

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Mission

The mission of the Public Defender's office is to ensure that the constitutional rights of those persons being prosecuted by the Government for criminal acts are recognized and respected in providing legal services. The Public Defender's office is committed to representing their clients with compassion, and the highest level of legal professionalism.

Program Summaries

Public Defender
Positions: 22.0 FTE

Total Appropriations: \$3,113,495
Net County Cost: \$2,763,645

The Public Defender's Office provides legal representation to adults and juveniles charged with criminal offenses. Also represented are those people who are gravely disabled due to their inability to care for themselves, or to manage their financial affairs.

Fiscal Year 2007-08 Major Accomplishments

Develop Collaborative Solutions

- Participated in several specialty courts such as Drug Court and Behavioral Health Court which have been very successful in the County.
- Have developed and maintained a positive working relationship with the new administration in the District Attorney's office which has increased efficiency and allowed both offices to minimize unnecessary expense.

Enhance Services

- Expanded staff in the Placerville office has allowed the department to meet the increasing demand for services.

Chief Administrative Office Comments

The Proposed Budget for the Public Defender reflects a Net County Cost of \$2,763,645 which is an increase of \$197,567 over FY 2007-08. This budget as recommended does not add any new programs or positions.

Revenue for the Public Defender is budgeted at \$349,850, a decrease of \$5,000. The Public Defender revenue source, Charges of Services, has been challenged over the past year due to fees for defense not being Court ordered. This has caused a slip in revenue that the Public Defender will work to correct in the upcoming year.

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Appropriations for the Public Defender are increasing overall \$192,567. Salaries and Benefits are increasing by \$130,141. This increase is partially due to this budget capturing a full year's salary for a new attorney position added in the addenda last September. Services and supplies are increasing by \$60,941. The majority of this increase will be used to defend two special circumstance murder trials which are expected to be filed by the District Attorney's office. Appropriations in this budget have been adjusted between line items to budget correctly for cost applied charges and adjusted to reflect spending patterns from the prior year budget. The budget also includes \$2,700 to replace an aging server that is beyond serviceable years.

Fiscal Year 2008-09 Goals and Objectives

Goal	Strategies	Key Performance Indicator(s)
<i>Maximize Funding Opportunities</i>	Work with the Judges to make sure Public Defender service fees are applied to cases when appropriate	Increase department revenue
<i>Develop Collaborative Solutions</i>	Continue working with other county departments to provide services such as Drug Court and Mental Health Court.	Work cooperatively to reduce the number of repeat offenders thereby reducing workload
<i>Reduce Crime</i>	The department will be defending at least two special circumstances cases this year. These cases are very demanding on staff and resources. The department's goal is to defend these cases with existing staff and resources as efficiently as possible.	Maximize the use of existing staffing resources.

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Personnel Allocations

Fiscal Year 2008-09 BOS Approved Personnel Allocation	2007-08 Adjusted Allocation	2008-09 Dept Request	2008-09 CAO Recm'd	Diff from Adjusted
Public Defender	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Assistant Public Defender	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Chief Assistant Public Defender	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Clerical Operations Manager	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Deputy Public Defender II-IV	11.00	11.00	11.00	0.00
Investigator (Public Defender)	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Legal Office Assistant I/II	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00
Legal Secretary I/II	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00
Sr. Investigator (Public Defender)	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Sr. Legal Secretary	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Department Total	22.00	22.00	22.00	0.00

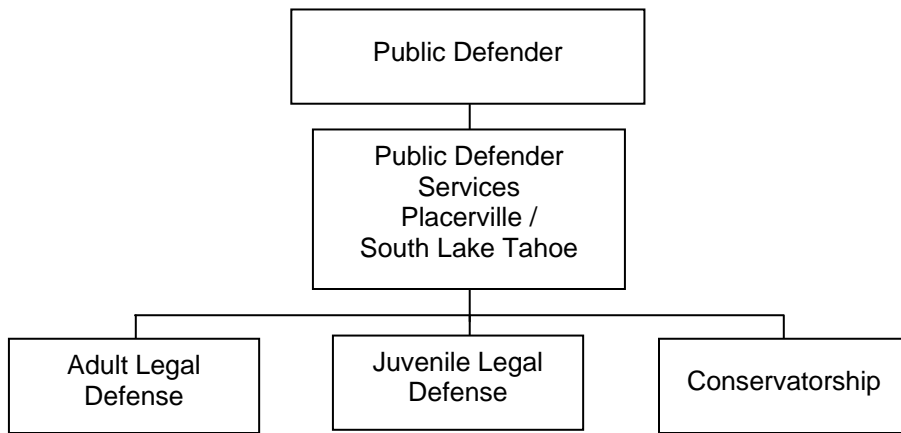
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Financial Information by Fund Type

FUND TYPE: 10 GENERAL FUND
 DEPARTMENT: 23 PUBLIC DEFENDER

		PRIOR YR ACTUAL	CURRENT YR APPROVED BUDGET	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	CAO RECOMMENDED BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
TYPE: R REVENUE						
CLASS CLASS TITLE						
05	REV: STATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL	300,732	324,850	324,850	324,850	0
13	REV: CHARGE FOR SERVICES	15,317	30,000	25,000	25,000	-5,000
TYPE: R SUBTOTAL		316,048	354,850	349,850	349,850	-5,000
TYPE: E EXPENDITURE						
CLASS CLASS TITLE						
30	SALARY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,330,591	2,673,106	2,858,680	2,803,247	130,141
40	SERVICE & SUPPLIES	218,454	199,959	245,522	260,900	60,941
50	OTHER CHARGES	900	1,884	500	400	-1,484
60	FIXED ASSETS	6,900	0	0	2,700	2,700
72	INTRAFUND TRANSFERS	47,421	45,979	27,100	46,248	269
TYPE: E SUBTOTAL		2,604,266	2,920,928	3,131,802	3,113,495	192,567
FUND TYPE: 10	SUBTOTAL	2,288,218	2,566,078	2,781,952	2,763,645	197,567
DEPARTMENT: 23	SUBTOTAL	2,288,218	2,566,078	2,781,952	2,763,645	197,567

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Positions: 22