

Public Safety

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND THEIR DEPUTIES

	1999-2001 Actuals	2001-03 Legislatively Adopted at Close of Session	2001-03 Legislatively Approved through Fifth Special Session	2003-05 Governor's Balanced
General Fund	\$9,536,890	\$9,563,857	\$9,468,839	\$9,479,567
Lottery Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
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Total Funds	\$9,536,890	\$9,563,857	\$9,468,839	\$9,479,567
Positions	36	36	36	36
Full-time Equivalent	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00

Overview

The District Attorneys and Their Deputies prosecute criminal offenses and civil forfeitures, assist juvenile courts, advise and represent county officers, and enforce child support orders. The Oregon Constitution establishes district attorneys as state officers. Their duty is to ensure that the laws of the state are enforced and executed faithfully. Overall, the state funds a portion of the total operating expenses of district attorney offices. Local governments provide the additional support required for state criminal prosecutions. State funds are provided for the following purposes:

- Salaries and benefits of the 36 elected district attorneys.
- Special payments to counties on a formula basis to defray the cost of about 300 deputy district attorneys.
- Statute requires the state to partially reimburse counties for witness expenses. The balanced budget, however, does not provide funding for this purpose.

The Department of Justice provides some administrative support and budgeting services.

Balanced Budget

The Governor's balanced budget for the agency is \$9,479,567 General Fund, which is slightly higher than the 2001-03 Legislatively Approved Budget through the Fifth Special Session. The budget fully funds District Attorney costs. State witness expense support is eliminated. Funding available for Deputies is reduced. This budget would force counties to either make up the shortfall from state funding or lay off deputies and reduce the use of witnesses in prosecuting crimes.

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Revenue

The budget is funded entirely with General Fund. The state's budget does not reflect other county funding for this function.