



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.

- ✓ 40 violation of probation cases were sent to the Conflict Administrator.

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

- ✓ 32% of residents are familiar with the services offered by Legal Defender.

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

- ✓ 150 felony cases were referred to Conflict Administrator.

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

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				
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Legal Defender:				
Defender	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Staff Attorneys	5.00	4.537	4.537	4.537
Capital Defense Attorneys	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Support	4.537	5.000	5.000	5.000
Mitigation	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total	12.537	12.537	12.537	12.537

There are no staffing changes for fiscal year 2015-16.

2016 ANNUAL BUDGET

Revenue: General Fund support is at the level needed for General Fund expenditures. There are no substantial changes in Special Revenue.

Personnel: There are no substantial changes this 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 2012-13	Actual 2013-14	Budget 2014-15	Estimate 2014-15	Budget 2015-16	% Change
Sources						
General Revenue	\$ 1,040,749	\$ 1,139,675	\$ 1,233,021	\$ 1,211,209	\$ 1,251,412	1.49%
Special Revenue	4,132	3,172	3,640	3,640	3,402	-6.54%
Balance Forward	367	1,261	1,261	1,514	1,514	20.06%
Total Sources	\$ 1,045,248	\$ 1,144,108	\$ 1,237,922	\$ 1,216,363	\$ 1,256,328	1.49%
Uses						
Personnel	944,101	1,043,804	1,122,575	1,100,763	1,142,787	1.80%
Supplies & Services	99,886	98,790	114,086	114,086	112,027	-1.80%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Reserves & Contingencies	-	-	1,261	-	1,514	20.06%
Total Uses	\$ 1,043,987	\$ 1,142,594	\$ 1,237,922	\$ 1,214,849	\$ 1,256,328	1.49%
Other Sources & Uses						
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Total Other Sources & Uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Other Restricted	\$ 1,261	\$ 1,514	\$ -	\$ 1,514	\$ -	N/A