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RE: FOIL Records Request of January 26, 2026, Reference # R000054-012626

Dear Elena Sassower,

The NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services received a FOIL request from you on January 26, 2026. You requested:

**“TO: Records Access Officer/Division of Criminal Justice Services
Records Access Officer/Division of the Budget**

Governor Hochul’s FY2026-27 Aid to Localities Budget Bill S.9003/A.10003 reads, at p. 92:

**“For grants to counties for district attorney salaries. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 10 and 11 of section 700 of the county law or any other law to the contrary, for state fiscal year 2026-27 the state reimbursement to counties for district attorney salaries shall be distributed according to a plan developed by the commissioner of criminal justice services, and approved by the director of the budget (20244)
4,212,000”**

Pursuant to FOIL, request is made for the referred-to “plan prepared by the commissioner of criminal justice services and approved by the director of the budget” – including records identifying the plan’s dollar reimbursement for district attorney salaries to each county and the date the “plan” was “developed” and “approved”.

Pursuant to Public Officers Law §89.3, your responses/acknowledgments are required

“within five business days” of your receipt of this request.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director
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Please be advised that your FOIL request seeks documents related to the FY26-27 NYS Budget which has not yet passed. Thus, the Division has no responsive records to provide until that budget is passed, and the Plan is prepared and approved by the Director of the Budget.

Pursuant to Public Officers Law §89(4)(a), you may appeal this determination within thirty days to the Counsel, Division of Criminal Justice Services, 80 South Swan St., Albany, NY 12210 or by email at foil@dcjs.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [FOIL Records Access Center](#).

