Department of Public Safety

	FY 2025 ACTUAL	FY 2026 ESTIMATE	FY 2027 APPROVED
OPERATING BUDGET			
Full Time Equivalent Positions	2,167.7	2,178.7	2,192.7
Personal Services	143,401,300	156,985,200	158,191,100
Employee Related Expenditures	58,388,800	66,991,800	71,933,100
Professional and Outside Services	5,037,900	5,424,300	5,058,300
Travel - In State	580,800	581,400	581,400
Travel - Out of State	658,100	657,800	657,800
Other Operating Expenditures	51,122,500	54,580,500	50,540,000
Equipment	12,586,000	13,952,800	13,952,800
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	**271,775,400**	**299,173,800** 1/	**300,914,500**
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
ACTIC	2,011,500	3,632,700	2,132,700
Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Fund Deposit	0	1,600,000	0
AZPOST	6,098,600	6,100,000	8,531,200
Border Drug Interdiction	1,963,800 2/	18,103,200	18,480,600
Civil Air Patrol Maintenance and Operations	144,000	250,000	250,000
DPS Crime Lab Assistance	200,000	200,000	0
Fentanyl Prosecution, Diversion and Testing Fund Deposit	0	0	0
GIITEM	20,991,200	26,014,800	26,565,000 3/4/
GIITEM Subaccount	1,608,700	2,396,400	2,430,700
Local Border Support	4,997,000 5/	18,232,900	13,232,900 6/7/
Major Incident Division	8,245,100	16,197,700	16,444,800 8/
Motor Vehicle Fuel	4,528,700	5,454,600	5,454,600
One-Time Vehicle Replacement	0	8,667,500	15,540,300 9/
Pharmaceutical Diversion and Drug Theft Task Force	638,600	668,400	691,200
Public Safety Equipment	2,015,600	2,890,000	2,890,900
Scrap Metal Dealer Enforcement and Compliance	0	0	250,000
Sex Offender Management Board Administration	0	400,000	0
Victims of Crimes Grants	0	0	9,300,000
Yuma County Family Advocacy Center Distribution	0	750,000 10/	0
AGENCY TOTAL	**325,218,200**	**410,732,000**	**423,109,400** 11/12/13/
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	252,390,100	314,026,800	309,788,700
Other Appropriated Funds			
Arizona Highway Patrol Fund	26,962,900	32,726,400	60,258,000
Border Security Fund	0	10,900,000	0
Concealed Weapons Permit Fund	3,202,500	3,393,900	3,439,400
Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund	2,556,100	2,964,300	2,963,800
DPS Forensics Fund	19,093,300	22,512,400	22,510,700
Fingerprint Clearance Card Fund	1,884,100	2,046,400	2,044,700
Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount	1,608,700	2,396,400	2,430,700
Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Enforcement Fund	1,003,300	968,300	964,600
Motorcycle Safety Fund	198,900	198,900	198,900
Parity Compensation Fund	3,156,800	4,549,000	4,532,400
Public Safety Equipment Fund	2,019,600	2,894,000	2,894,900
Risk Management Revolving Fund	1,141,900	1,155,200	1,082,600
State Highway Fund	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000

	FY 2025 ACTUAL	FY 2026 ESTIMATE	FY 2027 APPROVED
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	72,828,100	96,705,200	113,320,700
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	**325,218,200**	**410,732,000**	**423,109,400**
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	65,495,500	64,055,900	64,655,900
Federal Funds	57,508,900	69,697,100	65,257,400
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	448,222,600	544,485,000	553,022,700

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is responsible for the enforcement of state criminal laws and traffic regulations. In addition to the Highway Patrol, DPS operates and maintains statewide communications systems, state crime laboratories and an automated fingerprint identification network, and performs aviation missions, special investigations, and other law enforcement activities.

FOOTNOTES

1/ This appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations. This footnote applies to the $4,750,000 FY 2026 supplemental appropriation from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund included in the budget. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

2/ In addition to the $1,963,800 expended, Laws 2024, Chapter 209, Section 3 amends the FY 2023 General Appropriation Act to allocate $15,444,300 from the non-appropriated Border Security Fund to DPS in FY 2025 for Border Drug Interdiction.

