



**Office of the Westchester County District Attorney
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2024 Proposed Budget

November 20, 2023

Overview

Year-to-date data as of 11/15/2023

15,999

Prosecutions

3,042

Investigations

19

Felony Trials

70

Misdemeanor Trials

77

**Public Safety Presentations
in Community & Schools**

499

Complaints

104

**Law Enforcement
Trainings**

61

Public Integrity

262

State Central
Agency of Child Abuse
and Maltreatment



Overview

Discovery Bureau

36

Hours/Day

Body-cam Video Evidence Processed

524

Case Matters

Directly Assisted in Certification

45%

Increase from 2022

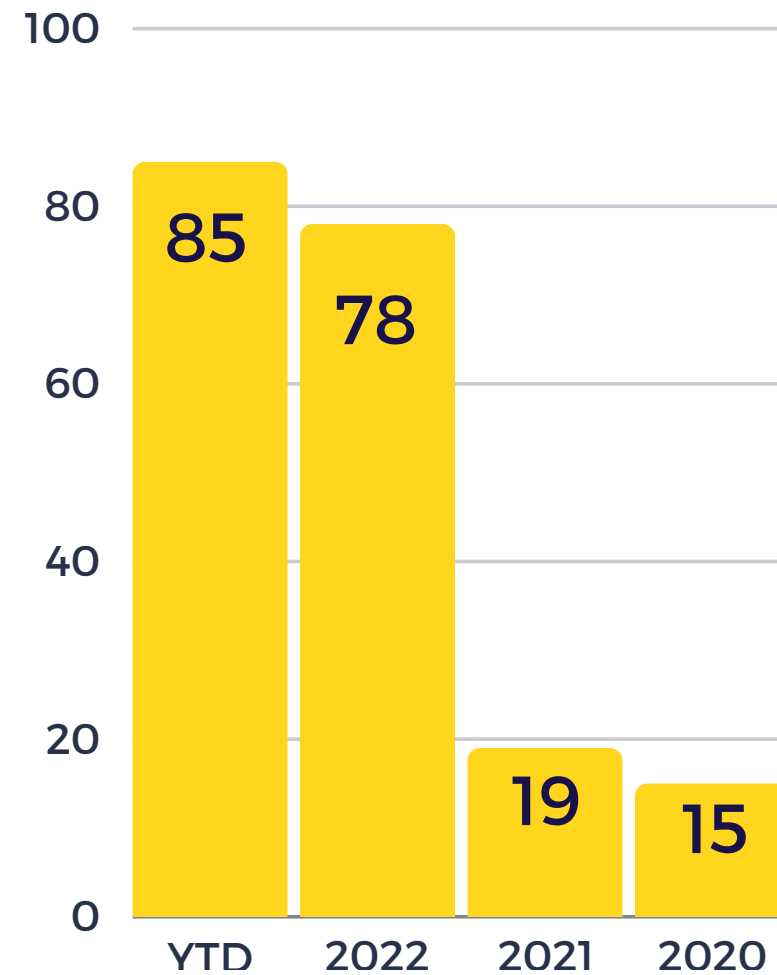
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New & Ongoing Initiatives

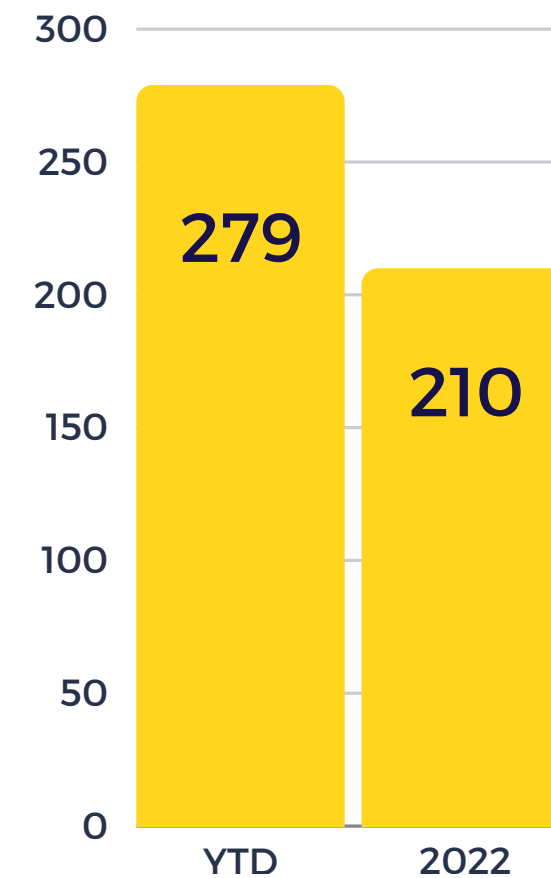
ERPOs Issued

Westchester County



Diversion Program Partnerships/Participation

Fresh Start



Launched

- Fresh Start (DCMH)
- Overdose Prevention Treatment Initiative - OPT-In
- Westchester Misdemeanor Mental Wellness Court (OCA)

