

NMDOJ

FY26 Budget Overview

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Enterprise Model Budget Philosophy

The NMDOJ is in the unique position to win substantial settlements for New Mexicans while also dramatically reducing its operating budget impact on the General Fund. Every dollar invested in the NMDOJ is multiplied and returned to the state several times over.

- Over \$100M recovered by NMDOJ for New Mexico since January 2023
- Another \$134M in payments legally due for future years

Towards a Virtuous Cycle

FY26 Budget Highlights

Budget Increase Supported by CSF

Flat budget for P625 Legal Services as to General Fund sources. The entire base increase for the P625 Legal Services request sourced solely from existing and unrestricted NMDOJ fund balances in the Consumer Settlement Fund.

Build Institutional Capacity

- 8 new attorneys
- 9 new legal assistants/paralegals/analysts
- 8 new sworn special agents
- 2 new civil investigators
- 3 new constituent support personnel

Support Complex Litigation

An increase in other costs is designed to support litigation expenses, especially transcription, expert witnesses, and discovery costs.

Recruit & Retain Legal Talent

Fully fund pay increases related to a NM State Personnel reclassification of attorneys. With the funding and reclassification NMDOJ can be more competitive to recruit and retain legal talent.

High Level Overview

From BFM Rollup - S-8 Financial Summary

	FY2025 Opbud	FY2026 Request Base	FY2026 Request Expansion	FY2026 Proposed Increase	FY2026 Proposed % Increase
200 - Personnel	\$29,590,300	\$35,294,400	\$-	\$5,704,100	19.28%
300 - Contractual Services	\$1,103,800	\$1,244,000	\$-	\$140,200	12.70%
400 - Other Costs	\$6,662,800	\$7,438,200	\$-	\$775,400	11.64%
Overall (P625 & P626)	\$37,356,900	\$43,976,600	\$-	\$6,619,700	17.72%

Thank you.