3/ Of the $26,565,000 appropriated to the GIITEM line item, only $1,203,400 is deposited in the GIITEM fund established by section 41-1724, Arizona Revised Statutes, and is appropriated for the purposes of that section. The $1,203,400 is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to the lapsing of appropriations. This state recognizes that states have inherent authority to arrest a person for any immigration violation. (General Appropriations Act footnote, as adjusted for statewide allocations)

4/ Of the $26,565,000 appropriated to the GIITEM line item, $14,711,100 shall be used for one hundred department of public safety GIITEM personnel. The additional staff shall include at least fifty sworn department of public safety positions to be used for immigration enforcement and border security and fifty department of public safety positions to assist GIITEM in various efforts, including:

1. Strictly enforcing all federal laws relating to illegal aliens and arresting illegal aliens.
2. Responding to or assisting any county sheriff or attorney in investigating complaints of employment of illegal aliens.
3. Enforcing Arizona's law known as the Legal Arizona Workers Act, strictly enforcing Arizona's SB 1070, Arizona's "Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act" and investigating crimes of identity theft in the context of hiring illegal aliens and the unlawful entry into this country.
4. Taking strict enforcement action.

Any change in the GIITEM mission or allocation of monies shall be approved by the joint legislative budget committee. The department shall submit an expenditure plan to the joint legislative budget committee for review before expending any monies not identified in the department's previous expenditure plans. (General Appropriations Act footnote, as adjusted for statewide allocations)

5/ In addition to the $4,997,000 expended, Laws 2024, Chapter 209, Section 3 amends the FY 2023 General Appropriations Act to allocate $12,232,900 from the non-appropriated Border Security Fund to DPS in FY 2025 for Local Border Support.

6/ The $13,232,900 appropriated for the local border support line item shall be used to fund local law enforcement officer positions for border drug interdiction to deter and apprehend any individuals who are charged with drug trafficking, human smuggling, illegal immigration and other border-related crimes. The monies shall also be used for grants to cities, towns and counties for costs associated with prosecuting and detaining individuals who are charged with drug trafficking, human smuggling, illegal immigration and other border-related crimes. The department may fund all capital-related equipment. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

7/ On or before September 1, 2026, the department of public safety shall submit an expenditure plan for the local border support line item to the joint legislative budget committee and the governor's office of strategic planning and budgeting. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

8/ This appropriation is a continuing appropriation and is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

9/ The appropriation made for the onetime vehicle replacement line item is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations, until June 30, 2029. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

10/ The appropriation made by Laws 2025, chapter 233, section 77 in fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Yuma county family advocacy center distribution line item is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations. The department must enter into a new agreement with the recipient of the monies appropriated by the Yuma county family advocacy center line item to distribute any remaining funding from the appropriation. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

11/ General Appropriations Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

12/ Any monies remaining in the department of public safety joint account on June 30, 2027 revert to the funds from which they were appropriated. The reverted monies shall be returned in direct proportion to the amounts appropriated. (General Appropriations Act footnote)

13/ Of the amount appropriated in the total appropriation for the department of public safety, $190,242,200 is designated for personal services and $88,349,700 is designated for employee-related expenditures. The department shall submit an expenditure plan to the joint legislative budget committee for review before spending these monies for other than personal services or employee-related expenditures. (General Appropriations Act footnote, as adjusted for statewide allocations)

Operating Budget

The budget includes $300,914,500 and 1,899.4 FTE Positions in FY 2027 for the operating budget. These amounts consist of:

	FY 2027
General Fund	$223,901,300
Arizona Highway Patrol Fund	29,406,400
Concealed Weapons Permit Fund	3,439,400
Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund (CJEF)	2,829,500
DPS Forensics Fund	22,510,700
Fingerprint Clearance Card Fund	2,044,700
Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Enforcement Fund	964,600
Motorcycle Safety Fund	198,900
Parity Compensation Fund	4,532,400
Public Safety Equipment Fund	4,000
Risk Management Revolving Fund	1,082,600
State Highway Fund	10,000,000

Adjustments are as follows:

Emergency Management Grant Support Staff

The budget includes an increase of $472,600 and 5 FTE Positions from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2027 to add grant support staff for emergency management grants. These new positions will provide additional capacity and support to the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) for processing new federal reimbursements.

Lieutenant Governor Security Staff

The budget includes an increase of $705,300 and 2 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2027 to add security personnel for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. This position was created by a 2024 ballot proposition effective January 1, 2027. Of this amount, $281,300 is one-time for equipment related costs.

