

Tompkins County

District Attorney

2021 Budget Presentation

# Recommended Budget

|                    | <b>2020<br/>Total<br/>Adopted</b> | <b>2020<br/>Modified</b> | <b>2021<br/>Target</b> | <b>2021 Rec.<br/>OTR's</b> | <b>2021 Total<br/>Rec.</b> | <b>\$ Change</b> | <b>% Change</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| EXPENDITURE        | 2,081,467                         | 2,096,399                | 1,792,103              | 270,425                    | 2,062,528                  | -18,939          | -0.91%          |
| REVENUE            | -102,671                          | -102,671                 | -102,671               | 0                          | -102,671                   | 0                | 0.00%           |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>1,978,796</b>                  | <b>1,993,728</b>         | <b>1,689,432</b>       | <b>270,425</b>             | <b>1,959,857</b>           | <b>-18,939</b>   | <b>-0.96%</b>   |

# Full-Time Equivalents

| <b>2018</b>  | <b>2019</b>  | <b>2020</b>  | <b>2021 Target</b> | <b>2021 Rec.</b> | <b># Change</b> | <b>% Change</b> |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>13.50</b> | <b>13.50</b> | <b>16.18</b> | <b>13.30</b>       | <b>15.18</b>     | <b>-1.00</b>    | <b>-6.78</b>    |

# Over-Target Requests Supported by the Recommended Budget

| Page # | OTR # | Priority | Req. OTR  | Req. Source | Rec. OTR  | Rec. Source | Purpose                        |
|--------|-------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 4-59   | 10    | 1        | \$84,789  | One-Time    | \$84,789  | One-Time    | Confidential Investigator      |
| 4-59   | 28    | 2        | \$103,780 | Target      | \$103,780 | Target      | Restore Funding for ADA 1      |
| 4-60   | 78    | 3        | \$81,856  | Target      | \$81,856  | Target      | Restoration of Operating Funds |

# Major Influences – 2020/2021

- Police Reform
- Discovery Reform
- Bail Reform
- COVID-19
- Third County Court Judge
- Addition of City Wellness & Recovery Court and future County Wellness & Recovery Court (CPL 730)
- Raise the Age
- LEAD in 2021???

# Attorney Staff

1 – District Attorney

1 – Deputy District Attorney

5 – Assistant District Attorney Level 4

1 – Assistant District Attorney Level 2

***1 OPEN Assistant District Attorney Level 1 Position***

# Model County for ATIs?

*How many times have you heard that a budget reflects the morals of a community?*

**National Standard is 1 prosecutor per 10,000 residents**

Prosecutors per capita:

1 per 11,539 if fully staffed at 9 attorneys.

1 per 12,981 at current staffing of 8 attorneys.

# Engagement with Alternatives to Incarceration Specialty Courts

- Felony Treatment Court – 1 ADA
- Ithaca City Treatment Court – 1 ADA
- IDV Court – 1 ADA (should be 2 ADAs)
- Sex Offender Court – 1 ADA
- Wellness & Recovery Court – 1 ADA
- Felony Wellness & Recovery Court\* - 1 ADA
- LEAD Planning – DA / Implementation\* - 1 ADA
  
- Reinventing Public Safety – DA
- CJATI - DA



# Traditional Prosecution v. ATIs

*It is exponentially easier and less time consuming (and cheaper) to engage in the traditional prosecution model as opposed to utilizing specialty courts.*

**THIS IS NOT TRUE. The cost to the County is significantly more in the long run when we incarcerate instead of utilize ATIs.**

# Support Staff

- Confidential Investigators
  - Liaison between LE agencies and DA's office
  - Extensive experience & credibility in LE community
  - Critical to Discovery compliance – will increase by 30% when NYSP adds Body Worn Cameras in 2021
- Confidential Secretary to DA/Paralegals
  - Collect and organize discovery materials
  - Assign and document cases
  - DWI and case specific support
  - Demographic statistics per new legislation
- Administrative Assistant (Receptionist) furloughed and removed from 2021 budget

# QUESTIONS?

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