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REGULAR MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026 | 12:00 PM
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AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PROOF OF DUE NOTICE OF MEETING:** April 15, 2026
April 20, 2026
- III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**
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VIRTUAL MEETING

Monday, April 20, 2026 at 4:00 PM via ZOOM
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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Attendance
- III. Introduction of New Members
- IV. Review of Minutes of 02/02/2026
- V. Old Business
 - A. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with UOG
 - B. Notice of Award (NOA) - review for New Members
- VI. New Business – Proposed travel
- VII. Discussion
- VIII. Adjournment

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 January 14, 2026 Regular Meeting
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 A. GPD NCHIP-Funded Digitization Project
 B. eCourt, eSupervision Case Management System Upgrades
 C. GPD Law Enforcement Records Management System (LERMS) Upgrades
 D. Technology Grant Updates
 E. Virtual Computerized Criminal History System Status and Procurement of New Criminal History System
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 A. Agency Updates – Ongoing Technology Initiatives
 B. Notice of the Next Meeting – mid-July 2026
- VII. COMMUNICATIONS
- VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION
- IX. ADJOURNMENT
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**BEFORE THE 2026 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC26- 005**

RELATIVE TO THE DECLARATION OF LAW DAY AND LAW MONTH

- WHEREAS,** each year, on May 1st, the American Bar Association (“ABA”) celebrates Law Day, to commemorate the importance of the rule of law and recognizes its importance in maintaining justice, equality, and liberty. It serves as an opportunity to reflect on the legal system, understand the rule of law, and engage in discussions about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship; and
- WHEREAS,** for 2026, the ABA selected the theme for Law Day as “The Rule of Law and the American Dream”; and
- WHEREAS,** while Americans may hold different versions of the American Dream, each version depends on a legal system that is stable, trusted, and grounded in fairness; and
- WHEREAS,** the Judiciary of Guam has historically followed the ABA tradition, and intends to recognize Law Day on May 1, 2026, and to celebrate Law Month from April 1 to May 16, 2026; and
- WHEREAS,** Law Month provides a unique opportunity to help promote the understanding of the rule of law by holding events important to the legal community, such as the State of the Judiciary Address; the Supreme Court of Guam Outreach Oral Argument; fairy tale mock trial plays performed by students in the courtrooms of the Judiciary of Guam; the Jump for Justice fitness event; the Guam Girl Scouts Justice Patch; the presentation of the 2026 Hostisia Award; and the Race Judicata 5K, a collaborative and unified effort to raise funds for charitable purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Judicial Council, in uniformity with the ABA, does hereby proclaim May 1, 2026 as Law Day, and April 1 to May 16, 2026 as Law Month. The Judicial Council invites the people of Guam to these events to celebrate and reflect on the rule of law in Guam and how we all share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice.

DULY ADOPTED this 1st day of April 2026.

F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO
Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Guam
Member, Judicial Council of Guam

KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
Chief Justice of Guam
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Administrative Hearing Officer



BEFORE THE 2026 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

RESOLUTION NO. JC26-

**RELATIVE TO RATIFYING JC RESOLUTION 26-005
RELATIVE TO THE DECLARATION OF LAW DAY AND LAW MONTH**

WHEREAS, Judicial Council Resolution No. JC26-005 declaring Law Day and Law Month was signed by all members of the Judicial Council along with all judicial officers of the Judiciary of Guam and presented at the Joint Proclamation-Resolution signing on April 1, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. JC26-005 proclaiming May 1, 2026 as Law Day and April 1, 2026 to May 16, 2026 as Law Month is hereby **RATIFIED**.

DULY ADOPTED this 22nd day of April 2026 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

KATHERINE A. MARAMAN, Chair

Dated: _____

ATTEST:

Shelterihna T. Alokoa, Executive Secretary

Dated: _____



BEFORE THE 2026 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

RESOLUTION NO. JC26-

**RELATIVE TO APPROVING THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM BUDGET FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Judiciary of Guam Budget was presented by the Administrator of the Courts and the Chief Financial Officer in the form of a Budget Summary at the Judicial Council's duly noticed meeting of April 22, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Judiciary of Guam Budget Summary and Budget Digest was reviewed, discussed, and considered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fiscal Year 2027 Judiciary of Guam Budget, the 2027 Budget Summary and Budget Digest as shown in the attached Exhibit A and Exhibit B, respectively is hereby approved by the Judicial Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Justice and Administrator of the Courts are authorized to finalize all remaining supporting documentation relative to the Fiscal Year 2027 Judiciary of Guam Budget consistent with the Budget Summary marked as Exhibit A and Budget Digest marked as Exhibit B and need not present such documentation to the Judicial Council for further approval.

DULY ADOPTED this 22nd day of April 2026 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

KATHERINE A. MARAMAN, Chair

Dated: _____

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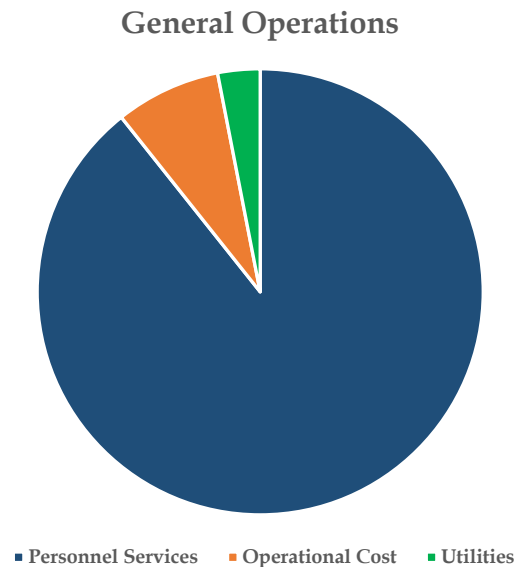
Shelterihna T. Alokoa, Executive Secretary

Dated: _____

Summary of General Fund Request

Expenditure	FY 2027 Request
Personnel services	39,151,908
Operational cost	3,342,193
Utilities	1,346,724
Total for General Operations	43,840,825
Below the line:	
Electronic Monitoring (EM) Program	1,000,000
Guam Criminal Law and Procedure Review Commission (CLRC)	378,845
Adult & Juvenile Drug Courts (ADC/JDC)	553,521
Total Request Amount	45,773,191

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I. FY 2027 Summary of General Fund Budget Request