Named Claimants

The budget includes a decrease of $(366,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the elimination of one-time funding for prior year unpaid claims. *(Please see the Named Claimants discussion in ADOA Other Issues.)*

One-Time Aircraft Maintenance Funding

The budget includes a one-time increase of $2,079,200 from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2027 for one-time aircraft maintenance funding. The funding will be used to cover additional aircraft maintenance needs, including rescue hoist, mast, and bleed valve overhauls, engine overhauls, propeller overhauls, and landing gear overhauls for department aircraft.

Redaction Processing Staff

The budget includes an increase of $446,800 and 5 FTE Positions from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2027 to add staff to assist with processing redaction requests. Of this amount, $131,700 is one-time for equipment related costs.

Wellness Care Program Funding

The budget includes an increase of $1,595,300 from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2027 to establish a wellness and crisis care program intended to provide tailored mental health support for law enforcement. Of this amount, $57,500 is one-time for equipment related costs.

Remove One-Time Microwave Backbone Northern Loop Funding

The budget includes a decrease of $(1,300,000) from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2027 to remove one-time funding for an inflationary increase in costs to upgrade the microwave backbone northern loop.

Remove One-Time Aircraft Maintenance Funding

The budget includes a decrease of $(693,000) from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2027 to remove one-time funding for aircraft maintenance funding.

Remove One-Time Recruitment Funding
The budget includes a decrease of $(150,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 to remove one-time funding for recruitment.

Remove One-Time Supplemental Increase
The budget includes a decrease of $(4,750,000) from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2027 for the removal of an FY 2026 supplemental increase. *(Please see the Other Issues section for further details.)*

Statewide Adjustments
The budget includes an increase of $3,700,500 in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments. This amount consists of:

General Fund	2,950,200
Arizona Highway Patrol Fund	801,600
Concealed Weapons Permit Fund	45,500
Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund (CJEF)	(500)
DPS Forensics Fund	(1,700)
Fingerprint Clearance Card Fund	(1,700)
Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Enforcement Fund	(3,700)
Parity Compensation Fund	(16,600)
Risk Management Revolving Fund	(72,600)

(Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)

ACTIC

The budget includes $2,132,700 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the operation of the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC). Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time ACTIC Increase
The budget includes a decrease of $(1,500,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 to remove one-time additional ACTIC funding.

Created in FY 2005, ACTIC is a joint effort between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to combat terrorism, gang violence, and other crimes through information sharing. The salaries of participants are funded by their respective agencies, but DPS pays for the operational costs of the 40,000 square foot building in which ACTIC is housed. These monies fund those costs.

Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Fund Deposit

The budget includes no funding in FY 2027 for the Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Fund Deposit. Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Fund Deposit
The budget includes a decrease of $(1,600,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 to remove one-time funding for a deposit into the Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Fund.

In the FY 2023 budget, the Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Fund was established and received a $10,000,000 deposit from the Border Security Fund. Those dollars were allocated as follows: 1) $2,000,000 to DPS for the ACTIC line item, and 2) $8,000,000 as grants to local law enforcement agencies.

In the FY 2024 budget, the Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Fund received a $10,000,000 deposit from the General Fund. Those dollars were allocated as follows: 1) $2,000,000 to DPS for the ACTIC line item, and 2) $8,000,000 as grants to local law enforcement agencies, not to exceed $500,000 per agency.

The FY 2026 budget added $1,600,000 from the General Fund to the Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Fund, totaling $21,600,000 in deposited funding since the fund's inception.

The FY 2026 Criminal Justice Budget Reconciliation Bill (BRB) transferred the administration of the Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Fund from DEMA to DPS. The fund is used for grants to local entities for anti-human trafficking efforts.

AZPOST

The budget includes $8,531,200 and 31 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST). Adjustments are as follows:

One-Time AZPOST Reimbursement Funding
The budget includes a one-time increase of $2,045,000 from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2027 for statewide reimbursements to cadets who complete their peace officer certification training.

Statewide Adjustments
The budget includes an increase of $386,200 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments.

Created in 1968, AZPOST consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor. The board was established to address the need for peace officer recruitment, selection, retention and training standards. AZPOST provides the curriculum and standards for all certified law enforcement training facilities. AZPOST services approximately 163 law enforcement agencies encompassing over 14,500 sworn peace officers and 14 police training academies throughout the state.

