



LEGAL DEFENDER



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Legal Defender**

To ensure public confidence in the Yuma County criminal justice system by zealously protecting the rights of our clients as guaranteed in the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Arizona, regardless of race, creed, national origin or socio-economic status by producing the most respected and well-trained attorneys, in the criminal defense community.

MAJOR FUNCTIONS

Adult Criminal Defense:

Represents defendants who are charged with crimes and who cannot afford a lawyer. Clients are also represented for matters involving their possible mental commitment.

2013-2018 OBJECTIVES

CR- To maintain the number of violation of probation cases sent to the Conflict Administrator because of caseload limits at 40 by FY2018.

PATP- To increase the public's awareness of the services offered by the Legal Defender to 34% by FY2017.

CR- Annually, to maintain the number of felony cases sent to the Conflict Administrator because of caseload limits at 150.

Strategic Plan: Strategic Plan: www.yumacountyaz.gov/strategicplan

2014 RESULTS

- ✓ 40 violation of probation cases were sent to the Conflict Administrator.
- ✓ 32% of residents are familiar with the services offered by Legal Defender.
- ✓ 150 felony cases were referred to Conflict Administrator.

PERFORMANCE REPORTING

Performance Measure Actuals & Benchmark - Legal Defender

The following measures are departmental priorities identified in the County-wide Strategic Plan:

Department Goal: Measure:	Target/Benchmark				
	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
That residents be familiar with the services provided by their County government.					
% of residents who are familiar with the services offered by Legal Defender.	32%	33%	33%	34%	34%
To provide comprehensive legal representation.					
# of felony cases referred to Conflict Administrator.	150	150	150	150	150
# of violation of probation cases referred to Conflict Administrator.	40	40	40	40	40



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AUTHORIZED FULL TIME EQUIVALENT

Authorized Positions by Major Function				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Legal Defender:				
Defender	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Staff Attorneys	5.00	5.00	4.537	4.537
Capital Defense Attorneys	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Support	5.00	4.537	5.000	5.000
Mitigation	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total	13.00	12.537	12.537	12.537

There are no staffing changes for fiscal year 2014-15.

2015 ANNUAL BUDGET

Revenue: General Fund support is at the level needed for General Fund expenditures. The decrease in Special Revenue is due to a projected decrease in State Grants in the Public Defender Training fund.

Personnel: The net increase is primarily the result of an increase in the Arizona State Retirement line item and personnel actions during the current fiscal year.

Supplies and Services: There are no substantial changes this fiscal year.

Capital Outlay: There is no Capital Outlay budgeted this fiscal year.

Legal Defender	Actual 2011-12	Actual 2012-13	Budget 2013-14	Estimate 2013-14	Budget 2014-15	% Change
Sources						
General Revenue	\$ 1,157,400	\$ 1,089,291	\$ 1,200,837	\$ 1,145,240	\$ 1,233,021	2.68%
Special Revenue	3,021	4,132	3,850	3,850	3,640	-5.45%
Balance Forward	1,338	367	-	1,261	1,261	N/A
Total Sources	\$ 1,161,759	\$ 1,093,790	\$ 1,204,687	\$ 1,150,351	\$ 1,237,922	2.76%
Uses						
Personnel	1,041,320	992,643	1,093,281	1,047,731	1,122,575	2.68%
Supplies & Services	120,072	99,886	111,406	101,359	114,086	2.41%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Reserves & Contingencies	-	-	-	-	1,261	N/A
Total Uses	\$ 1,161,392	\$ 1,092,529	\$ 1,204,687	\$ 1,149,090	\$ 1,237,922	2.76%
Other Sources & Uses						
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Total Other Sources & Uses	\$ -	N/A				
Other Restricted	\$ 367	\$ 1,261	\$ -	\$ 1,261	\$ -	N/A