Criminal Justice Services, Division of

Mission

The mission of the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is to enhance public safety by providing resources and services that inform decision-making and improve the quality of the criminal justice system.

DCJS is a multi-function criminal justice agency with extensive responsibilities including collection and analysis of statewide crime data; acting as the State's repository of criminal history records; administration of Federal and State funds that support local criminal justice programs; and administration of the State's Sex Offender Registry and DNA Databank. DCJS also measures progress towards the goal of crime reduction, and tracks the effectiveness of both agency and system-wide criminal justice strategies designed to enhance public safety.

Organization and Staffing

The Division of Criminal Justice Services is located in Albany and is headed by a Commissioner who is appointed by the Governor, subject to Senate confirmation.

A multi-function support agency, DCJS has 12 offices: Administration; Criminal Justice Records; Forensic Services; Internal Audit and Compliance; Justice Research and Performance; Youth Justice; Legal Services; Probation and Correctional Alternatives; Program Development and Funding; Public Safety; Sex Offender Management; and the State Identification Bureau.

The agency's responsibilities include, but are not limited to: law enforcement training; collection and analysis of statewide crime data; maintenance of criminal history information and fingerprint files; administrative oversight of the state's DNA Databank, in partnership with the New York State Police; funding and oversight of probation and community correction programs; administration of Federal and State criminal justice funds; support of criminal justice-related agencies across the State; and administration of the State's Sex Offender Registry. DCJS also measures the performance of its criminal justice initiatives to ensure that the investments in programs are both cost-efficient and effective in meeting their goals.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2025 Executive Budget recommends \$787.85 million (All Funds) for the Division of Criminal Justice Services (\$93.4 million in State Operations, \$609.45 million in Local Assistance, and \$85 million in Capital Funds). This funding includes \$35.67 million to increase the prosecution of domestic violence cases among high-risk offenders, and \$15 million in additional funding for District Attorneys (DA) and local law enforcement to tackle retail theft.

The Executive Budget also includes an increase of \$10 million for the next round of the Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes (SCAHC) program, for a total of \$35 million, and \$50 million of funding for communities most impacted by gun violence.

The Executive Budget recommends a workforce of 428 FTEs, an increase of 10 FTEs compared to the FY 2024 Budget.

Program Highlights

Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategies

DCJS has made significant strides toward integrating the use of evidence-based practices that have been proven and can be empirically monitored for their effectiveness. As part of that work, the agency now provides comprehensive technical assistance and training to criminal justice partners. This evolution of the way DCJS does business is designed to allow the agency to: help ensure that proven practices are implemented as intended by criminal justice partners; monitor the effectiveness of key initiatives and programs; and ensure that the state supports programs that are not only effective, but a wise investment of taxpayer dollars.

DCJS provides direct training to law enforcement and other criminal justice professionals; oversees a law enforcement accreditation program; ensures breathalyzer and speed enforcement equipment used by local law enforcement operate correctly; manages criminal justice grant funds; analyzes statewide crime and program data; provides research support; oversees county probation departments and alternatives to incarceration programs; and coordinates juvenile justice policy.

DCJS maintains criminal history records and fingerprint files and performs background checks for employment and licensure. The agency also administers the State's Sex Offender Registry; the Missing Persons Clearinghouse; the State's DNA Databank in cooperation with the New York State Police Forensic Investigation Center; and provides staff support to independently appointed commissions and councils, including the New

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ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Category</u>	Available FY 2024	Appropriations Recommended FY 2025	Change From FY 2024	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2025
State Operations	90,435,000	93,405,000	2,970,000	114,188,000
Aid To Localities	630,885,500	609,450,000	(21,435,500)	860,871,702
Capital Projects	153,000,000	85,000,000	(68,000,000)	311,781,000
Total	874,320,500	787,855,000	(86,465,500)	1,286,840,702

ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	FY 2024 Estimated FTEs 03/31/24	FY 2025 Estimated FTEs 03/31/25	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	62	65	3
Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategies			
General Fund	334	341	7
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	20	20	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	2	2	0
Total	418	428	10

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE **APPROPRIATIONS** (dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change
General Fund	44,076,000	46,752,000	2,676,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	21,516,000	21,796,000	280,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	24,843,000	24,857,000	14,000
Total	90,435,000	93,405,000	2,970,000

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Program	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change
Administration			
General Fund	11,840,000	12,581,000	741,000
Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategies			
General Fund	32,236,000	34,171,000	1,935,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	21,516,000	21,796,000	280,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	24,843,000	24,857,000	14,000
Total	90,435,000	93,405,000	2,970,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES FY 2025 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

	То	tal	Personal Serv (Annual S	
Program	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	9,373,000	741,000	9,369,000	741,000
Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategies	25,779,000	1,935,000	25,695,000	1,935,000
Total	35,152,000	2,676,000	35,064,000	2,676,000

	Temporary (Nonannua	Holiday/Ov	ertime Pay	
Program	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	0	0	4,000	0
Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategies	15,000	0	69,000	0
Total	15,000	0	73,000	0

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES FY 2025 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

	Total		Supplies and Materials	
Program	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	3,208,000	0	500,000	0
Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategies	8,392,000	0	740,000	0
Total	11,600,000	0	1,240,000	0

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	Travel		Contractual Services	
Program	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	77,000	0	2,000,000	0
Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategies	500,000	0	6,848,000	0
Total	577,000	0	8,848,000	0

	Equipment			
Program	Amount	Change		
Administration	631,000	0		
Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategies	304,000	0		
Total	935,000	0		

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES FY 2025 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

	Total		Personal Service	
Program	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategies	46,653,000	294,000	9,451,000	172,000
Total	46,653,000	294,000	9,451,000	172,000

	Nonpersonal Service			
Program	Amount	Change		
Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategies	37,202,000	122,000		
Total	37,202,000	122,000		

AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change
General Fund	523,901,500	542,554,000	18,652,500
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	29,900,000	30,800,000	900,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	77,084,000	36,096,000	(40,988,000)
Total	630,885,500	609,450,000	(21,435,500)

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Program	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change
Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategies			
General Fund	523,901,500	542,554,000	18,652,500
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	29,900,000	30,800,000	900,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	77,084,000	36,096,000	(40,988,000)
Total	630,885,500	609,450,000	(21,435,500)

CAPITAL PROJECTS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM **APPROPRIATIONS** (dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change	Reappropriations FY 2025		
Safety and Security Projects for at Risk Facilities						
Capital Projects Fund	100,000,000	0	(100,000,000)	159,683,000		
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	53,000,000	85,000,000	32,000,000	152,098,000		
Total	153,000,000	85,000,000	(68,000,000)	311,781,000		

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/16/2024