

Department of Administration
FY26 Midyear Status Report

Item No.	Appropriation / Allocation	Description	Amount / Fund Source	LFD Questions
1	Office of Information Technology / Licensing, Infrastructure & Servers	Rising Software and Contract Costs from Increased Usage and Inflation	\$529.0 Info Svc (Other) Inc	Is there a way to project ongoing increases in OIT licensing and other inflationary software costs based on historical growth? Does OIT have a hardware capital investment plan with projected hardware replacement schedules and costs estimates?
Agency Response OIT projects licensing and software cost growth annually as part of the budget process, using historical spending, vendor pricing information, and anticipated service demand. Requested increases reflect costs that cannot be absorbed without affecting essential statewide services. OIT maintains a multi-year lifecycle replacement approach for critical infrastructure, with projected replacement needs reviewed and updated as part of the budget process.				
2	Legal and Advocacy Services / Office of Public Advocacy	Fund Overtime Eligibility for Guardian ad Litem and Public Guardian Positions working on Child in Need of Aid Casework	\$450.0 Gen Fund (UGF) Inc	Please describe how overtime eligibility has been implemented? What amount of overtime is actually being realized in FY26 to date? Will expected overtime expenses be at, below or in-line with the funding level provided?
Agency Response OPA could easily expend these funds given the high overtime needs of the Public Guardians and Guardians ad Litem. However, OPA is currently projecting a deficit in its services line due to the high volume of criminal trials occurring. Given the serious nature of the fiscal situation, OPA instructed both sections to reduce overtime shortly after the start of FY26. All overtime requests on an agency wide basis are being closely scrutinized. OPA is utilizing all cost saving measures given the fiscal forecast and only spent approximately \$80.0 from July 1 through December 31, 2025.				

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3	Legal and Advocacy Services / Public Defender Agency	Contractual Assistance to the Municipality of Anchorage for Municipal Misdemeanor Cases	\$1,571.6 Stat Desig (Other) Inc	Please provide the level of contractual assistance being provided with the MOA in FY26. Is this in-line with recent years? Does this assistance divert resources from the Public Defender Office that impact any necessary State services?
<p>Agency Response</p> <p>The Public Defender Agency has entered a contract as permitted by state statute to provide legal representation to criminal defendants charged under the Anchorage Municipal Code and appointed a lawyer by the court. This is a revenue neutral contract funded by the Municipality of Anchorage. It is a new program which is about to enter its second year of operation and the receipt authority in the coming year is in line with the previous year's request. The program operates within the budget set by the contract, meaning the Municipality of Anchorage pays for the program.</p> <p>This program does not divert resources impacting other necessary state services. The Public Defender Agency has successfully recruited a new pool of attorneys for the program, including for conflict cases. All cases in the program are misdemeanors, so it has been an ideal vehicle for recruitment and training of new attorneys. If anything, this program has enhanced other necessary state services by improving recruitment and training.</p>				