedings with references to the file where papers in the action can be found



CLERK OF COURT



Administer the
Courthouse

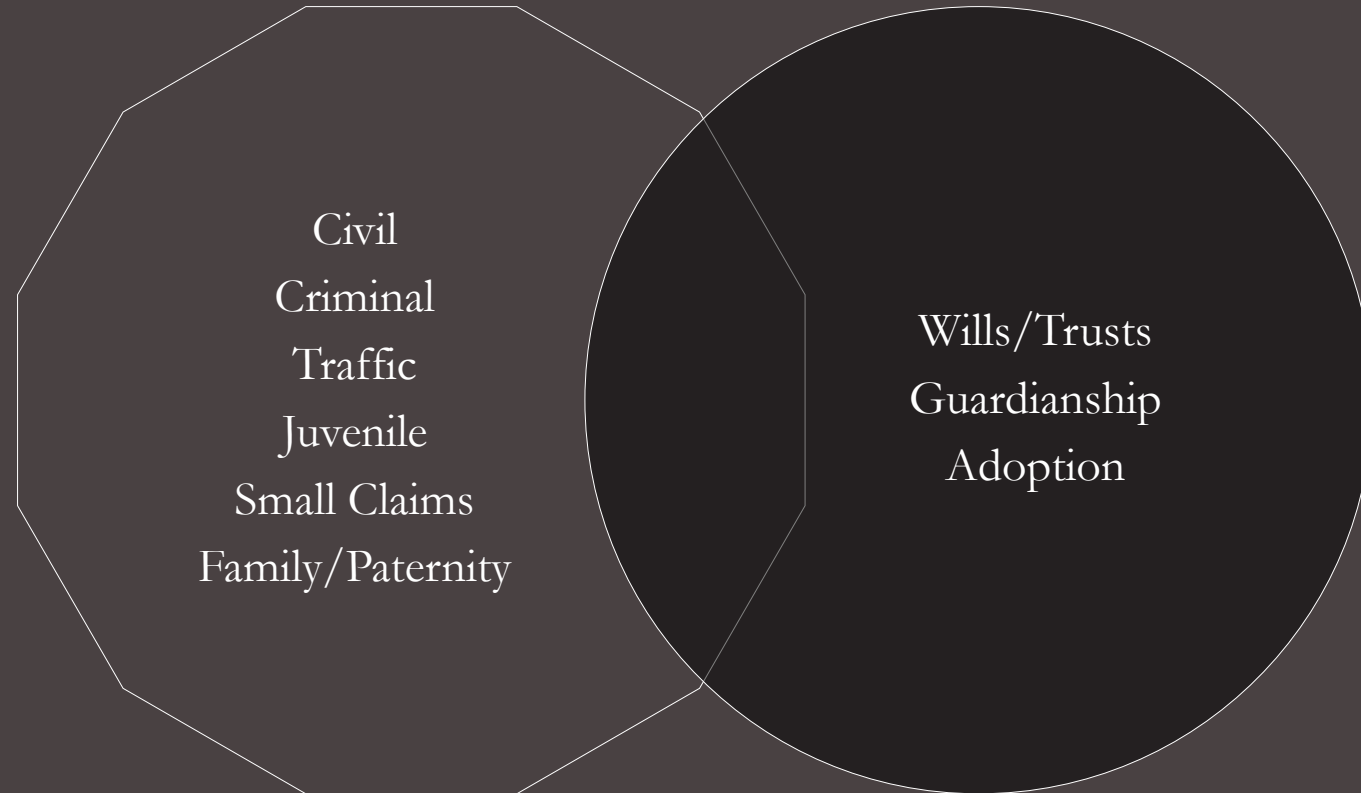


Manage Records

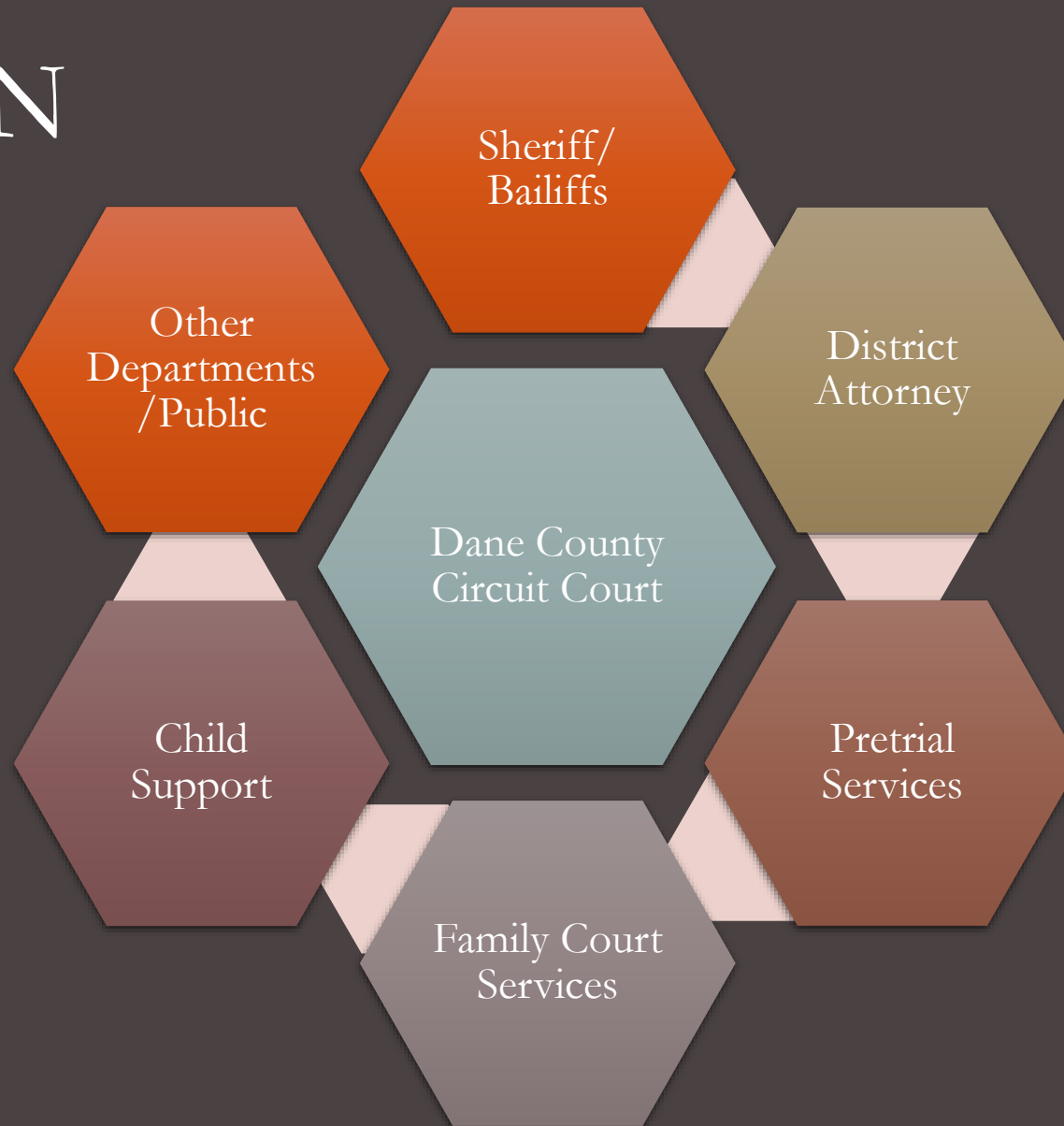


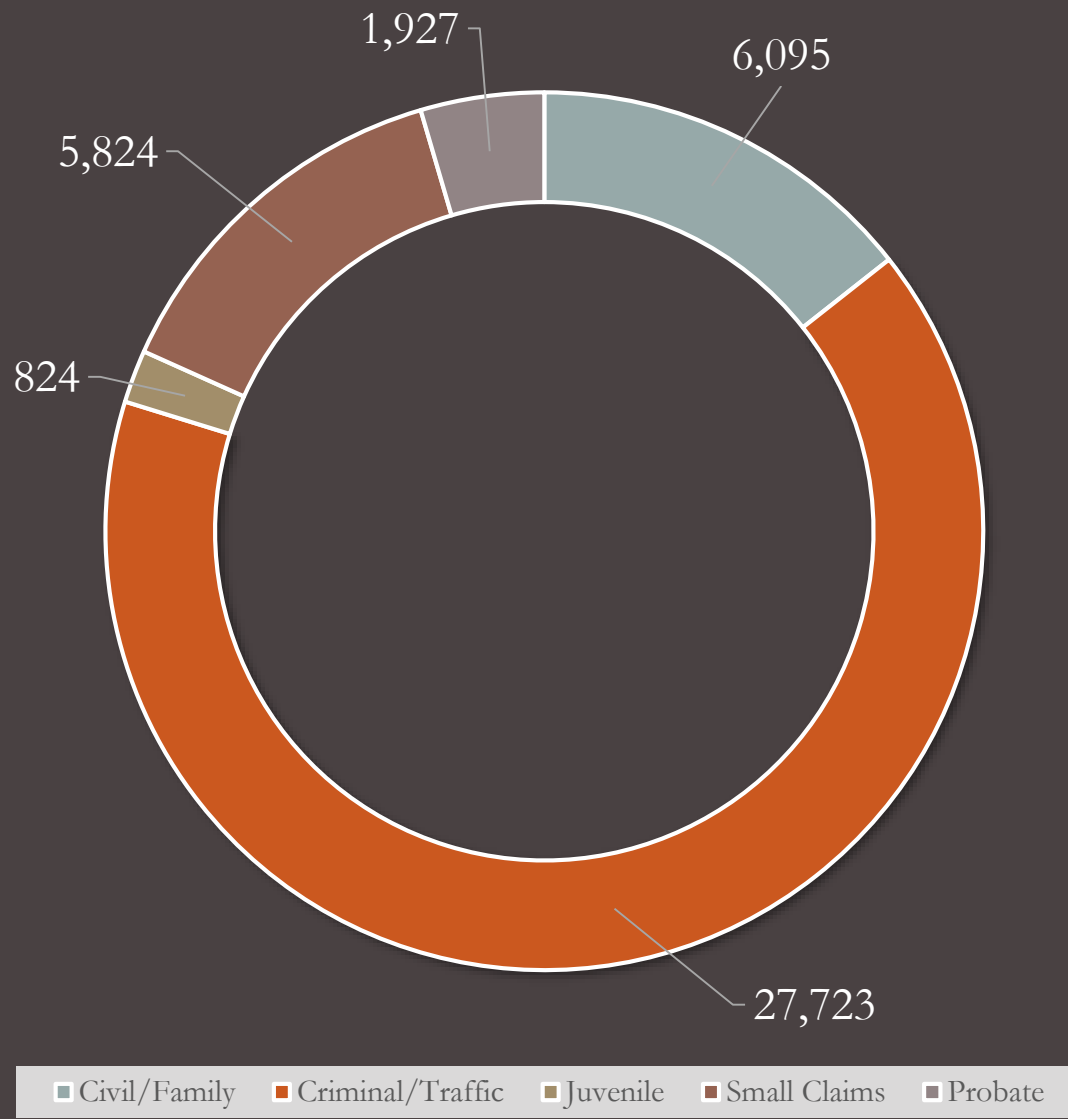
Oversee the
Jury System

CLERK OF COURT / REGISTER IN PROBATE



COURT INTERACTION





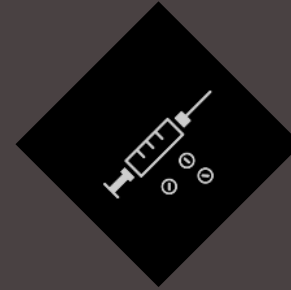
2023 CASES



DANE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

- ◆ 17 Branches, 8 in Criminal Rotation, 4 in Civil, 3 in Juvenile
- ◆ 11 Commissioners
- ◆ 110 Additional Staff
- ◆ 6th Largest Department by Staff

ALTERNATIVES



Drug Court



OWI Treatment
Court



Veteran's Court



Legal Support



BUDGET

Statutorily mandated costs make our department a little different.

- ◆ \$16.3 Million Department
- ◆ \$6.6 Million in Revenue
- ◆ \$26.9 Million Impact