Border Drug Interdiction

The budget includes $18,480,600 and 58.5 FTE Positions in FY 2027 for Border Drug Interdiction. These amounts consist of:

General Fund	7,580,600
Arizona Highway Patrol Fund	10,900,000

Adjustments are as follows:

One-Time Arizona Highway Patrol Fund Budget Shift
The budget includes a one-time increase of $10,900,000 from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund and a corresponding decrease of $(10,900,000) from the Border Security Fund in FY 2027 for an Arizona Highway Patrol Fund budget shift. This fund shift is intended to continue General Fund savings in FY 2027. The budget's 3-year spending plan restores the General Fund amount in FY 2028.

Statewide Adjustments
The budget includes an increase of $377,400 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments.

The FY 2026 budget included an increase of $10,900,000 from the Border Security Fund and a corresponding decrease of $(10,900,000) from the General Fund in FY 2026 for a two-year fund shift. As noted above, the shift continues in FY 2027 but with a different fund.

The Border Drug Interdiction program is a multi-agency law enforcement task force that targets drug and human trafficking organizations and activities along the Arizona-Mexico border.

Civil Air Patrol Maintenance and Operations

The budget includes $250,000 in FY 2027 for funding of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Maintenance and Operations. These amounts consist of:

General Fund	144,000
Arizona Highway Patrol Fund	106,000

Adjustments are as follows:

One-Time Civil Air Patrol Maintenance Increase
The budget includes a one-time increase of $106,000 from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2027 for additional civil air patrol maintenance and operations funding.

Remove One-Time Civil Air Patrol Maintenance Increase
The budget includes a decrease of $(106,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 to remove one-time additional civil air patrol maintenance and operations funding.

This line item partially offsets the costs of operations and maintenance of aircraft used by CAP to aid in search and rescue and other emergency missions. *(Please see the FY 2018 Appropriations Report for historical funding information.)*

DPS Crime Lab Assistance

The budget includes no funding in FY 2027 for DPS Crime Lab Assistance. Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time DPS Crime Lab Assistance
The budget includes a decrease of $(200,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 to remove one-time funding for DPS crime lab assistance. The FY 2024 budget's 3-year spending plan funded this line item on a one-time basis from FY 2024 through FY 2026.

This line item provides additional funding for the department's crime lab. The accredited crime lab provides forensic analysis of crimes occurring within the department's jurisdiction and on behalf of local governments. DPS has 4 crime labs located in the following cities: Phoenix, Flagstaff, Tucson, and Lake Havasu City.

Fentanyl Prosecution, Diversion and Testing Fund Deposit

The budget includes no funding in FY 2027 for the Fentanyl Prosecution, Diversion and Testing Fund Deposit. This amount is unchanged from FY 2026.

Created by the FY 2024 Criminal Justice Budget Reconciliation Bill (BRB), the non-appropriated fund will be used by the department to allocate to local jurisdictions on a first-come, first-serve basis to assist with costs related to fentanyl prosecution and testing. DPS may use up to $50,000 from the fund for administrative costs. The FY 2026 Criminal Justice BRB extends the fund until June 30, 2027. The FY 2024 budget deposited $3,000,000 into the fund from the General Fund. The department reports expenditures of $2,642,000 from the fund through FY 2025. Since the fund is non-appropriated, these expenditures do not appear in the table above.

GIITEM

The budget includes $26,565,000 and 136.8 FTE Positions in FY 2027 for the Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM). These amounts consist of:

General Fund	26,182,000
Arizona Highway Patrol Fund	383,000

Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of $550,200 in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments. This amount consists of:

General Fund	535,200
Arizona Highway Patrol Fund	15,000

The GIITEM line item is comprised of monies for the following GIITEM functions, including: 1) $10,050,500 for gang enforcement, investigation, and interdiction; 2) $14,711,100 for at least 50 sworn DPS positions to be used for immigration enforcement and border security and up to 50 DPS positions to expand GIITEM's public awareness, investigation, and intelligence efforts; 3) $1,203,400 for local gang and immigration enforcement grants; and 4) $600,000 for crime analysts associated with the state gang intelligence database (GangNet).

Monies deposited in the GIITEM Fund can be used for employer enforcement efforts, smuggling, gang, and immigration enforcement. Local grants are distributed to county sheriffs and do not require further approval by the county board of supervisors. The local entity provides at least 25% of the cost of services.

