

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Program Goal

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

Budget Allowance Explanation

The 2007-08 operating budget allowance for the Public Defender Program of \$4,753,000 is \$367,000 or 8.4 percent more than the 2006-07 estimated expenditures. This increase is primarily due to normal inflationary adjustments and a full year's cost of the forensic technology expert position filled during the current year.

Expenditure and Position Summary

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Operating Expense	\$3,975,000	\$4,386,000	\$4,753,000
Total Positions	9.0	9.0	9.0
Source of Funds:			
General	\$3,975,000	\$4,386,000	\$4,753,000

Public Defender Major Performance Measures and Service Levels

The following significant performance measures and service trends will be achieved with the 2007-08 budget allowance:

	2005-06	2006-07*	2007-08
Defendants charged with misdemeanor crimes represented in Phoenix Municipal Court	12,819	11,064	11,000
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)	22,687	24,574	21,000

*Based on 10 months actual experience.