

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Program Goal

The Public Defender Program provides legal representation for indigent defendants in Phoenix Municipal Court.

Budget Allowance Explanation

The 2005-06 operating budget allowance for the Public Defender Contract Administrator's Office of \$3,939,000 is \$199,000 or 5.3 percent more than the 2004-05 estimated expenditures. This increase is primarily due to normal inflationary adjustments. Budget reductions reflected in the 2005-06 budget include decreased compensation for contracted public defender attorneys.

Expenditure and Position Summary

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Operating Expense	\$3,684,000	\$3,740,000	\$3,939,000
Total Positions	7.6	7.6	7.6
Source of Funds:			
General	\$3,684,000	\$3,740,000	\$3,939,000

Public Defender Major Performance Measures and Service Trends

The following significant performance measures and service trends will be achieved with the 2005-06 budget allowance:

	2003-04	2004-05*	2005-06
Defendants charged with misdemeanor crimes represented in Phoenix Municipal Court	14,765	14,591	14,728
Defendants represented at Jail Court (first appearance after arrest), and K-Court (second appearance after arrest for those not bonding out after their first appearance)	25,085	24,648	243,266
*Based on 10 months actual experience.			

