

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

2023 Budget Work SessionPresentation

FY23 - Budget Requests

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Vision, Mission & Values

District Attorney's Office Statements





VISION

It is our vision to improve the quality of life in Rockdale County; uphold and restore the public's trust in the criminal justice system; engage and collaborate with the community; be leaders in ethical prosecution; and implement innovative and alternative strategies to hold the accused accountable to deter future criminal conduct.





MISSION

The mission of the Rockdale County District Attorney's Office is to enhance the safety of Rockdale County through the fervent and equitable prosecution of misdemeanor and felony crimes. We will protect victims and their rights; hold the accused accountable in a manner that best prevents future criminal conduct; and provide opportunities for community partnership in the pursuit of justice.



VALUES

❖ The District Attorney's Office's is PROUD to serve the people of Rockdale County and exemplify the following values: PROFESSIONALISM, RESPECT, OPPORTUNITY, UNITY & DEPENDABILTY

Opportunities & Challenges

SUCCESSES

- New/expanded office space
- Private victim witness interview room
- Increase in effective community engagement and education
- New DA website

OPPORTUNITIES

- Case data retrieval and analysis
- Increase victim contact by victim advocates



CHALLENGES

- Attorney recruitment
- Attorney retention
- Inadequate data reports to effectively and accurately evaluate offenders

Budget Summary

District Attorney's Office

*Report Provided by Finance

| | Budget FY 2022 | Proposed FY 2023 | Change |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Total Operating Expenses | \$81,360 | \$145,360 | \$64,000 |
| Total Personnel Services & Benefits | \$1,930,845 | \$2,336,650 | \$405,805 |
| | | | |
| Total Est. Budget Impact | \$2,012,205 | \$2,482,010 | \$469,805 |

Operational Request

District Attorney's Office

| | Description | FY22 Budget | FY23 Cost | Amount Change |
|-----------------------|--|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Technical Services | Part-Time Technology Contractor to generate case data reports from Odyssey | \$3,000 | \$54,000 | \$51,000 |
| Professional Services | Expert Trial Witnesses | \$6,000 | \$7,000 | \$1,000 |
| Printing and Binding | Witness notification forms, business cards, etc. | \$7,000 | \$8,000 | \$1,000 |
| Travel | Increase in jury trials result in more travel costs | \$7,000 | \$8,000 | \$1,000 |
| Education & Training | Conferences and seminars for attorneys, investigators and victim witness advocates | \$5,000 | \$6,000 | \$1,000 |
| General Supplies | Office and investigative supplies & trial preparation materials | \$16,006 | \$20,006 | \$4,000 |
| Books & Periodicals | Official Code of GA Annotated, Lexis research access | \$6,402 | \$11,402 | \$5,000 |
| | Total Est. Budget impact | | | \$64,000 |

Operational Request Justification

Requests

Part-Time Technology Contractor

\$48,000

To effectively evaluate and prosecute cases, the DA's Office is in dire need of a mechanism to retrieve various data from our case data system, Odyssey. Odyssey is a highly technical system in generating reports that will aide in this endeavor is outside the ken of anyone in the DA's Office and, per Technology Services department, outside the knowledge of TS as well. We cannot efficiently nor effectively hold offenders accountable without clear data for information and guidance. This PT Technology Contractor will have the expertise to generate the reports as needed by our Office.



Thank You