Expenditure Type	Request for General Operations (Above-the-Line)	Request for Electronic Monitoring Program (Below-the-Line)	Request for Guam Criminal Law and Review Procedure Commission (Below-the-Line)	Request for Adult Drug Court & Juvenile Drug Court (Below-the-Line)	Total General Fund Budget Request	
Personnel Services:						
Regular salary & increment	\$ 26,651,438	497,157	266,667	228,365	27,643,626	
Meritorious pay	324,616	11,866	-00	-00	336,482	
Hazardous	306,754	15,387	-00	-00	322,141	
Night Differential	31,031	6,155	-00	-00	37,185	
Overtime	-00	30,774	-00	-00	30,774	
Retirement	8,087,031	152,627	81,867	70,108	8,391,632	
Medical insurance	2,702,578	50,616	13,463	47,432	2,814,089	
Dental insurance	480,901	9,772	2,696	6,949	500,318	
Medicare Tax	396,051	8,139	3,867	3,311	411,368	
DC Death & Disability	98,615	1,483	494	1,483	102,075	
Life insurance	72,894	1,462	457	914	75,728	
Wellness Benefits	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	
Total Personnel Services	39,151,908	785,439	369,510	358,561	40,665,418	88.84%
Operational Cost:						
Contractual Services	2,344,161	195,110	7,335	166,000	2,712,607	
Jury Stipend/Stipend	550,000	-00	2,000	-00	552,000	
Supplies & Materials	303,257	14,031	-00	27,400	344,688	
Personnel Development	72,922	-00	-00	-00	72,922	
Drug Testing	20,280	-00	-00	-00	20,280	
Jury Subsistence	20,000	-00	-00	-00	20,000	
Court Appointed Fees / Pro Temp	17,500	-00	-00	-00	17,500	
Equipment	2,623	1,000	-00	-00	3,623	
Travel/Off-island Escort	1,700	-00	-00	-00	1,700	
Capital Outlay	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	
Miscellaneous/Others	9,750	-00	-00	-00	9,750	
Total Operational Cost	3,342,193	210,141	9,335	193,400	3,755,070	8.20%
Utilities:						
Power	1,128,600	-00	-00	-00	1,128,600	
Phone/Cable/Internet	114,796	4,420	-00	1,560	120,776	
Water/Sewer/Waste	103,328	-00	-00	-00	103,328	
Total Utilities	1,346,724	4,420	-00	1,560	1,352,704	2.96%
Total Amount	\$ 43,840,825	1,000,000	378,845	553,521	45,773,191	
	4.30%	0.10%	0.04%	0.05%	4.48%	

GF amount available for appropriation per the Exec. Budget 1,020,702,139

II. Calculation Method

Personnel Services:	
Regular salary & increment	Gross pay is calculated as the hourly rate multiplied by the number of working days in fiscal year 2027. The cost of prorated increments is calculated based on effective dates, assuming that the eligible employee receives a minimum rating of satisfactory.
Merit pay	For budget calculation and projection purposes, meritorious pay is estimated at 3.5% of the annual salary at the adjusted rate for eligible employees. In FY 2025, approximately 70% of eligible personnel received a "Superior" rating. For cost estimation purposes, merit payments are calculated by multiplying 75% of the total estimated merit payment by the estimated pay for all eligible employees.
Overtime	No overtime amounts are requested for general operations, CLRC, or ADC/JDC supplemental. The overtime budget is only requested for the EM program. Overtime, hazardous, and night differential supplemental pays were estimated using hours provided by division managers. The hours submitted and requested were scrutinized to meet the historic trend in supplemental pay costs.
Hazardous	
Night Differential	
Retirement	The retirement contribution benefit cost is calculated using a rate of 30.70%; a decrease of 3.15% from the FY 2026 rate of 33.85%. This rate is based on BBMR Circular No. 26-03, FY 2027 Budget Call.
Medical insurance	Medical insurance benefit costs were estimated using the FY 2026 premium rates, with a projected 10% increase. The insurance plan used for vacant positions is PPO 1000 Class 3.
Dental insurance	Dental insurance benefit costs were estimated using the FY 2026 premium rates, with a projected 10% increase. The insurance plan used for vacant positions is Dental 1000 Class 3.
Medicare Tax	The Medicare tax contribution benefit cost is calculated using a rate of 1.45%.
Life insurance	The life insurance benefit cost is calculated using a rate of \$7.03 per pay period. This rate is based on BBMR Circular No. 26-03, FY 2027 Budget Call.
DC Death & Disability	The DC death & disability insurance benefit cost is calculated using a rate of \$19.01 per pay period. This rate is based on BBMR Circular No. 26-03, FY 2027 Budget Call.
Wellness Benefits	No current estimate is provided.

Operational Cost and Utilities

Contractual Services	Budgeted amounts are estimated through collaboration with all division managers and a review of prior year expenses.
Capital Outlay	
Court Appointed Fees / Pro Temp	
Drug Testing	
Equipment	
Indirect Cost	
Interpreter / Transcriber Fees	
Investigator Claims	
Jury Stipend	
Jury Subsistence	
Miscellaneous/Others	
Personnel Development	
Principal and interest payment	
Supplies & Materials	
Travel/Off-island Escort	
Utilities:	
Power	
Water/Sewer/Waste	
Phone/Cable/Internet	

III. Percentage of appropriations and FY 2027 request amounts from the total general fund amount available for appropriations, FY 2027 to FY 2027

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
	Appropriated	Appropriated	Appropriated	Request
Amount for general operations	40,392,729	42,972,146	43,185,852	43,840,825
Total Amount for General Operations	40,392,729	42,972,146	43,185,852	43,840,825

Below-the-Line:				
Amount for Electronic Monitoring Program	690,000	868,157	868,157	1,000,000
Amount for Guam Criminal Law & Procedure Review	378,845	378,845	378,845	378,845
Amount for Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts due to no undetermined federal grants support. ¹	-00	-00	574,291	553,521
Total Amount for Below-the-Line	1,068,845	1,247,002	1,821,293	1,932,366

Amounts for the Judiciary	41,461,574	44,219,148	45,007,145	45,773,191
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	<i>P.L. 37-42</i>	<i>P.L. 37-125</i>	<i>P.L. 38-60</i>	<i>Gov's Exec. Budget</i>
Amount available for appropriation	812,294,755	906,464,877	949,391,696	1,020,702,139

Percentage of Judiciary's approved allotment/request for general operations (WITHOUT the "Below-the-Line" amount)	4.97%	4.74%	4.55%	4.31%
Percentage of Judiciary's approved allotment/request on combined total (WITH "Below-the-Line" amount)	5.10%	4.88%	4.74%	4.48%

¹ Although the ADC and JDC programs are not funded through a separate appropriation and are currently supported within the Judiciary's general fund allocation, the Judiciary is presenting this request separately to enhance transparency. The main driver is the uncertainty surrounding future federal grant funding.

IV. History of budget requests and approved allotments, FY 2024 to FY 2026

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Requested for general operations	41,276,874	43,654,792	44,355,376
Requested for Electronic Monitoring Program	690,000	868,157	886,921
Requested for Guam Criminal Law & Procedure Review	378,845	378,845	378,845
Requested for Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts due to no undetermined federal grants support. ¹	-00	-00	581,977
Total Requested	42,345,719	44,901,794	46,203,119

Amount for general operations	40,392,729	42,972,146	43,185,852
Amount for Electronic Monitoring Program	690,000	868,157	868,157
Amount for Guam Criminal Law & Procedure Review	-00	378,845	378,845
Requested for Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts due to no undetermined federal grants support. ¹	-00	-00	574,291
Appropriated Funding	41,082,729	44,219,148	45,007,145

Difference from total request	(1,262,990)	(682,646)	(1,195,974)
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¹ Although the ADC and JDC programs are not funded through a separate appropriation and are currently supported within the Judiciary's general fund allocation, the Judiciary is presenting this request separately to enhance transparency. The main driver is the uncertainty surrounding future federal grant funding.

