

# Public Defender

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Administration

Adult Legal Services

Juvenile Legal Services




FY 2021-22  
**BUDGET HEARINGS**


## Budget Summary

Operating Budget	\$ 17,008,700
Use of One-Time for Ongoing Operations	\$ 0
Capital Budget	\$ 0
General Fund Contribution	\$ 10,651,400
Full-Time Equivalents	84.0
Service Level Reductions	\$ 0
Restoration Requests	\$ 0
Expansion Requests	\$ 151,600

# Highlighted Goals

FY 2021-22

- Adapt business processes to accommodate the shift to virtual litigation, while continuing to serve on the front lines of the criminal justice system.
- Dedicate a specialized unit comprised of one attorney and support staff to facilitate the process for individuals seeking post-conviction relief.
- Transition all electronically-stored information (ESI) to the cloud as the Department continues to digitize, modernize, mobilize. 

 Renew '22  
Department Goal/  
Objective

## Updates

### Achieving Racial Equity Through Post-Conviction Relief

In order to achieve racial equity going forward, the Public Defender's Office is committed to helping right the wrongs of the past.

- Indigent Defense Grant: The Office will receive \$637k over a two-year duration to fund a Post-Conviction Relief Unit to help individuals disparately impacted by the criminal legal system. Many of these individuals continue to suffer the collateral consequences of their criminal conviction long after their sentences have been completed.
- Racial Justice Committee: After a single expungement workshop put on by RJC at Allan Hancock Community college in February, the Office was contacted by over 15 people, and filed over 50 expungement petitions – all granted. This month Santa Barbara County Action Network will specially recognize RJC for their work advancing racial justice in North County.
- Launched Legal Clinic to address the backlog and criminal law-related inquiries.

## Updates

**NONE**

## Expansions – CEO Recommended

Description	FTE(s)	GFC Amount		Non-GFC Amount	
IT Staffing: Add one permanent FTE position	1.0	\$	118,600*	\$	
Fiscal Staffing: Add one permanent FTE Accountant position	1.0		112,000*		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>230,600</b>	<b>\$</b>	

\* Ongoing Funding

## Expansions – Deferred to Hearings

Description	FTE(s)	GFC Amount		Non-GFC Amount	
Misdemeanor Attorney Staffing: Convert two extra help positions into permanent FTE	2.0	\$	151,600*	\$	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>151,600</b>	<b>\$</b>	

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