

**PUBLIC DEFENDER**

**Program Goal**

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

**Budget Allowance Explanation**

The Public Defender Program’s 2009-10 operating budget allowance of \$4,839,000 is \$142,000 or 3.0 percent more than the 2008-09 estimated expenditures. This is a result of budget reductions taken in 2008-09 and normal inflationary increases that are partially offset by reductions for contracted court-appointed attorneys, litigation contracts and Jail Court contracts in 2009-10.

**Expenditure and Position Summary**

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Operating Expense	\$4,623,000	\$4,697,000	\$4,839,000
Total Positions	9.0	9.0	9.0
Source of Funds:			
General	\$4,623,000	\$4,697,000	\$4,839,000

**Public Defender Major Performance Measures and Service Levels**

The following significant performance measures and service trends will be achieved with the 2009-10 budget allowance:

	2007-08	2008-09*	2009-10
Defendants charged with misdemeanor crimes represented in Phoenix Municipal Court	14,431	14,800	14,800
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)	32,323	32,500	32,500

\*Based on 10 months actual experience.