Permanent law prohibits Maricopa County from receiving any monies from the fund and allocates $500,000 in revenues to Pinal County. The remaining $703,400 may be used for agreements with cities, counties, and other entities at a 3:1 match rate. Pinal County is excluded from the matching requirements.

Prior to distribution every year, DPS must submit an expenditure plan to JLBC for review regarding any monies not identified in the previous expenditure plans. *(For more information, please see the State Immigration Enforcement Assistance to Local Governments program summary on the JLBC website.)*

GIITEM Subaccount

The budget includes $2,430,700 from the GIITEM Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount in FY 2027 for the GIITEM Subaccount, to be used for equipment and supplies for border security. Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of $34,300 from the GIITEM Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments.

The GIITEM Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount receives $4 of a $13 criminal fee. These revenues are estimated to total $1,863,200 in FY 2027. The monies in the GIITEM Subaccount are for border security personnel and public safety equipment. The monies are to be provided directly to county sheriffs without approval by the respective Board of Supervisors.

The JLBC has given a favorable review of an FY 2026 GIITEM Subaccount expenditure plan. The plan includes $420,000 for detention liaison officers, $576,400 for county sheriff deputies and municipal police department officers to augment the GIITEM Task Force's border district unit, and $800,000 for grants to county sheriffs for border security.

Local Border Support

The budget includes $13,232,900 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the costs of Local Border Support. Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Local Border Support Funding

The budget includes a decrease of $(5,000,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 to remove one-time funding for additional Local Border Support.

The Local Border Support program is a multi-agency task force established to target drug and human trafficking organizations and activities along the Arizona-Mexico border. Monies in the line item may be used to fund local law enforcement officer positions for border drug interdiction to deter and apprehend any individuals who are charged with drug trafficking, human smuggling, illegal immigration and other border-related crimes. The monies may also be used for grants to cities, towns and counties for costs associated with prosecuting and detaining individuals who are charged with drug trafficking, human smuggling, illegal immigration, and other border-related crimes.

Major Incident Division

The budget includes $16,444,800 and 60 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the Major Incident Division (MID). Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of $247,100 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments.

MID is charged with conducting independent investigations of critical force incidents. Investigators from the MID, along with the regional law enforcement task force, will investigate these incidents. Critical force incidents are defined as any time a peace officer discharges a firearm as a use of force encounter, any use of deadly force, or any use of force that results in death or serious bodily injury of an individual. Monies from this line item are exempt from the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-190, relating to lapsing of appropriations. The FY 2025 Criminal Justice BRB shifted the MID effective date from FY 2026 to FY 2028. The FY 2027 Criminal Justice BRB shifts the MID effective date from FY 2028 to FY 2029. The department has already hired positions for the new division and the delayed effective date will allow the department to train the personnel in preparation for these duties.

Motor Vehicle Fuel

The budget includes $5,454,600 in FY 2027 for Motor Vehicle Fuel. This amount consists of:

General Fund	4,384,200
Arizona Highway Patrol Fund	936,100
CJEF	134,300

This amount is unchanged from FY 2026.

The Motor Vehicle Fuel line item centralizes monies appropriated to DPS for motor vehicle fuel.

One-Time Vehicle Replacement

The budget includes $15,540,300 from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2027 for the One-Time Vehicle Replacement line item. Adjustments are as follows:

One-Time Vehicle Replacement Funding

The budget includes a one-time increase of $15,540,300 from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2027 to replace vehicles. This funding is expected to replace at least 183 vehicles. The department intends to purchase 47 Highway Patrol vehicles and 136 vehicles for other department functions.

Remove One-Time Vehicle Replacement Funding

The budget includes a decrease of $(8,667,500) from the General Fund in FY 2027 to remove one-time funding to replace vehicles.

The FY 2027 appropriation is exempt from lapsing through FY 2029.

Pharmaceutical Diversion and Drug Theft Task Force

The budget includes $691,200 and 3 FTE Positions from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2027 for the Pharmaceutical Diversion and Drug Theft Task Force. Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of $22,800 from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments.

This line item funds a task force to combat the abuse and trafficking of prescription drugs and inappropriate prescriber behavior.

Public Safety Equipment

The budget includes $2,890,900 from the Public Safety Equipment Fund in FY 2027 for sworn officers. Adjustments are as follows:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of $900 from the Public Safety Equipment Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments.