KEY BUDGET TAKEAWAYS



GAL
Guardian Ad
Litem



CDP
Criminal Defense
Program



A/V Racks
Audio Visual
Replacement



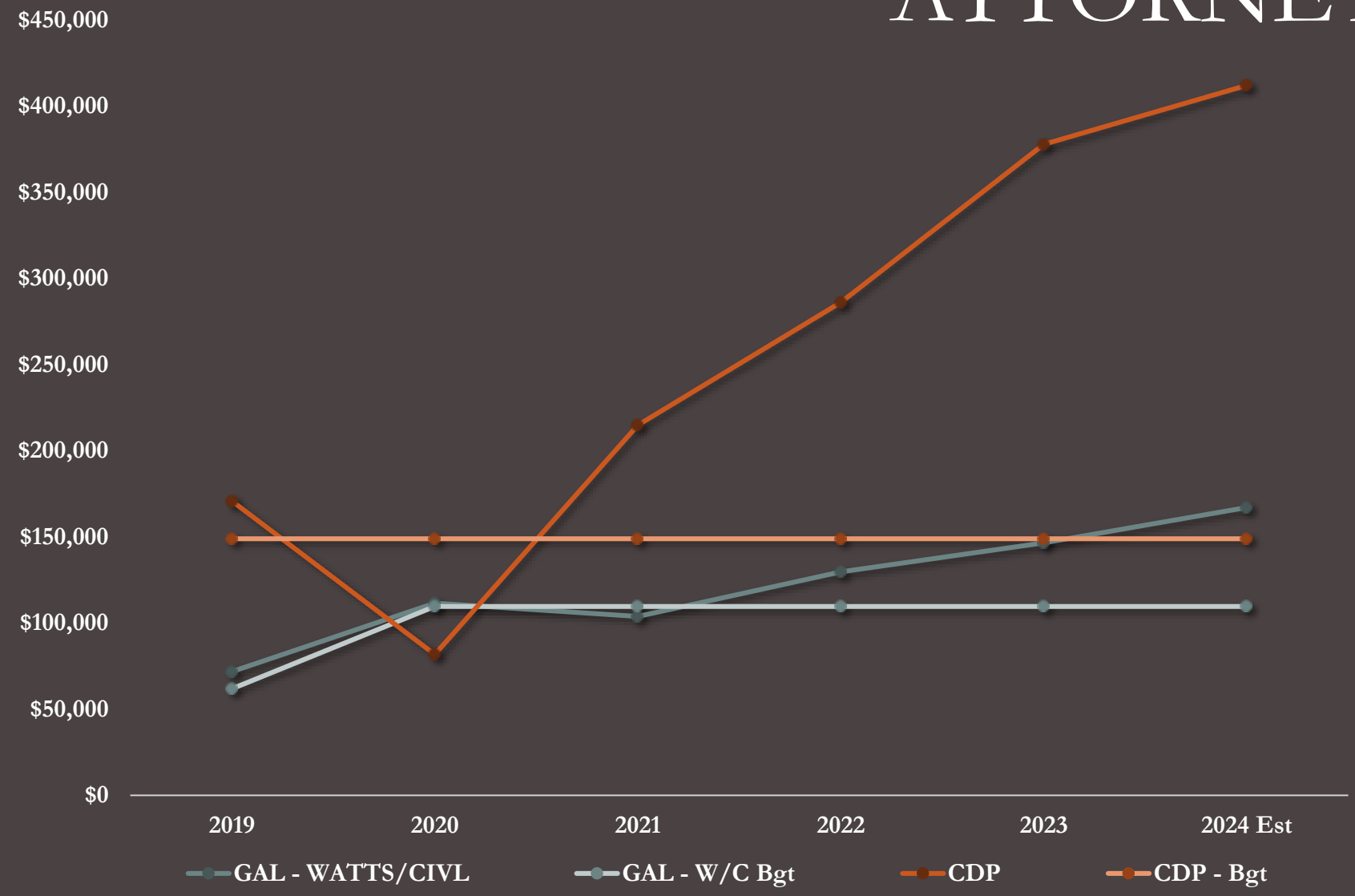
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Hardening Public
Access



