

# Criminal Fine Account (CFA)



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# Background



- ORS 137.300 establishes the CFA which is intended to support “systems critical to the criminal justice system” (ORS 137.301).
- Statute prioritizes the use of the fund.
- CFA represents a small percentage of public safety funding, but it is a critical operational funding source for DPSST.
- Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department of Revenue, which collects deposits and makes distributions based on legislatively approved allocations.

# Revenue Sources



- Revenues come from fines, fees, and court costs from criminal convictions, including violations, misdemeanors and felonies.
- Revenue comes from two types of courts:
  - **Circuit court** revenues come from criminal fines, public defense attorney fee recoupment, diversion fees, court costs, and other financial penalties.
  - **Justice and municipal court** revenues come from a portion of criminal fines and penalties for violations.

# ORS 137.300



## **Section 2: The Legislative Assembly shall first allocate moneys from the Criminal Fine Account for the following purposes, in the following order of priority**

- a) Allocations for public safety standards, training and facilities.
- b) Allocations for criminal injuries compensation and assistance to victims of crime and children reasonably suspected of being victims of crime.
- c) Allocations for the forensic services provided by the Oregon State Police, including, but not limited to, services of the Chief Medical Examiner.
- d) Allocations for the maintenance and operation of the Law Enforcement Data System.

## **Section 3: After making allocations under subsection (2) of this section, the Legislative Assembly shall allocate moneys from the Criminal Fine Account for the following purposes**

- a) Law Enforcement Medical Liability Account (OHA)
- b) State Court Facilities and Security Account (OJD)
- c) Department of Corrections for Community Corrections (DOC)
- d) Oregon Health Authority for alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment
- e) Oregon State Police for driving under the influence of intoxicants enforcement
- f) The Arrest and Return Account (Governor's Office)
- g) The Intoxicated Driver Program (OHA)
- h) The State Court Technology Fund (OJD)

# Forecasting and Allocations



- The Department of Administrative Services Office of Economic Analysis (DAS OEA) provides a quarterly forecast of CFA revenues.
- The Legislature allocates CFA funds as part of a biennial allocations bill with any unallocated amount going to the General Fund at the end of the biennium.
  - Statute provides priority levels for the funding.
  - Legislative practice has been to fund some, but not all CFA priorities with General Fund typically being used to make up the difference.
  - Agencies can retain allocated but unexpended CFA funds.