V. FY 2027 General Fund Budget Request vs. FY 2026 General Fund Budget Authorized

Expenditure Type	FY 2026 Budget Authorized		FY 2027 Budget Request		Increase (decrease) from	
					Amount (\$)	Total Percentage (%)
Personnel Services	39,065,078	90%	39,151,908	89%	86,830	0.22%
Operational Cost	2,759,980	6%	3,342,193	8%	582,214	21.09%
Utilities	1,360,794	3%	1,346,724	3%	(14,070)	-1.03%
Total Amount for General Operations	43,185,852		43,840,825		654,974	1.52%
Below the line-EM Program	868,157		1,000,000		131,843	15.19%
Below the line-GCLPR Commission	378,845		378,845		(0)	0.00%
Below the line-ADC & JDC	574,291		553,521		(20,770)	-3.62%
Total Amount for Below the Line	1,821,293		1,932,366		111,073	6.10%
Total Requested Amount	45,007,145		45,773,191		766,046	1.70%
% from GF available for appropriation	4.74%		4.48%			
GF available for appropriation	949,391,696		1,020,702,139			
	<i>P.L. 38-60</i>		<i>Gov's Exe. Budget</i>			

VI. FY 2027 General Fund Budget Request vs. FY 2026 General Fund Budget Authorized – Breakdown of Increase (Decrease)

Expenditure Type	FY 2026 Budget Authorized	FY 2027 Budget Request	Increase (decrease) from FY 2026 authorized budget level															
			Increase (decrease)	%	Organic increase (decrease) in personnel costs				Supplemental	Added Position for EM	Other increase (decrease)							
					Gross pay	Retirement	Medicare, DDI, & Life Insurance	Medical & Dental Insurance	Supplemental (Merit, HZ & ND)	Added: 1 PO II and 2 PSAs	Additional IT Cybersecurity support	Added IT Softwares	NCS lease (increase)	Jury Stipend	Added budget for legal services	Net change in other services & supplies budget	Utilities	
Personnel Services	39,065,078	39,151,908	86,830	0.22%	371,268	(704,103)	9,738	405,637	4,290									
Operational Cost	2,759,980	3,342,193	582,214	21.09%							195,135	163,159	105,120	50,000	15,000	53,800		
Utilities	1,360,794	1,346,724	(14,070)	-1.03%													(14,070)	
Total Amount for General Operations	43,185,852	43,840,825	654,974	1.52%	371,268	(704,103)	9,738	405,637	4,290	-00	195,135	163,159	105,120	50,000	15,000	53,800	(14,070)	
					57%	-108%	1%	62%	1%	0%	30%	25%	16%	8%	2%	8%	-2%	
										13%							87%	
Below the line:																		
Below the line-EM Program	868,157	1,000,000	131,843	15.19%	3,784	(10,572)	(1,006)	(5,139)	(39,081)	201,157						(17,301)	-00	
					3%	-8%	-1%	-4%	-30%	153%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-13%	0%	
										113%							-13%	
Below the line-GCLPR Commission	378,845	378,845	(0)	0.00%	9,815	(5,078)	142	(3,244)	-00							(1,635)	-00	
Below the line-ADC/JDC Supplemental	574,291	553,521	(20,770)	-3.62%	-00	(7,193)	(494)	7,860	-00							(20,943)	-00	
Total Amount for Below the Line	1,821,293	1,932,366	111,073	6.10%	13,599	(22,843)	(1,358)	(523)	(39,081)	201,157	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	(39,879)	(0)	
Combined Total	45,007,145	45,773,191	766,046	1.70%	384,867	(726,946)	8,380	405,114	(34,791)	201,157	195,135	163,159	105,120	50,000	15,000	13,921	(14,070)	
					50%	-95%	1%	53%	-5%	26%	25%	21%	14%	7%	2%	2%	-2%	
										31%							69%	

Breakdown of Increases (Decreases)

General Operations

- **Personnel Services - \$86,830**

The FY 2027 budget maintains the same authorized position count as FY 2026, consisting of 403.5 full-time positions and 20 Volunteer Deputy Marshal Reserve positions.

The total personnel services budget request reflects a net increase of \$86,830, or 0.22%, above the FY 2026 funding level. The nominal increase is driven by scheduled salary increments (\$371,268), the anticipated rise in health insurance premiums (\$405,637), and other personnel-related costs (\$14,028). Fortunately, in accordance with BBMR Circular No. 26-03, the retirement contribution rate is projected to decrease by 3.15%, from 33.85% to 30.70%. This reduction helps mitigate the organic increases in personnel costs, resulting in an estimated downward adjustment of \$704,103.

- **Operational Costs**

Additional Information Technology (IT) Cybersecurity Support - \$195,135

The Judiciary continues to expand its technology infrastructure, and recent modernization efforts have increased reliance on secure, up-to-date systems. The proposed \$195,135 budget increase will primarily support updates to existing licenses, such as Office 365, and cover rising costs for enhanced cybersecurity features. Ongoing cybersecurity monitoring, data protection, and vulnerability mitigation are essential to daily operations. These investments are critical to securing the Judiciary's systems and maintaining stable and secure IT operations.

Additional IT Software - \$163,159

Technology remains central to nearly every aspect of the Judiciary's day-to-day operations. As modernization continues, additional platforms and tools are needed to further streamline processes and strengthen case management. The additional funding will support the acquisition of new IT solutions designed to improve efficiency and enhance the quality of case proceedings. These planned investments include For the Record (FTR) software upgrades, data warehouse subscriptions, AI bench tools, and expanded e-signature solutions. Together, these tools will enhance operational effectiveness, improve workflow accuracy, and support more timely and reliable case processing.

Northern Court Satellite (NCS) Expansion - \$105,120

Management is actively pursuing plans to expand services at the NCS facility. The additional funding will support further evaluation and sustainment of this initiative. More specifically, the plan aims to increase the presence of probation services on site, making them more accessible and convenient for the surrounding community.

Jury Fees - \$50,000

The additional funding request of \$50,000 supports the increased costs associated with growing jury activity. The current daily juror stipend is \$30.

Legal Services and Others - \$68,800

The Judiciary is currently engaged in several legal matters, which has driven the increase in the legal services budget by \$15,000. In addition, the remaining budget increase of \$53,800 reflects the net changes across supplies and other operational services. Each fiscal year, all budget items are carefully reviewed to assess actual utilization and determine whether adjustments are necessary. When appropriate, allowances are included to account for inflation and to ensure that essential resources and services remain adequately funded.

- **Utilities – (\$14,070)**

The overall utilities budget request is \$14,070 lower than the FY 2026 funding level. Each fiscal year, all budget items are carefully reviewed to assess actual utilization and determine whether adjustments are necessary. While some increases were included to account for anticipated utility cost fluctuations, the net decrease is primarily the result of a lower negotiated rate for VOIP services.

Electronic Monitoring (EM) Program

- **Personnel Services - \$149,144**

The FY 2027 budget for the EM Program includes eight full-time positions, an increase of three from the FY 2026 level. For the existing five positions, the net organic change is a decrease of \$52,014. Minor increases from scheduled salary increments (\$3,784) were offset by reductions in fringe benefits (\$16,717) and a decrease in supplemental pay (\$39,081), primarily for overtime.

A total of \$201,157 is requested to fund three additional positions. After careful evaluation, the EM Unit determined that added staffing is necessary to meet operational demands and reduce officer burnout. The request includes one Probation Officer II and two Probation Services Assistants to help manage increasing assessment workloads and improve workload distribution. Beginning in 2026, mandatory eligibility screenings will be implemented to ensure that all candidates are evaluated fairly and uniformly, expanding access where appropriate while maintaining community safety. The EM Unit continues to face challenges related to participant violations, reinforcing the need for adequate staffing to maintain effective supervision, timely response to alerts, and overall program integrity.

- **Others – (\$17,301)**

Each fiscal year, all budget items are reviewed to assess actual utilization and determine whether adjustments are necessary. This net decrease is a minimal reduction to contractual services budget and equipment budget.

Guam Criminal Law and Procedure Review

Given the magnitude of the statutory review, ongoing resource constraints, and the limited availability of members and volunteer participants, it is unlikely that the Commission will be able to complete its full mandate by the current statutory deadline of January 2027. Accordingly, the Commission is requesting additional time and funding for one full fiscal year to complete its work.

