

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Program Goal

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

Budget Allowance Explanation

The 2006-07 operating budget allowance for the Public Defender Contract Administrator's Office of \$4,346,000 is \$416,000 or 10.6 percent more than the 2005-06 estimated expenditures. This increase is primarily due to normal inflationary adjustments. Funding for contractual expert witness services was converted to a full-time forensic technology expert position which will create efficiencies for the Municipal Court in trial scheduling.

Expenditure and Position Summary

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Operating Expense	\$3,714,000	\$3,930,000	\$4,346,000
Total Positions	7.6	9.0	9.0
Source of Funds:			
General	\$3,714,000	\$3,930,000	\$4,346,000

Public Defender Major Performance Measures and Service Trends

The following significant performance measures and service trends will be achieved with the 2006-07 budget allowance:

	2004-05	2005-06*	2006-07
Defendants charged with misdemeanor crimes represented in Phoenix Municipal Court	13,560	13,840	13,900
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)	23,085	25,761	26,000
*Based on 10 months actual experience.			

