

PUBLIC DEFENDER SPARTANBURG

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 Spartanburg County General Sessions, Magistrate and Municipal Courts and for indigent juveniles charge with offenses in Family Court.

DEPT NUMBER: 12-9262	PUBLIC DEFENDER SPARTANBURG					
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	0	1,575,035	1,519,035	(56,000)
EXPENDITURES						
Personnel Services Expenditures	0	0	0	1,497,175	1,442,644	(54,531)
Operating Expenditures	0	0	0	77,860	76,391	(1,469)
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,575,035	\$1,519,035	(\$56,000)
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL	0	0	0	24	24	0

FY 2011/12 Budget Highlights & Initiatives

- According to SC State Code 17-3-550 a County may not reduce its contribution to the Public Defender’s Office below the amount provided in the previous fiscal year. The FY 2010/11 budgeted General Fund contribution to the Spartanburg County Public Defender’s Office was \$898,035. In order to maintain client services despite State funding cuts to the Public Defender’s Office the budgeted General Fund contribution for FY 2011/12 is \$998,035.
- The increased contribution from the County General Fund does not fully cover the State cuts and therefore reductions will need to be made in Personnel Services to balance the budget.
- For the second year in a row overhead allocation charges for services provided to them by General Fund and other internal service funds are being waived.

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	Representation of clients in General Sessions	80%
Summary Court	Representation of clients in Magistrate and Municipal Courts	7%
Juvenile Court	Representation of clients in Family Court	11%
Drug Court	Representation of clients in the Drug Court Program	2%