For FY 2027, the Judiciary has included the following requests on behalf of the Commission:

- An annual appropriation of \$378,845, consistent with the FY 2026 funding level; and
- A recommendation to amend 1 GCA § 25.03(c) to extend the reporting deadline to **September 30, 2027**, ensuring the Commission has sufficient time to complete its mandate thoroughly and responsibly.

Adult Drug Court (ADC) and Juvenile Drug Court (JDC)

Although funding for ADC and JDC programs is not separately appropriated and is currently included within the Judiciary's general fund allocation, the management has opted to present this request separately for greater transparency. The primary driver of this request is the uncertainty surrounding the availability of federal grant support. While recent developments indicate a potential new opportunity for federal grant funding, significant uncertainty remains regarding future federal allocations. This uncertainty poses serious challenges to the long-term sustainability of the drug court programs and the critical services they provide. In response, the Judiciary has included a dedicated below-the-line budget request in the FY 2027 Budget.

The total request for the temporary supplement in FY 2027 is \$553,521, a 3.21% decrease from the FY 2026 allocation of \$581,977. This decrease is mainly due to reduced treatment services costs and transportation expenses.

Consistent with the FY 2026 funding level, the request includes support for the following:

- Adult Drug Court: Limited-term positions for one Drug Court Coordinator and two Case Managers; residential treatment services; peer recovery support; counseling services; additional drug testing needs; and related supplies and services.
- Juvenile Drug Court: Two limited-term Probation Services Assistants, drug testing materials and services, and other essential supplies to support program operations.

VII. Summary of General Fund Amounts, FY 2025 to FY 2027

	A	B	C	D=C-B	D/B
Expenditure Type	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request	Diff (%)	%
Personnel Services:					
Regular salary & increment	\$ 24,071,751	26,280,171	26,651,438	371,268	1.41%
Meritorious pay	210,036	338,116	324,616	(13,501)	-3.99%
Hazardous	281,294	293,799	306,754	12,955	4.41%
Night Differential	24,905	26,195	31,031	4,835	18.46%
Overtime	248,334	-00	-00	-00	
Retirement	7,563,557	8,791,133	8,087,031	(704,103)	-8.01%
Medical insurance	2,158,002	2,356,044	2,702,578	346,534	14.71%
Dental insurance	394,248	421,799	480,901	59,103	14.01%
Medicare Tax	348,177	390,605	396,051	5,446	1.39%
DC Death & Disability	77,405	94,414	98,615	4,201	4.45%
Life insurance	65,839	72,803	72,894	91	0.13%
Wellness Benefits	-00	-00	-00	-00	
Total Personnel Services	35,443,550	39,065,078	39,151,908	86,830	0.22%
Operational Cost:					
Contractual Services	1,719,097	1,774,672	2,344,161	569,490	32.09%
Jury Stipend/Stipend	494,160	500,000	550,000	50,000	10.00%
Supplies & Materials	222,185	295,644	303,257	7,613	2.58%
Personnel Development	23,499	124,060	72,922	(51,138)	-41.22%
Drug Testing	12,741	11,000	20,280	9,280	84.36%
Jury Subsistence	10,639	20,000	20,000	-00	0.00%
Court Appointed Fees / Pro Temp	6,751	17,500	17,500	-00	0.00%
Equipment	369,826	6,354	2,623	(3,731)	-58.72%
Travel/Off-island Escort	103,736	1,700	1,700	-00	0.00%
Capital Outlay	1,204,114	-00	-00	-00	
Miscellaneous/Others	7,142	9,050	9,750	700	7.73%
Total Operational Cost	4,173,889	2,759,980	3,342,193	582,214	21.09%
Utilities:					
Power	908,481	1,158,326	1,128,600	(29,726)	-2.57%
Water/Sewer/Waste	49,977	50,118	103,328	53,210	106.17%
Phone/Cable/Internet	102,074	152,350	114,796	(37,554)	-24.65%
Total Utilities	1,060,532	1,360,794	1,346,724	(14,070)	-1.03%
Total Amount for General Operations	40,677,970	43,185,852	43,840,825	654,974	1.52%
Below the line:					
Electronic Monitoring Program	733,308	868,157	1,000,000	131,843	15.19%
Guam Criminal Law & Procedure Review	334,429	378,845	378,845	(0)	0.00%
Adult Drug Court & Juvenile Drug Court	-00	574,291	553,521	(20,770)	-3.62%
Total Amount for Below the Line	1,067,737	1,821,293	1,932,366	111,073	11.57%
Combined Total	\$ 41,745,707	45,007,145	45,773,191	766,046	1.70%

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949,391,696	1,020,702,139
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VIII. FY 2027 General Operations, Breakdown of Personnel Services by Division

Division	Personnel Count	Salary	Prorated Increment	Meritorious pay	Overtime	Night differential	Hazardous pay	Retirement 30.70%	Medicare Tax 1.45%	DDI Insurance	Life Insurance	Medical Insurance	Dental Insurance	Total
SUPREME COURT														
Justices' Chamber & Legal Writing	12	1,312,057	7,403	-00	-00	-00	-00	405,074	19,132	3,460	2,193	52,984	12,817	1,815,122
Appellate Courts & Ministerial	5	365,880	1,963	2,230	-00	-00	-00	112,928	5,366	1,977	914	22,710	6,660	520,629
Comprehensive Lawyer Regulatory System	2	189,716	130	-00	-00	-00	-00	58,283	2,753	989	366	28,426	4,292	284,953
Office of the Public Guardian	5	384,547	10,805	4,653	-00	-00	-00	121,373	5,800	989	914	30,746	4,849	564,675
Office of the Compiler of Laws	3.5	332,827	2,124	3,549	-00	-00	-00	102,830	4,908	989	640	20,563	5,967	474,397
SUPERIOR COURT														
Judges' Chambers	42	3,705,720	30,458	2,095	-00	-00	-00	1,088,886	54,205	13,345	7,677	232,639	40,869	5,175,893
Courts & Ministerial	78	3,969,831	46,681	72,848	-00	1,169	-00	1,233,069	59,313	23,230	14,440	602,943	101,469	6,124,994
Judicial Hearings - Child Support	7	159,221	622	1,502	-00	86	344	49,072	2,346	504	435	11,136	2,265	227,533
Administrator of the Courts	9	1,003,639	17,115	-00	-00	-00	-00	313,371	14,801	2,966	1,645	55,071	10,863	1,419,470
Court Programs	7	508,866	4,459	6,851	-00	-00	-00	157,591	7,543	1,977	1,279	21,408	8,169	718,144
Financial Management	18	1,097,202	9,376	17,909	-00	888	-00	339,720	16,318	6,920	3,290	92,225	17,753	1,601,602
Human Resources	12	806,344	4,115	5,666	-00	523	-00	248,811	11,841	3,460	2,193	90,817	14,056	1,187,826
Information Technology	11	825,240	12,440	2,764	-00	-00	-00	257,168	12,186	1,483	2,011	81,360	13,508	1,208,160
Procurement	11	673,568	6,852	10,764	-00	-00	-00	208,889	10,022	3,460	2,011	56,729	13,111	985,405
Facilities Management	16	628,718	11,831	13,426	-00	2,812	-00	196,648	9,523	6,425	2,924	151,923	21,490	1,045,721
Client Services & Family Counseling	13	977,643	11,091	13,581	-00	-00	-00	303,541	14,534	2,471	2,285	82,039	15,167	1,422,352
Marshal	79	4,519,810	68,586	80,198	-00	11,531	295,193	1,408,638	72,142	11,368	14,440	553,647	98,422	7,133,975
Probation	64	4,155,329	62,484	74,682	-00	12,794	10,235	1,294,869	62,575	11,121	11,789	446,177	76,859	6,218,913
Sex Offender Registry	1	76,379	891	2,061	-00	-00	-00	23,722	1,150	-00	183	13,028	2,019	119,433
Drug & Therapeutic Courts	0	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00
Adult Drug Court	1	71,347	685	1,931	-00	273	219	22,114	1,080	494	183	2,263	780	101,369
Juvenile Drug Court	1	94,983	267	2,571	-00	364	291	29,242	1,428	-00	183	10,837	1,738	141,903
Veteran Treatment Court	1	38,190	-00	-00	-00	91	73	11,724	556	247	91	5,418	702	57,093
Mental Health Court	3	196,752	4,457	5,334	-00	264	211	61,771	3,002	494	548	24,457	5,072	302,362
Therapeutic Services	0	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00
DWI Drug Court	2	122,792	-00	-00	-00	234	187	37,697	1,787	247	261	13,031	2,006	178,243
Reentry Court	0	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00
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TOTAL FULL TIME EMPLOYEE (FTE)	403.5	26,216,601	314,837	324,616	-00	31,031	306,754	8,087,031	394,311	98,615	72,894	2,702,578	480,901	39,030,168
Marshal-VDMR	20	120,000	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	1,740	-00	-00	-00	-00	121,740
COMBINED TOTAL	423.50	26,336,601	314,837	324,616	-00	31,031	306,754	8,087,031	396,051	98,615	72,894	2,702,578	480,901	39,151,908