The Public Safety Equipment Fund receives $4 of a $13 surcharge on fines, violations and penalties for criminal offenses and civil motor vehicle violations. In addition, DPS receives another $4 of the surcharge if its officer issued the citation. These revenue sources are subject to appropriation.

Additionally, the fund receives the first $1,200,000 collected from an assessment of up to $1,500 on driving under the influence (DUI) offenses. This $1,200,000 is not subject to appropriation.

The Public Safety Equipment line item monies can be used to purchase vehicles, protective armor, electronic stun devices and other safety equipment for DPS officers.

Scrap Metal Dealer Enforcement and Compliance

The budget includes $250,000 and 2 FTE Positions from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2027 for the Scrap Metal Dealer Enforcement and Compliance line item. Adjustments are as follows:

Scrap Metal Dealer Enforcement Staffing Funding
The budget includes an increase of $250,000 and 2 FTE Positions from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund in FY 2027 for funding to staff the enforcement and compliance of scrap metal dealers.

This line item provides funding for the department to staff the enforcement and compliance of scrap metal dealers. A.R.S. 44-1641.03 requires the department to register scrap metal dealers in the state. Funding in this line item is intended to assist with costs associated with reviewing and ensuring scrap metal dealers are in compliance with state laws and regulations.

Sex Offender Management Board Administration

The budget includes no funding and 2 FTE Positions in FY 2027 for the Sex Offender Management Board Administration line item. Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Board Administration Funding
The budget includes a decrease of $(400,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 to remove one-time funding to administer the Sex Offender Management Board.

This line item provides funding for the department to administer the Sex Offender Management Board. The board is charged with developing and prescribing standard procedures for evaluating, monitoring and treating sex offenders in the criminal justice system. The appropriation is exempt from lapsing through FY 2027.

Victims of Crimes Grants

The budget includes $9,300,000 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the Victims of Crimes Grants line item. Adjustments are as follows:

Victims of Crimes Grants Funding
The budget includes an increase of $9,300,000 from the General Fund in FY 2027 to provide additional grant funding for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program.

This line item provides funding for the department to backfill the decline in federal funding received from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program. The department grants monies received from the VOCA program to local governments and non-profit organizations that provide assistance to victims of crime through services such as domestic violence shelters and rape crisis centers.

In prior years, this program received one-time federal funds.

Yuma County Family Advocacy Center Distribution

The budget includes no funding in FY 2027 for the Yuma County Family Advocacy Center Distribution line item. Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Yuma County Advocacy Center Distribution
The budget includes a decrease of $(750,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 to remove one-time funding to distribute to Yuma County for a family advocacy center.

This line item included a footnote stating the monies shall be allocated to an advocacy center in Yuma County that has provided support for domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and elderly abuse for at least twenty-five years. The funding is intended to backfill federal funding cuts to the victims of crime act of 1984 (P.L. 98-473; 98 Stat.2170).

The department required the family advocacy center to return any unused FY 2026 monies by the end of the fiscal year. The original intent was for these monies to be distributed to the center without a lapsing requirement. As a result, the FY 2027 budget includes a footnote which makes the FY 2026 appropriation non-lapsing. In addition, the footnote requires the department to enter into a new agreement with the recipient of the monies to distribute the remaining funds available from the FY 2026 appropriation.

Other Issues

This section includes information on the following topics:

- FY 2026 Supplementals
- Statutory Changes
- Long-Term Budget Impacts

FY 2026 Supplemental

The FY 2027 budget includes the following FY 2026 supplemental appropriations:

- $366,040.81 from the General Fund for a one-time named claimants appropriation. *(Please see the operating budget for further details.)*
- $4,750,000 from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund for one-time operating expenses. A footnote makes this appropriation non-lapsing. *(Please see the operating budget for further details.)*

Statutory Changes

The Criminal Justice BRB makes the following statutory change:

- As permanent law, delays the full implementation of the Major Incident Division to FY 2029.

Long-Term Budget Impacts

As part of the FY 2027 budget's 3-year spending plan, the Department of Public Safety's General Fund costs are projected to increase by $10,616,900 in FY 2028 above FY 2027 and remain unchanged in FY 2029 relative to FY 2028. These estimates are based on the removal of one-time funding in FY 2028 and a shift from the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund to the General Fund in the Border Drug Interdiction line item in FY 2028. *(Please see the Border Drug Interdiction line item for further details.)*