# Budgeting

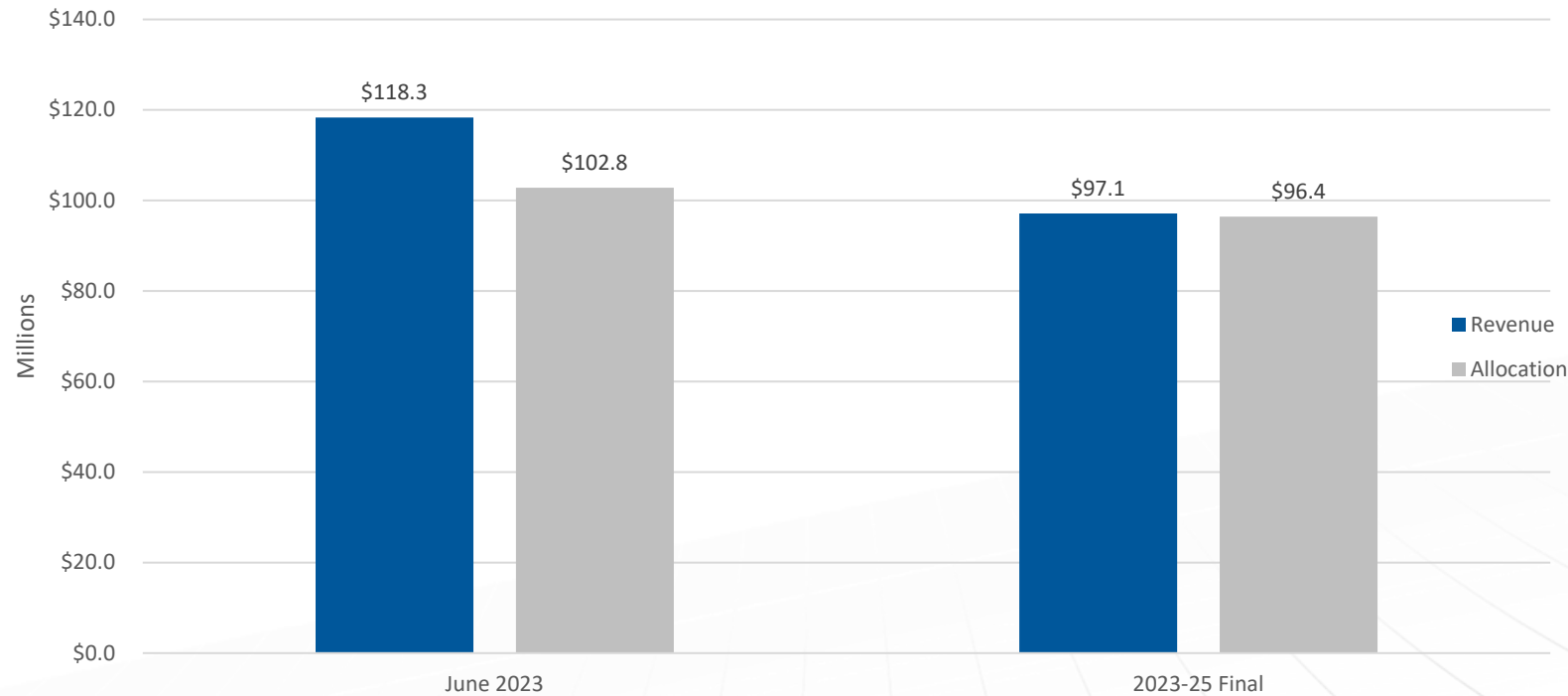


- CFA funds are classified as Other Funds with the limitation typically provided in agency budget bills
- CFA allocations for 2025-27 in Senate Bill 5530 total \$103.2 million and cover the following agencies and programs:
  - DPSST public safety training and operations (\$65.8 million)
  - DOJ Child Abuse Intervention and assessments, Regional Assessment Centers, and Criminal Injuries Compensation programs (\$26.8 million)
  - DHS Domestic Violence Fund and Sexual Assault Victims Fund (\$3.5 million)
  - OJD State Court Facilities and Security programs (\$6.9 million)
  - DOR administrative expenses (\$159,700).



## Budget Challenge

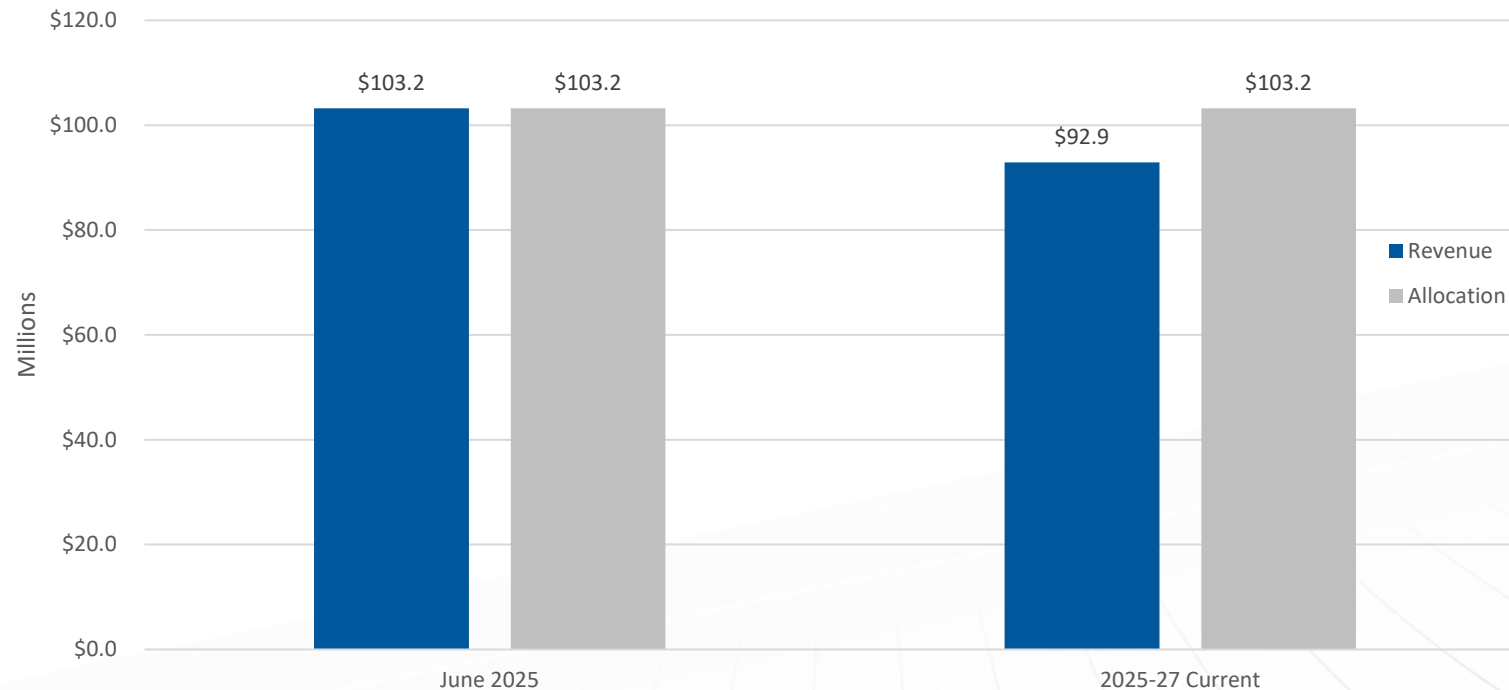
- The combination of declining CFA revenues and increasing costs for CFA supported programs is a challenge.





## Budget Challenge

- Projected revenues for 2025-27 have declined by \$10.3 million since the close of the 2025 session.



# Thank you

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