Participant in Ongoing Initiatives & Expanding Eligibility

- Mount Vernon Emerging Adult Justice Part
- New Rochelle Opportunity Youth Part
- Veterans Court
- Felony Judicial Diversion Part (drug offenses)
- Felony Mental Health Court

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Highlights

Conviction Review Unit (CRU)

- **29 vacatur**
 - Exoneration of Leonard Mack - Longest wrongful conviction in U.S. vacated by DNA evidence known to the Innocence Project
 - 15 drug-related convictions/1 charge in Mount Vernon City Court
 - 11 drug-related convictions in Westchester County Court
 - 1 armed robbery conviction in Westchester County Court

Cold Case Bureau (CCB)

- 20 years-to-life prison sentence of Wanda Veguilla for the 2012 shooting death of her girlfriend Pamela Graddick
- May indictment for a 1995 homicide of Michael Jones at Sing Sing Correctional Facility
- 20 years-to-life prison sentence of Christopher Gonzalez for the 2005 strangulation murder of Angel Serbay
- 25 years-to-life prison sentence of Luis Altaret-Rivera for the 2017 shooting death of his ex-girlfriend Diana Casado
- Aug. 2022 indictment of Edmund Pennil for the 2017 death of Tremayne Williams
- Nov. 2021 indictment for the 1982 homicide of Kathleen Durst

Hate Crimes Portal

- **41** law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction in Westchester County now registered to the info-sharing portal since 2022 launch; expanding portal model to overdose cases

Public Safety Presentations - Schools & Community

- Internet & Social Media Safety
- “Upstander” & Hate Crimes
- Role of Prosecutors - elementary to law schools
- Senior Scams & Elder Abuse Prevention
- ERPOs
- Animal Cruelty
- Workers Rights/Labor Fraud & Wage Theft
- Auto Safety (DWIs, theft prevention)



Budget Summary

ITEM	2023	2024
Operating Positions	244	244
Trust Positions	16	17
TOTAL POSITIONS	260	261
Personal Service	28,862,181	29,796,242
Equipment	172,622	92,046
Materials & Supplies	306,303	276,525
Contractual Expenses	3,079,750	3,325,116
Inter-Departmental Charges	1,288,335	1,297,570
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	33,709,191	34,787,499