State Funds
Increasing County
Funds



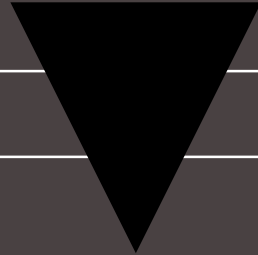
ATTORNEY FEES



2024 Budget

GAL - \$109,600

CDP - \$110,325



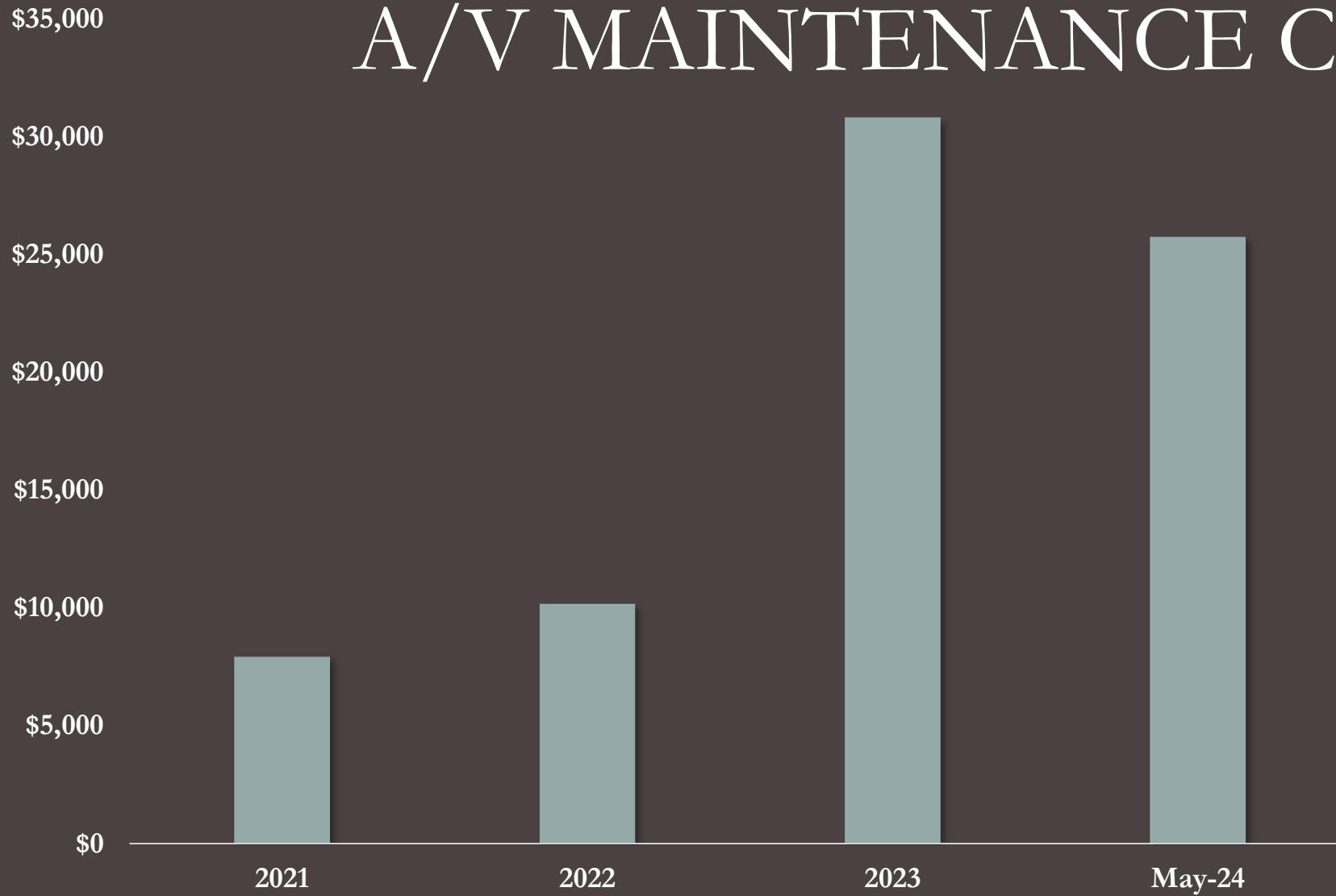
2025 Proposed

GAL - \$155,000 (+\$9,700)

CDP - \$430,000 (+\$238,675)

**GAL/CDP
BUDGET WITH
REVENUE
OFFSET**

A/V MAINTENANCE COSTS





COURTROOM

Replacing aging technology
with limited practical life and
functionality

- ◆ \$1,500,000 Capital Project
- ◆ 10-Year Cycle
- ◆ Reduced Maintenance



Hardening Access Points Against Intrusion

Improving Appearance

SAFETY

A close-up photograph of a wooden gavel with a brass head, resting on a pile of US dollar bills. The bills are slightly out of focus, showing the portrait of Benjamin Franklin on the \$100 bills. The gavel is positioned diagonally across the frame, with its handle pointing towards the top right.

STATE FUNDS

1-3 year runway to petition
Governor, Legislature, & State
Court for increased funds

- ◆ Increased Direct Support
- ◆ Increased Fees
- ◆ Interpreter Help

THANK YOU



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