

# 2026 BUDGET

Office of Justice Reform

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2025 Total Number of Employees: 6  
LTE CJC RESEARCH ASSIST: 1

Total 2025 Department Spending: \$1.855 million  
Total 2025 GPR Spending: \$1.431 million  
Total GPR reduction to meet 4%: \$42,772

Other revenue sources funding  
department programming: federal grants



# What we do



**System Collaboration:** Strengthening partnerships across justice, health, and community organizations.



**A Catalyst for Innovation:** Shaping future-focused solutions that deliver impact.



**Program Design and Development:** Advancing initiatives grounded in data and guided by community voice, with a focus on equity and fairness.



**Data-Driven Decisions:** Addressing local needs, leading with research and accurate data.



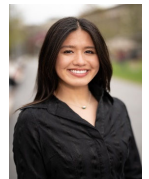
# Who we are



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Data and Evaluation Coordinator



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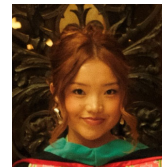
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Community Court Coordinator



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Research Analyst



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Clerk I-II



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# IMPACT

## LESS STAFF SUPPORT

The CJC Research Assistant provides critical staff support in policy and data research, as well as meeting coordination and departmental visibility.

## NO MICRO GRANT OPTION

15K was originally put in the Office of Justice Reform for Micro Grants. The program had no guidelines and has not been developed.

## LESS STAFF DEVELOPMENT

OJR is a new department with over 50 percent new staff.



# Future Considerations

## Community Court

Incentives and gift cards. Currently OJR has a very limited budget to provide any incentive to program participants.

CASE MANAGEMENT needs—in order to fully grow the community court the case management resource will need to grow.

## Partnerships and Evaluations

Evaluation Framework is being developed. Future partnerships with local and national researchers a necessary part of life cycle analysis for programs.

Internal partnerships to better understand the connections between systems required.

## Community

In order to tell the story behind the data, and glean critical insights—community engagement and partnership must be expanded. Currently very limited resources in this area.

# Thank you!

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