IX. FY 2027 General Operations, Breakdown of Operational Cost & Utilities by Division

A. Combined Total (B+C)

Division	FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request	Increase (decrease)
SUPREME COURT			
Justices' Chamber & Legal Writing	\$2,022,336	\$1,996,566	\$(25,770)
Appellate Courts & Ministerial	\$543,568	\$538,132	\$(5,436)
Comprehensive Lawyer Regulatory System	\$380,482	\$311,091	\$(69,391)
Office of the Public Guardian	\$592,791	\$570,697	\$(22,094)
Office of the Compiler of Laws	\$471,769	\$475,437	\$3,668
SUPERIOR COURT			
Judges' Chambers	\$5,317,690	\$5,229,383	\$(88,308)
Courts & Ministerial	\$6,188,857	\$6,183,735	\$(5,122)
Judicial Hearings - Child Support	\$255,638	\$249,964	\$(5,674)
Jury Trust Fund	\$545,413	\$595,973	\$50,560
Administrator of the Courts	\$1,308,410	\$1,544,018	\$235,608
Court Programs	\$720,127	\$720,252	\$125
Financial Management	\$1,664,861	\$1,622,660	\$(42,202)
Human Resources	\$1,202,194	\$1,277,178	\$74,984
Information Technology	\$2,264,913	\$2,593,058	\$328,144
Procurement	\$993,540	\$1,008,357	\$14,817
Facilities Management	\$2,724,704	\$2,877,541	\$152,837
Client Services & Family Counseling	\$1,465,804	\$1,431,589	\$(34,214)
Marshal	\$7,060,544	\$7,220,318	\$159,774
Marshal-VDMR	\$126,740	\$125,740	\$(1,000)
Probation	\$6,399,418	\$6,329,304	\$(70,114)
Sex Offender Registry	\$118,581	\$119,633	\$1,051
Drug & Therapeutic Courts			
Adult Drug Court	\$116,848	\$116,869	\$21
Juvenile Drug Court	\$156,973	\$163,153	\$6,181
Veteran Treatment Court	\$62,799	\$57,093	\$(5,706)
Mental Health Court	\$298,954	\$304,842	\$5,889
Therapeutic Services			
DWI Drug Court	\$181,899	\$178,243	\$(3,656)
Reentry Court	\$-00	\$-00	\$-00
COMBINED TOTAL	\$43,185,852	\$43,840,825	\$654,974

B. Personnel Services

FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request	Increase (decrease)
\$1,823,766	\$1,815,122	\$(8,644)
\$526,065	\$520,629	\$(5,436)
\$344,344	\$284,953	\$(59,391)
\$587,979	\$564,675	\$(23,304)
\$471,179	\$474,397	\$3,218
\$5,225,956	\$5,175,893	\$(50,063)
\$6,130,640	\$6,124,994	\$(5,647)
\$233,173	\$227,533	\$(5,640)
\$-00	\$-00	\$-00
\$1,197,075	\$1,419,470	\$222,395
\$719,227	\$718,144	\$(1,083)
\$1,645,389	\$1,601,602	\$(43,787)
\$1,125,424	\$1,187,826	\$62,401
\$1,315,627	\$1,208,160	\$(107,467)
\$971,822	\$985,405	\$13,584
\$978,708	\$1,045,721	\$67,013
\$1,456,566	\$1,422,352	\$(34,214)
\$6,990,162	\$7,133,975	\$143,814
\$121,740	\$121,740	\$-00
\$6,297,333	\$6,218,913	\$(78,420)
\$118,381	\$119,433	\$1,051
\$101,348	\$101,369	\$21
\$141,723	\$141,903	\$181
\$62,799	\$57,093	\$(5,706)
\$296,754	\$302,362	\$5,609
\$181,899	\$178,243	\$(3,656)
\$-00	\$-00	\$-00
\$39,065,078	\$39,151,908	\$86,830

C. Operational Cost & Utilities

FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request	Increase (decrease)
\$198,570	\$181,444	\$(17,125)
\$17,503	\$17,503	\$-00
\$36,138	\$26,138	\$(10,000)
\$4,812	\$6,022	\$1,210
\$590	\$1,040	\$450
\$91,735	\$53,490	\$(38,245)
\$58,217	\$58,742	\$525
\$22,465	\$22,431	\$(34)
\$545,413	\$595,973	\$50,560
\$111,334	\$124,547	\$13,213
\$900	\$2,108	\$1,208
\$19,472	\$21,057	\$1,585
\$76,770	\$89,353	\$12,583
\$949,286	\$1,384,897	\$435,611
\$21,718	\$22,951	\$1,233
\$1,745,996	\$1,831,820	\$85,824
\$9,237	\$9,237	\$-00
\$70,382	\$86,342	\$15,960
\$5,000	\$4,000	\$(1,000)
\$102,085	\$110,391	\$8,306
\$200	\$200	\$-00
\$15,500	\$15,500	\$-00
\$15,250	\$21,250	\$6,000
\$-00	\$-00	\$-00
\$2,200	\$2,480	\$280
\$-00	\$-00	\$-00
\$-00	\$-00	\$-00
\$4,120,774	\$4,688,917	\$568,144

X. FY 2027 Electronic Monitoring

Category	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request	Increase (decrease) from FY 2026 authorized
Personnel Services	366,703	372,510	497,157	124,647
Supplemental Pay	59,841	95,140	64,182	(30,958)
Benefits	171,340	168,645	224,100	55,455
Operational Cost	132,025	227,441	210,141	(17,300)
Utilities	3,398	4,420	4,420	-00
Total	733,308	868,156	1,000,000	131,844

