



Vermont Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs

Memorandum

To: Representative Trevor Squirrell

Cc: Representative Martin LaLonde

From: Tim Lueders-Dumont, SAS Executive Director

Date: 2/13/26

Re: FY25 Carry Forward Detail and other related HAC Follow-Up Concerning SAS FY 27 Priorities

Per your request for info on 2/12/26. The Vermont Dept. of Finance and Management approved FY25 Carry Forward funds into our FY26 Budget as follows:

State's Attorneys \$664,153.51 available	FY26 Pay Act funding \$265,153.51 Dept. required to assist with pay act funding	FY26 Non-Pay Act (i.e. operational expenses \$399,000.00 (see notes)	Total CF Approved \$664,153.51	Reversion \$0	Notes \$135K project mgmt. for criminal case mgt transition.; \$60K prior year expenses; \$204K ADS SharePoint overages
Victim Advocates \$178,355.26	\$178,355.26 Pay Act	\$0	\$178,355.26	\$0	All CF went to Pay Act
SIU \$444,765.26	\$34,000.00 Pay Act	\$410,000.00 reimbursement to State Risk Management	\$444,000.00	\$765.25	Litigation settlement vis-à-vis Board decision
Sheriffs \$1,219.08	\$0	\$1,219.00 allocated to mileage	\$1,219.00	\$0	Sheriffs ended the fiscal year with only \$1,219.00

Regarding FY27 SAS budget priorities, see below.

SAS Priority #1: Elimination of Vacancy Savings to avoid reduction of SAS staff:

State's Attorneys: \$330,392

Victim Advocates: \$147,470

Sheriffs: \$139,235

SAS Priority #2: Operating Expenses:

Requesting \$100,000 over and above the Governor's recommend to address critical SAS operational gaps, with a particular focus on mental health experts for competency and hospitalization matters in homicide cases. This allocation would also assist

in covering Transport Deputy overtime driven by the increase in jury trials, in-person hearings, and the potential for additional accountability court time and backlog efforts.

SAS Priority #3: Cost estimates if additional positions are awarded:

All salary and benefit costs are inclusive of projected union contract settlement impact for FY27. Salary estimates below were calculated using actual internal/comparable salaries within title, for an estimate.

- Payroll costs were average salary at 40 hours per week, plus FICA, FMLI, life ins, childcare tax, EAP.
- Benefit costs were retirement, dental LTD, and average cost for State insurance.
 - ✓ SAS Victim Advocates: \$144,968 per employee (4 requested)
 - ✓ SAS Legal Assistants: \$130,961 per employee (3 requested)
 - ✓ SAS Secretaries: \$124,680 per employee (3 requested)

If you have questions on the figures, please reach out to us.