

PUBLIC DEFENDER CHEROKEE

PUBLIC DEFENDER 7TH CIRCUIT FUND

The mission of the Public Defender Office is to provide effective, competent legal representation for indigent individuals charged with criminal offenses in Cherokee County General Sessions, Magistrate and Municipal Courts and for indigent juveniles charged with offenses in Family Court.

DEPT NUMBER: 12-9261	PUBLIC DEFENDER CHEROKEE					
FUNDING SOURCE(S)	FY 2007/08 ACTUAL	FY 2008/09 BUDGET	FY 2009/10 ACTUAL	FY 2010/11 BUDGET	FY 2011/12 BUDGET	INC/DEC FY 12 - 11
General Fund	0	0	151,293	327,348	250,986	(76,362)
EXPENDITURES						
Personnel Services Expenditures	0	0	133,325	267,291	218,313	(48,978)
Operating Expenditures	0	0	17,968	54,657	17,870	(36,787)
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	5,400	500	(4,900)
Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	14,303	14,303
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$151,293	\$327,348	\$250,986	(\$76,362)
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL	0	0	0	3	3	0

FY 2011/12 Budget Highlights & Initiatives

- By law the 7th Circuit Public Defender oversees this office along with the Spartanburg County Office. All expenses associated with the Cherokee County Office are paid for by the State or Cherokee County. Spartanburg County does not contribute to the financial needs of this Cherokee County Office.
- State funding is reduced for the Cherokee Public Defender's Office necessitating a reduction in Personnel Services and Operating Expenses. Personnel Services were reduced through employee turnover while Operating Expenses were reduced through the elimination of a contract employee.
- FY 2011/12 is the first year the Public Defender's Office is being charged an overhead allocation for services provided to them by the General Fund, this is reflected above in Other Expenditures.

Goal:

To provide excellent, effective and ethical representation for all clients assigned to the public defender office, while working with other agencies to develop, improve and provide an effective criminal justice system

Objectives:

- Maintain individual attorneys' caseloads within the recommended ABA and State caseload standards for criminal defense attorneys
- Adequately prepare all cases for final disposition with a minimum of delay
- Identify clients and initiate representation as early after commencement of criminal proceedings as possible

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Function or Division	Description	Percent of Budget
General Sessions Court	Representation of clients in General Sessions	87%
Summary Courts	Representation of clients in Magistrate and Municipal Courts	3%
Juvenile Court	Representation of clients in Family Court	10%