A. Breakdown of Personnel Services

Division	Personnel Count	Salary	Prorated Increment	Meritorious pay	Overtime	Night differential	Hazardous pay	Retirement 30.70%	Medicare Tax 1.45%	DDI Insurance	Life Insurance	Medical Insurance	Dental Insurance	Total
Probation-Electronic Monitoring	8	492,538	4,618	11,866	30,774	6,155	15,387	152,627	8,139	1,483	1,462	50,616	9,772	785,439
TOTAL FULL TIME EMPLOYEE (FTE)	8	492,538	4,618	11,866	30,774	6,155	15,387	152,627	8,139	1,483	1,462	50,616	9,772	785,439

B. Breakdown of Operational Cost & Utilities

Expenditure Account	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request	Increase (decrease) from FY 2026 authorized
Operational Cost				
Dues & Subscription	-00	-00	200	200
Firearms & Security Accessories (targets)	45	10,000	7,500	(2,500)
Firearms & Security Equipment	-00	500	1,000	500
Fuel & Lubricants	1,501	7,000	4,981	(2,019)
Furniture & Equipment (less \$5,000)	100	-00	-00	-00
Office Supplies & Materials	276	350	350	-00
Professional / Consultant Services	129,103	208,592	194,910	(13,682)
Uniforms (Work Clothing & Shoes)	1,000	1,000	1,200	200
Utilities				
Telephone / Internet	3,398	4,420	4,420	-00
Total Amount	135,423	231,862	214,561	(17,301)

XI. FY 2027 Guam Criminal Law & Procedures Review

Category	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request	Increase (decrease) from FY 2026 authorized
Personnel Services	216,619	256,852	266,667	9,815
Supplemental Pay	-00	-00	-00	-00
Benefits	81,604	111,023	102,843	(8,180)
Operational Cost	36,207	10,971	9,335	(1,635)
Utilities	-00	-00	-00	-00
Total	334,429	378,845	378,845	(0)

A. Breakdown of Personnel Services

Division	Personnel Count	Salary	Prorated Increment	Meritorious pay	Overtime	Night differential	Hazardous pay	Retirement 30.70%	Medicare Tax 1.45%	DDI Insurance	Life Insurance	Medical Insurance	Dental Insurance	Total
Guam Criminal Law & Procedure Review	2.5	262,712	3,954	-	-	-	-	81,867	3,867	494	457	13,463	2,696	369,510
TOTAL FULL TIME EMPLOYEE (FTE)	2.5	262,712	3,954	-00	-00	-00	-00	81,867	3,867	494	457	13,463	2,696	369,510

B. Breakdown of Operational Cost & Utilities

Expenditure Account	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request	Increase (decrease) from FY 2026 authorized
Operational Cost				
Ads, Duplicating, Printing	2,912	3,000	2,500	(500)
Dues & Subscription	5,961	5,221	4,835	(385)
Equipment Maintenance	-00	500	-00	(500)
Furniture & Equipment (less \$5,000)	1,495	-00	-00	-00
Office Supplies & Materials	1,343	250	-00	(250)
Personnel Development	-00	-00	-00	-00
Professional / Consultant Services	23,496	-00	-00	-00
Softwares / Computer Supplies	-00	-00	-00	-00
Stipend Pay	1,000	2,000	2,000	-00
Total Amount	36,207	10,971	9,335	(1,635)

XII. FY 2027 Adult and Drug Courts, Breakdown of Personnel Services by Division

Adult Drug Court

Category	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request	Increase (decrease) from FY 2026 authorized
Personnel Services	-00	167,813	167,813	-00
Supplemental Pay	-00	-00	-00	-00
Benefits	-00	93,432	83,012	(10,420)
Operational Cost	-00	197,903	181,200	(16,703)
Utilities	-00	-00	780	780
Total	-00	459,147	432,804	(26,342)

Juvenile Drug Court

Category	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request	Increase (decrease) from FY 2026 authorized
Personnel Services	-00	60,552	60,552	-00
Supplemental Pay	-00	-00	-00	-00
Benefits	-00	36,592	47,185	10,593
Operational Cost	-00	18,000	12,200	(5,800)
Utilities	-00	-00	780	780
Total	-00	115,144	120,717	5,573

A. Breakdown of Personnel Services

Division	Personnel Count	Salary	Prorated Increment	Meritorious pay	Overtime	Night differential	Hazardous pay	Retirement 30.70%	Medicare Tax 1.45%	DDI Insurance	Life Insurance	Medical Insurance	Dental Insurance	Total
Adult Drug Court	3	167,813	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	51,518	2,433	989	548	23,937	3,586	250,824
Juvenile Drug Court	2	60,552	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	18,589	878	494	366	23,495	3,363	107,737
TOTAL FULL TIME EMPLOYEE (FTE)	5	228,365	-00	-00	-00	-00	-00	70,108	3,311	1,483	914	47,432	6,949	358,561

B. Breakdown of Operational Cost & Utilities

Adult Drug Court

Expenditure Account	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request	Increase (decrease) from FY 2026 authorized
Operational Cost				
Counseling Services	-00	47,013	48,000	988
Professional / Consultant Services	-00	135,890	118,000	(17,890)
Testing Materials	-00	15,000	15,000	-00
Uniforms (Work Clothing & Shoes)	-00	-00	200	200
Utilities				
Telephone / Internet	-00	-00	780	780
Total Amount	-00	197,903	181,980	(15,923)

Juvenile Drug Court

Expenditure Account	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request	Increase (decrease) from FY 2026 authorized
Operational Cost				
Other Services	-00	6,000	-00	(6,000)
Testing Materials	-00	12,000	12,000	-00
Uniforms (Work Clothing & Shoes)	-00	-00	200	200
Utilities				
Telephone / Internet	-00	-00	780	780
Total Amount	-00	18,000	12,980	(5,020)

**PART II: SPECIAL APPROPRIATION
REQUEST AND SPECIAL FUNDS (NON-
APPROPRIATED)**

I. Special Appropriation for Court-Ordered and Voluntary Referral for Family Visitation (Erica’s House)

Description	FY 2026 Authorized Budget (P.L. 38-60)	FY 2027 Request	Increase (decrease)
Family Visitation Center (Erica’s House) Contact expires on Sep 2027	\$ 29,993	\$ 139,150	\$ 109,157

II. Judicial Building Fund (non-appropriated), FY 2027 Operational Budget

A. Summary of FY 2027 Budget Request

The total budget request for FY 2027 is \$1,268,068, which is \$50,000 higher than the authorized FY 2026 level. This increase is due to an increased debt obligation resulting from the recent interest rate adjustment. The request also includes \$100,000 for the maintenance of the Guam Police Department Forensic Lab building.

Expenditure Account	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request	Increase (decrease) from FY 2026 authorized
Operational Cost				
Equipment Maintenance	-00	25,000	25,000	-00
Furniture & Equipment (less \$5,000)	-00	7,500	7,500	-00
Maintenance Equipment	-00	10,000	10,000	-00
Misc Others (GPD)	-00	100,000	100,000	-00
Other Services	-00	75,000	75,000	-00
Principal and Interest	-00	750,000	800,000	50,000
Principal and Interest Loan Interest	411,179	-00	-00	-00
Principal and Interest Loan Principal	248,861	-00	-00	-00
Professional / Consultant Services Buildi	-00	50,000	50,000	-00
Real Property & Bldg Lease	200,526	200,568	200,568	-00
Repair, Remodel, Alteration BLDG > \$1	107,884	-00	-00	-00
Total Amount	968,450	1,218,068	1,268,068	50,000

B. Pro Forma Statements for Projected Year Ending September 30, 2026

Judicial Building Fund Pro Forma Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

