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Fiscal 2026 Recommended Budget

Circuit Court

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Courts: Circuit Court

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Fiscal 2026 Agency Overview

Circuit Court Mission

- The Circuit Court for Baltimore City is not an Agency but a separate branch of government under the Maryland Judiciary. It is a State trial court of general jurisdiction and the only court in Baltimore City that conducts jury trials. It is the goal of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City to provide meaningful access to the justice system by the timely, efficient, and fair processing of all cases.

Fiscal 2026 Goals

- Please refer to the “Major Operating Budget Highlights” under the slide titled Service 817 – Circuit Court



Service 817 - Circuit Court

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Prioritizing Our Youth

FY26 Rec. Budget

\$30,458,643

FY26 Rec. Positions

134

Service Description

- This service is a part of the Judiciary of Maryland, a co-equal branch of government established by Article IV of the State Constitution of Maryland to preside over the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

Major Operating Budget Highlights

- \$2.2 million for daily juror compensation. The Recommended Budget maintains funding to continue providing a \$30/day stipend to jurors, which was increased in Fiscal 2024.
- Allocating \$165,000 for various facility and maintenance costs at the courthouses.
- Allocating \$270,000 for additional staff to support a newly create Judge who will help to facilitate cases associated with the City's vacant properties. The budget includes funding for the creation of these positions, and they will be formally created following adoption of the Fiscal 2026 budget.
- Funding an additional Operations Specialist II in the Fiscal 2026 budget. The agency also transfers a Court Secretary II position from the General Fund to State Funds.



Questions & Discussion



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