

District Attorney's Office

2024 Budget Presentation



Budget Requests:

- Operating Budget
 - Submitted a Status Quo Operating Budget

Immediate Needs:

Pursuant to Marsy's Law constitutional mandates and continuing to manage the COVID-19 backlog, the following positions are needed:

- **IT Specialist – 1 FTE Position (\$100,000)**
- **Social Justice Director – 1 FTE Position (\$142,000)**
- **Public Information Officer – 1 FTE Position (\$113,000)**
- **Paralegal I – 1 FTE Position (\$94,800)**

Vision Position

- Social Justice Director

Although the District Attorney's Office in its recruitment efforts, training, and office policies has worked diligently to educate its staff on how to approach decision-making within the criminal justice system, the District Attorney's Office acknowledges that it currently has no staff member or employee whose primary role is the deep and constant analysis and implementation of progressive prosecution practices.

Therefore, the creation of a Social Justice Director within the District Attorney's Office would help address the gap between intentions and actions on an ongoing basis. The vision for this position involves the incumbent serving in a leadership role on the management team.

Other Considerations:

- Facility Dog
- Digital Evidence Management System

Language Access

- Provide bilingual services at every level within the Victim Witness Unit/Crime Response Program
- Provide bilingual services in our Deferred Prosecution Program
- Utilize the language line for other languages, if needed
- [The courts] provide interpreters for defendants in court proceedings (Wis. Stat. § 885.38)