	FY 2024 ACTUAL	FY 2025 ACTUAL	Projected for FYE 2026		
			Amount as of 4/2026	Encumbrances & Projections	Projected for YE 9/30/2026
Revenues					
Fines and forfeits	\$ 516,392	1,034,081	540,281	540,281	1,080,561
Licenses, Fees, and Permits	604,930	1,713,549	781,685	781,685	1,563,370
Other	7,011	(10,573)	3,284	3,284	6,568
Total Revenues	1,128,333	2,737,058	1,325,250	1,325,250	2,650,499
Expenditures					
Repair, Remodel, Alteration	519,122	107,884	-	117,548	117,548
Real Property & Bldg Lease	200,526	200,526	109,884	90,642	200,526
Debt service:					
Principal	236,789	248,861	125,831	300,299	426,130
Interest	423,251	411,179	236,265	93,874	330,139
Others:					
Misc Others (GPD Forensic Lab)	77,969	-	377,558	74,672	452,230
Misc Others (OAG)	267,516	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	1,725,173	968,450	849,539	677,035	1,526,573
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(596,840)	1,768,608			1,123,926
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfer out to JCSF(P.L. 37-125)	-	(1,255,914)	-	(1,151,208)	(1,151,208)
Total other financing sources (uses):	-	(1,255,914)	-	(1,151,208)	(1,151,208)
Net change in fund balance (deficit)	(596,840)	512,694	-	(1,151,208)	(27,282)
Fund Balance - Beginning	2,760,715	2,163,875			2,676,568
Fund Balance - Ending	2,163,875	2,676,568			2,649,286

III. Judicial Client Services Fund (non-appropriated), FY 2027 Operational Budget

One major area historically supported by the Judicial Client Services Fund (JCSF) is the Private Attorney Panel (PAP) program. Previously administered by a Standing Committee of the Supreme Court of Guam, the program officially transitioned to the Public Defender Service Corporation (PDSC) on October 1, 2025, pursuant to P.L. 38-48. Under this transition, the Judiciary was required to process all remaining PAP billings submitted on or before December 31, 2025.

During the closeout period, management experienced a significantly higher volume of invoices than anticipated. In the final weeks before the deadline, projected costs nearly doubled, placing unexpected and substantial pressure on the fund. As previously communicated, it became evident that the JCSF could not sustain the PAP program without major changes to revenue or program structure—an issue that was ultimately confirmed during the program’s final billing cycle. Based on current fiscal year-end trends, the fund may experience a deficit, making cost-containment measures or increased collections necessary to maintain stability.

The total budget request for FY 2027 is \$674,082. The decrease of \$438,656 from the prior year primarily reflects the transition of the PAP program away from JCSF responsibility. Management’s goal moving forward is to stabilize the fund and subsequently address other key initiatives supported by JCSF. The fund continues to cover costs associated with forensic evaluation work, including both personnel and contractual services. It also supports three personnel in the Language Assistance Program, along with interpreter services. Additionally, the fund supports transcription services to meet the rising demand driven by increased indigent defense appeal filings.

IV. Summary of Judicial Client Fund Services Amounts, FY 2025 to FY 2027

A. Summary of FY 2027 Budget Request

Category	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request	Increase (decrease) from FY 2026 authorized
Personnel Services	236,017	241,823	245,253	3,430
Supplemental Pay	2,571	2,479	-00	(2,479)
Benefits	111,429	120,722	118,145	(2,577)
Operational Cost	1,966,008	747,714	310,684	(437,030)
Utilities	-00	-00	-00	-00
Total	2,316,026	1,112,738	674,082	(438,656)

B. Breakdown of Personnel Services

Personnel Expenditures Type	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request	Increase (decrease) from FY 2026 authorized
Salary	236,017	238,867	244,526	5,658
Prorated Increment	-00	2,956	727	(2,229)
Meritorious pay	2,403	2,479	-00	(2,479)
Overtime	165	-00	-00	-00
Hazardous	-00	-00	-00	-00
Night Differential	4	-00	-00	-00
Retirement	71,685	81,857	75,293	(6,564)
Medicare Tax	3,301	3,542	3,556	14
DDI Insurance	496	494	494	-00
Life Insurance	642	640	640	-00
Medical Insurance	28,612	29,541	32,936	3,395
Dental Insurance	6,693	4,648	5,226	579
Total	350,017	365,024	363,398	(1,626)

C. Breakdown of Operational Costs

Expenditure Account	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Authorized	FY 2027 Request	Increase (decrease) from FY 2026 authorized
Operational Cost				
Counseling Services	4,500	5,000	45,000	40,000
Court Appointed Fees / Pro Temp	1,630,160	500,000	-00	(500,000)
Dues & Subscription	1,527	1,527	1,527	-00
Interpreter / Transcriber Fees	148,072	114,987	125,000	10,013
Investigator Claims	34,460	-00	-00	-00
Misc Others	-00	1,200	5,000	3,800
Professional / Consultant Services	147,289	125,000	134,157	9,157
Total Amount	1,966,008	747,714	310,684	(437,030)

D. Pro Forma Statements for Projected Year Ending Year Ending September 30, 2026

Judicial Client Services Fund Pro Forma Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

	FY 2024 ACTUAL	FY 2025 ACTUAL	Projected for FYE 2026		
			Amount as of 4/2026	Encumbrances & Projections	Projected for YE 9/30/2026
Additions:					
Transfer in from other funds	\$ -	1,255,914	-	1,151,208	1,151,208
Licenses, Fees, and Permits	1,459,491	7,872	8,567	8,567	17,134
Other	-	17,643	76	76	151
Total Additions	1,459,491	1,281,428	8,643	1,159,851	1,168,494
Deductions:					
Personnel Services:					
Regular Salary & Incr	150,008	236,017	122,173	119,650	241,823
Overtime	286	165	-	-	-
Night Differential	40	4	1	99	100
Merit pay	2,315	2,403	-	2,479	2,479
Retirement	43,427	71,685	41,271	40,586	81,857
Medicare Tax	1,996	3,301	1,694	1,748	3,442
Life Insurance	529	642	327	313	640
Hospital Insurance	31,313	28,612	15,111	14,430	29,541
Dental Insurance	6,278	6,693	3,442	1,206	4,648
Defined Contribution Death & Disability	496	496	253	241	494
Other Expenditures:					
Court Appointed Fees / Pro Temp	1,573,743	1,630,160	911,829	-	911,829
Interpreter / Transcriber Fees	121,906	148,072	89,614	40,386	130,000
Counseling Services	17,400	4,500	300	4,675	4,975
Investigator Claims	30,074	34,460	7,243	-	7,243
Professional / Consultant Services	24,780	147,289	75,332	77,475	152,807
Dues & Subscription	1,527	1,527	-	-	-
Off-Island Training	-	-	-	-	-
Total Deductions	2,006,118	2,316,026	1,268,591	303,287	1,571,877
Change in net position	(546,627)	(1,034,597)			(403,383)
Net position at beginning of year	1,948,399	1,401,772			367,175
Net position at year-end	1,401,772	367,175			(36,209)

V. Other Special Programs included in the Budget

A. Supreme Court of Guam

1. Board of Law Examiners
2. Compiler of Law Fund
3. Comprehensive Lawyer Regulatory System
4. Continuing Education and Morale, Recreation & Welfare Program

B. Superior Court of Guam

1. Criminal Justice Records Improvement Program
2. Diversion Program
3. Drug Treatment Enforcement Program
4. DWI Alcohol Treatment Program
5. Equitable Sharing Programs
6. Fingerprint & Firearms Processing Program
7. Jury Trust Fund
8. Safe Streets Fund
9. Sex Offender Registry
10. Special Process Server Program