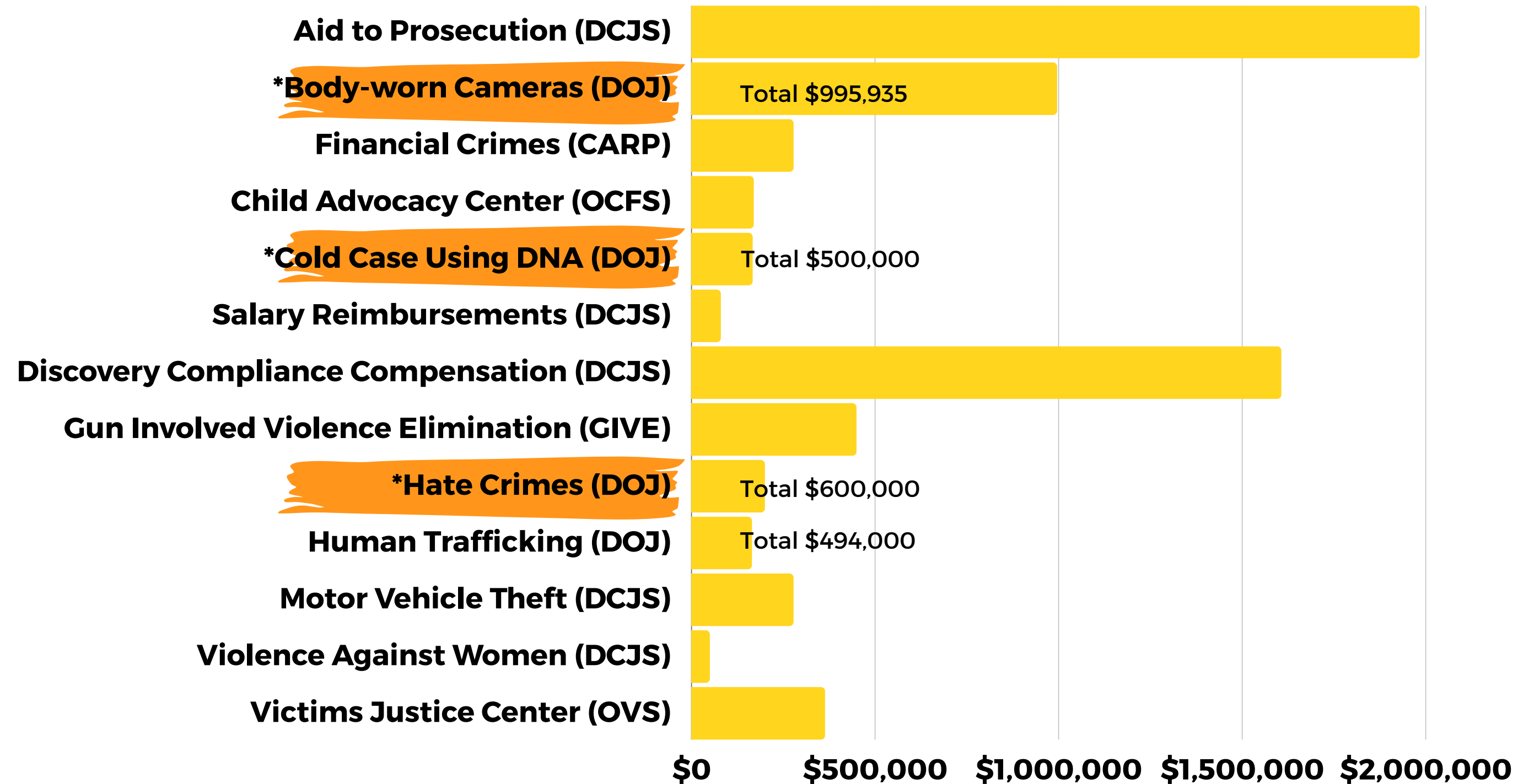
Budget Summary

ITEM	2023	2024
Inter-Departmental Revenue		
Departmental Revenue		
State & Federal Aid	630,156	630,156
TOTAL REVENUE	630,156	630,156
DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY	33,079,035	34,157,343



Grants Awarded

\$6,786,323



**New grants since 2021*



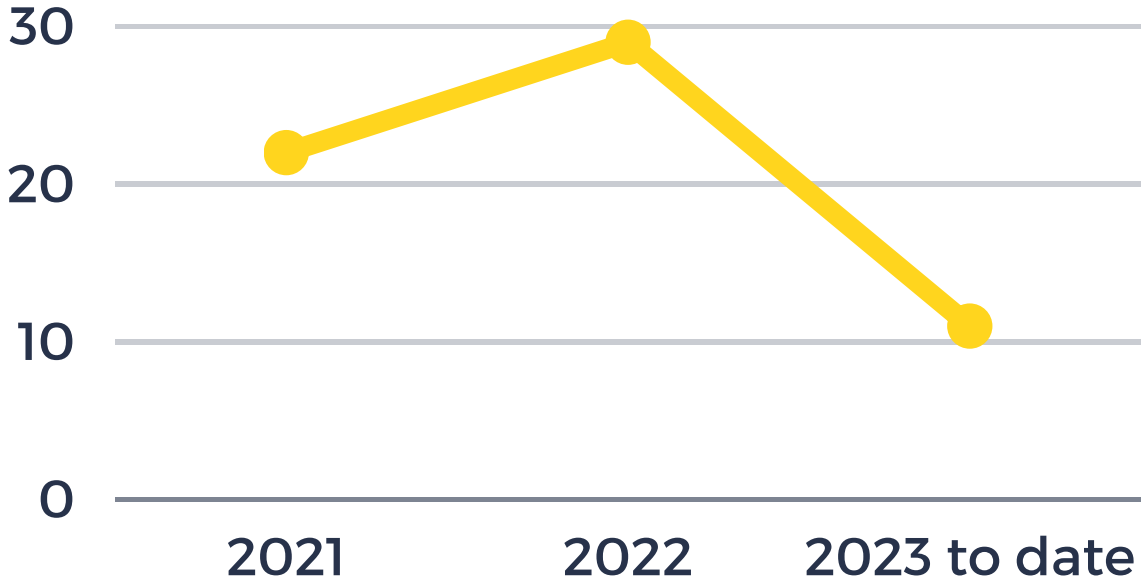
Hiring

New hires since 2021



ADA Attrition

62% decrease after 2022 raises & WFH implementation



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2023 Demographics

Officewide (248)

ADAs (125)

New hires YTD - 40% diverse

White	157	90	
Black	36	12	} 28% Diverse
Hispanic	33	12	
Asian	22	11	
Women	155	74	
Men	93	51	

Increased diversity in hiring by 27% between 2021-2023 compared to 2016-2020 administration



Recruitment

24

Law Schools

12

in state

6

all HBCUs

17

statewide affinity
legal associations

Nationwide Conferences & Job Fairs

- 40th Annual National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA) Conference & Job Fair - Chicago
- 9th Annual National Asian Pacific Islander Prosecutors Association Conference - NYC
- Annual Public Interest Legal Career Reception - Fordham University/NYC
- 2023 National Black Law Students Association National Convention - Arlington, Virginia
- 2023 Asian American Bar Association of NY Fall Conference - NYC
- NYU Public Interest Legal Career Fair - NYC



Recruitment



2023 New Class of ADAs

- Albany Law School
- Elisabeth Haub School of Law - Pace University
- Georgetown University Law Center
- St. John's University School of Law
- George Washington University Law School

2024 New Class - ADAs already committed

- Albany Law School
- Elisabeth Haub School of Law - Pace University
- St. John's University School of Law
- North Carolina Central University School of Law*
- Syracuse University
- Temple University Beasley School of Law
- William & Mary Law
- University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

*HBCU

