



MINNESOTA

CLEMENCY REVIEW
COMMISSION

FY 2026-2027 Budget Overview

March 28, 2025

Role of the Clemency Review Commission

- Screen all clemency applications for eligibility and hold hearings for all eligible applications
- Recommend to the Board whether to grant or deny
- Recommend whether the Board should hold an additional hearing
- Provide victim services
- Provide assistance to applicants
- Carry out administrative functions of the Board of Pardons through appointed Executive Director and staff

Clemency Review Commission Appointments



**Governor
Tim Walz**

Zach Lindstrom
Mayor of Mounds View

Judge Kathryn Messerich
Senior Judge

Artika Roller
Cornerstone



**Attorney General
Keith Ellison**

Carl Crawford
St. Louis County

John Harrington
Lights On!

Perry Moriearty
University of Minnesota
Law School



**Chief Justice
Natalie Hudson**

Carly Bad Heart Bull
Native Ways Federation

Nadine Graves
Hennepin Co. Public Defender's
Office

Glenn Burt
Victims Services – Hennepin County
Attorney's Office

Applications Received

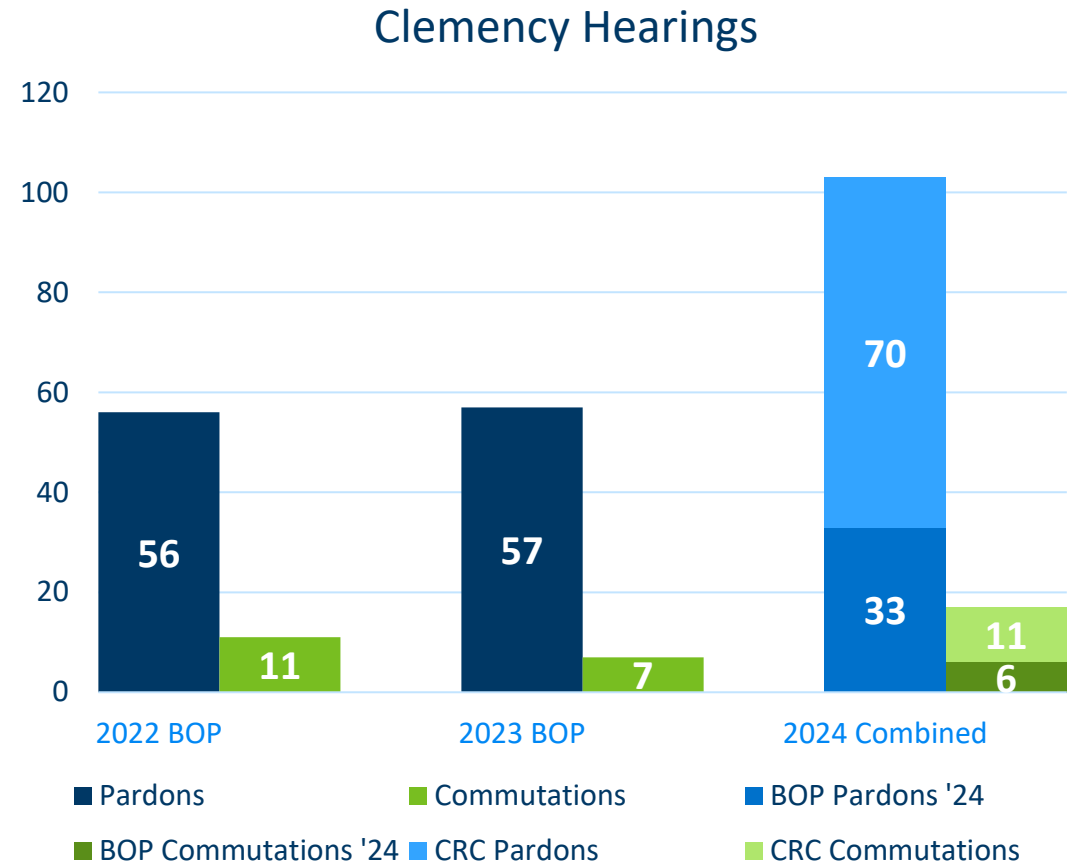
	Pardons	Commutations
2023	92	87
2024	201 (118% increase)	78 (10% decrease)

Application Scheduling

	Pardons	Commutations
Pending Scheduling in August 2025	130	74
Projected Hearings Remaining in 2025	72	12

2024 Application Hearings

Year	Pardons	Commutations
2022 BOP	56	11
2023 BOP	57	7
Spring 2024 BOP	33	6
Fall 2024 CRC	67	11