BEFORE THE 2026 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

RESOLUTION NO. JC26-

RELATIVE TO JURISDICTIONAL LIMIT FOR SMALL CLAIMS COURT

WHEREAS, pursuant to 7 GCA § 4202, the Judiciary of Guam, Small Claims Court, is a court of limited jurisdiction and provides that “[a]ny person having a claim of \$10,000 or less may apply for relief through the Small Claim Division”;

WHEREAS, Title 7 GCA § 4208, entitled “Mandatory Annual Review of Jurisdictional Limits” provides that “[i]n April of each year commencing with 1990, the Judicial Council shall consider the adjustment of the jurisdictional limits for Small Claims Division, and may adjust upwards the jurisdiction limits of the amount of claims allowed in the Small Claims Division based upon increases in the cost of living indices prepared by the Guam Department of Commerce and the United States government, and based upon the availability of attorneys to take small claims cases”;

WHEREAS, as mandated by 7 GCA § 4208, the Superior Court of Guam Clerk of Court reviewed and examined the information and statistical data captured from small claims cases filed with the Small Claims Court in 2025 and jurisdictional amounts applicable to courts in other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Superior Court of Guam Clerk of Court recommends that the small claims jurisdictional limit remain the same.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after a review of the small claims jurisdictional limit made pursuant to 7 GCA § 4208, the Judicial Council, at this time, agrees not to take action relative to the small claims jurisdictional limit.

DULY ADOPTED this 22nd day of April 2026 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

KATHERINE A. MARAMAN, Chair

Dated: _____

ATTEST:

Shelterihna T. Alokoa, Executive Secretary

Dated: _____



BEFORE THE 2026 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

RESOLUTION NO. JC26-

**RELATIVE TO PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2026
AS TREATMENT COURT MONTH**

WHEREAS, treatment courts represent one of the most compassionate and effective responses to addiction and behavioral health challenges in the history of the American justice system, offering more than 1.5 million individuals served through over 4,000 programs nationwide, a chance not only to avoid incarceration, but to reclaim their lives, their families, and their futures; and

WHEREAS, these courts consistently demonstrate improved treatment engagement, reduced recidivism, and significant cost savings when compared to traditional criminal justice approaches; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts strengthen communities by supporting educational advancement, employment stability, safe housing, and financial independence, while also promoting family reunification, reducing foster care placements, and increasing the likelihood that infants are born free from the effects of substance exposure; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts foster collaboration among public health agencies, law enforcement, service providers, and community partners, creating a coordinated response to addiction and behavioral health challenges; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts save an average of more than \$6,000 for every individual they serve, while generating significant economic benefits for communities through reduced incarceration costs, increased tax revenues, fewer foster care placements, and lower costs associated with victimization; and

WHEREAS, the Superior Court of Guam launched its first Drug Court in 2002 under Guam Public Law 26-125, and has since expanded to eight specialty courts that collectively support hundreds of participants and have celebrated more than 1,200 graduates; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Drug Court (ADC) provides intensive treatment and counseling services to help participants with their substance misuse disorders and aims to provide intensive treatment and counseling services; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) involves juvenile cases with a drug or alcohol offense and utilizes evidence-based risk assessment tools, drug treatment services, hearings, random testing, group counseling sessions, life skills workshops, and recreational therapy sessions; and

WHEREAS, the Family Violence Court addresses all criminal felony and misdemeanor cases with a family violence charge and provides individual and group counseling; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Court (MHC) strives to provide sustainable and adequate treatment for adult defendants who are mentally impaired or developmentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) assists justice-involved veterans, diverting them from incarceration into treatment, judicial monitoring, and supervision; and

WHEREAS, the Driving While Intoxicated Treatment Court (DWITC) serves eligible defendants charged with Driving While Impaired and Driving Under the Influence offenses and aims to improve the quality of life of participants by providing supervised holistic treatment to reduce recidivism and increase public safety

WHEREAS, the Guam Adult Reentry Court Program (GARC) equips individuals transitioning from incarceration or parole with the tools, skills, and support necessary to successfully reintegrate into the community; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Family Recovery Program (GFRP) aims to promote the health, safety, and welfare of children from abuse and neglect where parental substance misuse is a factor and seeks to strengthen families by providing collaborative, culturally respectful, and family-centered treatment and services through increased judicial oversight; and

WHEREAS, the national organization All Rise recognizes May as National Treatment Court Month to highlight the life-changing impact of treatment courts and their role in breaking cycles of addiction, crime, and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the Judiciary of Guam honors Treatment Court Month through community outreach, educational activities, and wellness events that promote awareness of treatment court programs and encourage healthy, substance-free lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts embody a powerful truth: when one person rises from addiction, trauma, and despair, we all rise—families grow stronger, communities become safer, and hope takes root where it once seemed impossible.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Judiciary of Guam hereby proclaims May 2026 as Treatment Court Month, and encourages the people of Guam to use this occasion to reflect on the positive changes brought by treatment courts to our island community.

DULY ADOPTED this 22nd day of April 2026 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

KATHERINE A. MARAMAN, Chair

Dated: _____

ATTEST:

Shelterihna T. Alokoa, Executive Secretary

Dated: _____



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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Chairperson of the Judicial Council

TO: All Superior Court Judges

DATE: April 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Annual Reporting Pursuant to Justice Safety Valve Act; Please respond by May 4, 2026

In accordance with 9 GCA § 80.39.3 and the Justice Safety Valve Act, the Judicial Council will publish its annual report on departures from mandatory minimum sentences on May 7, 2025. The statute requires judges to report any departures from mandatory minimum sentences, and it requires the Judicial Council to post an annual online report showing the number of such departures for each Superior Court judge.

To enable the Judicial Council to fulfill this statutory obligation, please provide the number of cases in which you departed from mandatory minimum sentences during the period from April 30, 2025, through April 29, 2026.

Kindly return the attached form, on your official letterhead, to the Judicial Council Executive Secretary, Ms. Shelterihna Alokoa, no later than May 4, 2026.

Thank you,

KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
Chairperson

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson of the Judicial Council

FROM: Judge _____

DATE:

SUBJECT: 2026 Mandatory Justice Safety Act Reporting Form

MANDATORY JUSTICE SAFETY VALVE ACT REPORTING FORM

This form is submitted to the Judicial Council pursuant to the reporting requirements of the Justice Safety Valve Act and 9 GCA § 80.39.3. The number of cases below departed from the mandatory minimum sentence during the period of time indicated below.

Reporting Period	Number of Cases that Departed from the Mandatory Minimum Sentence
April 30, 2025 to April 29, 2026	

Submitted by:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



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PRESIDING JUDGE

April 21, 2026

TO: Judicial Council Members
FROM: Sophia Santos Diaz, Designated Staff Attorney
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation at the
Judicial Council Regular Meeting of April 22, 2026

Pursuant to 5 GCA § 8111(c)(1), I recommend that the Judicial Council hold an executive session at its regular meeting scheduled for April 22, 2026, for the limited purpose of discussing the following ongoing legal matters:

- *Douglas B. Moylan vs. Supreme Court of Guam and San Agustin, et al. District Court Civil Case Number 1:26-cv-00007; and*
- *Douglas B. Moylan vs. Supreme Court of Guam and Ybanez, et al., District Court Civil Case Number 1:26-cv-00008.*

Pursuant to Section 8111(c)(1), an affirmative vote of the Judicial Council will be necessary to hold this executive session.

Submitted for your consideration.

SOPHIA SANTOS DIAZ
Designated Staff Attorney

CC: Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts