



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 2008-09 operating budget allowance of \$4,937,000 is \$318,000 or 6.9 percent more than the 2007-08 estimated expenditures. This increase is primarily due to normal inflationary adjustments and 2007-08 budget reductions for contracted court-appointed attorneys and expert witnesses.

Expenditure and Position Summary

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Operating Expense	\$4,383,000	\$4,619,000	\$4,937,000
Total Positions	9.0	9.0	9.0
Source of Funds:			
General	\$4,383,000	\$4,619,000	\$4,937,000

Public Defender Major Performance Measures and Service Levels

The following significant performance measures and service level trends will be achieved with the 2008-09 budget allowance:

	2006-07	2007-08*	2008-09
Defendants charged with misdemeanor crimes represented in Phoenix Municipal Court	11,308	14,300	14,300
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)	26,819	32,000	30,000

*Based on 10 months actual experience.