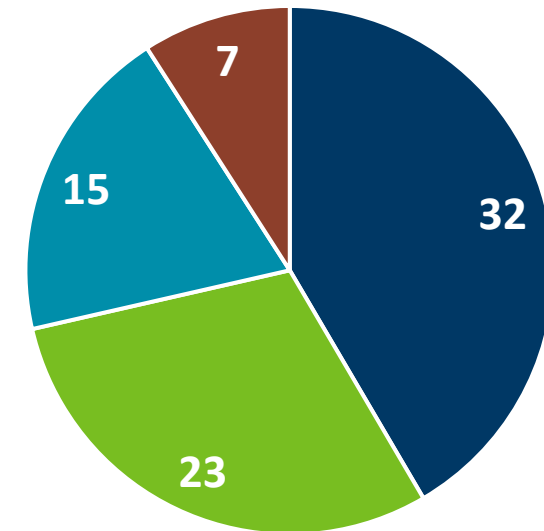


- Independent agency established as of July 1, 2024
- 5 commission meetings, 8+ committee meetings in 2024
- New website – mn.gov/crc
- Dedicated victim services provider
- Outreach and application assistance grant program established

Victim Services

- Minnesota Alliance on Crime provides services for victims and survivors that interact with the CRC
- 55 applications (68%) heard by the CRC in 2024 had at least one case file that had a direct victim(s).
- Since engaging MAC in September:
 - 77 individual victims/survivors were identified and provided notice
 - 32 victims did not return contact
 - 45 victims responded

Victim Responses



- Did Not Return Contact (42%)
- Opposed (30%)
- Supported (19%)
- Took No Position (9%)

Current Budget – FY25

\$786*

Operating funds

\$200*

Outreach and Application
Assistance Grants

5 FTEs

Dedicated
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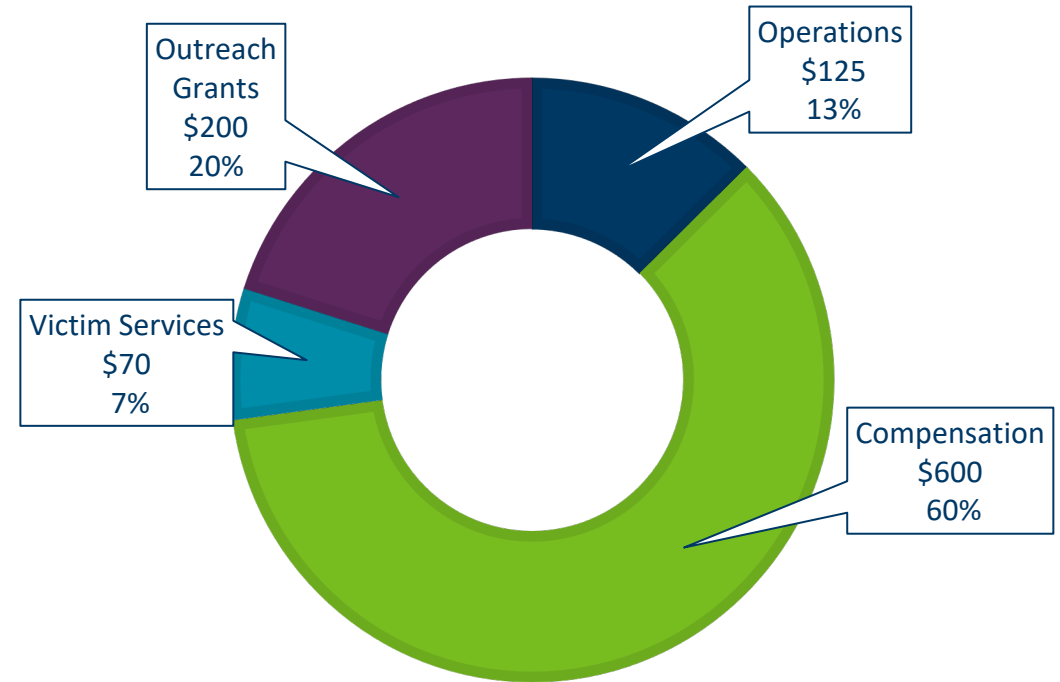
100% general
fund

*Dollars in thousands

FY 2026–27 Governor's Recommended Biennial Budget: \$2 Million

- \$995 for FY26; \$1,005 for FY 27 and thereafter (dollars in thousands)
 - \$795 (FY26); \$805 (FY27) operating funds
 - \$200 in FY 26 and FY 27 for outreach and application assistance grant program
- Maintain staffing to process applications at current rate

FY 26 Forecasted Expenditures by
Category
Dollars in Thousands



Questions?

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