

21 Public Defender - At A Glance

Mission The Mission of the Metropolitan Public Defender’s Office is to defend the liberty, honor and constitutional rights of the individuals, of all ages, whose cases have been entrusted to us. Through zealous advocacy, we strive not only to deliver excellence in our representation of each and every client, but also to stand with our clients and the community in working to create a more just, fair and compassionate legal system.

Budget Summary

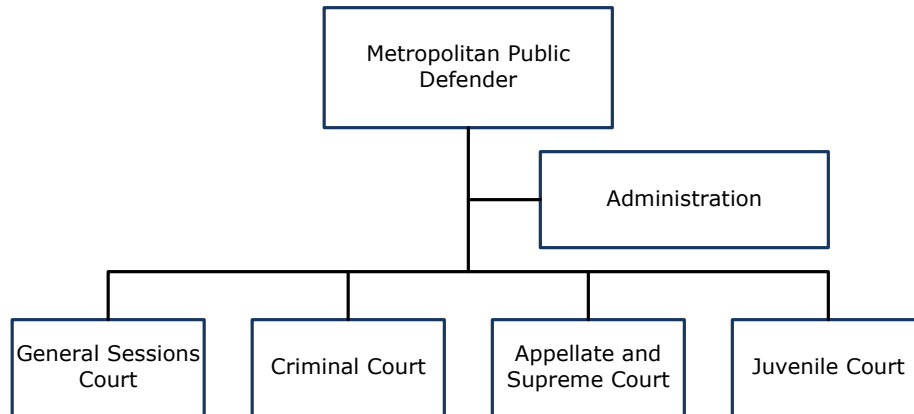
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Expenditures and Transfers:			
GSD General Fund	\$12,348,100	\$13,623,300	\$17,865,500
Total Expenditures and Transfers	\$12,348,100	\$13,623,300	\$17,865,500
Revenue and Transfers:			
Program Revenue			
Charges, Commissions, and Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Governments and Agencies	2,760,300	2,760,300	2,873,500
Other Program Revenue	0	0	0
Total Program Revenue	\$2,760,300	\$2,760,300	\$2,873,500
Non-Program Revenue			
Transfers from Other Funds and Units	0	0	0
Total Revenue and Transfers	\$2,760,300	\$2,760,300	\$2,873,500
Expenditures per Capita	\$17.17	\$18.67	\$24.19

Position	Total Budgeted Positions	111	112	124
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Organizational Structure



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Budget Changes and Impact Highlights

Recommendation				Impact
Assistant Public Defender				
Salary and Fringe	GSD	\$115,800 1.00 FTE		Assistant Public Defender whose duties are to advise clients of immigration consequences of a guilty plea.
Criminal Court Staffing				
Salary and Fringe	GSD	579,300 5.00 FTEs		Additional staffing to address workload concerns.
Juvenile Representation				
Salary and Fringe	GSD	444,700 4.00 FTEs		Additional staffing to represent juveniles charged as adults under new TN sentencing law TCA Titles 37, 39, 40 related to juveniles.
Rent and Parking				
Lease Expense	GSD	1,679,900		Transfer lease obligation from Administrative Account.
Intake Team				
Salary and Fringe	GSD	174,100 2.00 FTEs		Additional Staff to help respond to increased demand for for services.
Non-Allocated Financial Transactions				
Restoring Savings Target	GSD	185,100		Agency's share of FY25 Budget Adjustment Savings.
Pay Plan Allocation	GSD	975,100		Supports the hiring and retention of a qualified workforce.
Internal Service Charges*	GSD	88,200		Delivery of centrally provided services including information systems, fleet management, radio, and surplus property.
General Services District Total		\$4,242,200 12.00 FTEs		
TOTAL		\$4,242,200 12.00 FTEs		

GSD - General Services District

* See Internal Service Charges section for details

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GSD General Fund						
	FY2024 Budget	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Budget	FY25-FY26 Difference	FY25-FY26 % Change
OPERATING EXPENSE:						
PERSONNEL EXPENSES:						
Regular, Leave & Holiday Pay	8,954,300	8,161,403	10,100,000	11,849,500	1,749,500	17.32%
Overtime	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
All Other Salary Codes	28,000	103,366	(38,000)	28,000	66,000	-173.68%
Fringe Benefits	2,735,900	2,667,850	2,982,000	3,521,500	539,500	18.09%
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES	11,718,200	10,932,619	13,044,000	15,399,000	2,355,000	18.05%
OTHER EXPENSES:						
Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Professional & Purchased Services	53,800	23,685	27,700	23,700	(4,000)	-14.44%
Travel, Tuition & Dues	107,200	84,912	123,600	123,700	100	0.08%
Communications	77,100	65,817	72,300	90,700	18,400	25.45%
Repairs & Maintenance Services	2,500	561	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
Internal Service Fees	190,900	190,900	189,600	277,800	88,200	46.52%
All Other Expenses	198,400	121,910	163,600	1,948,100	1,784,500	1,090.77%
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	629,900	487,785	579,300	2,466,500	1,887,200	325.77%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	12,348,100	11,420,404	13,623,300	17,865,500	4,242,200	31.14%
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES & TRANSFERS	12,348,100	11,420,404	13,623,300	17,865,500	4,242,200	31.14%
PROGRAM REVENUE:						
Charges, Commissions, & Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Federal (Direct & Pass Through)	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
State Direct	2,760,300	2,760,300	2,760,300	2,873,500	113,200	4.10%
Other Government Agencies	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Other Program Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUE	2,760,300	2,760,300	2,760,300	2,873,500	113,200	4.10%
NON-PROGRAM REVENUE:						
Local Option Sales Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Property Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Other Tax, Licenses & Permits	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Fines, Forfeits & Penalties	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Compensation from Property	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL NON-PROGRAM REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUE & TRANSFERS	2,760,300	2,760,300	2,760,300	2,873,500	113,200	4.10%
Expenditures Per Capita	\$17.17	\$15.88	\$18.67	\$24.19	\$5.52	29.57%

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Title	Grade	Class	FY2024		FY2025		FY2026		Variance	
			Budgeted Pos.	Budgeted FTE	Budgeted Pos.	Budgeted FTE	Budgeted Pos.	Budgeted FTE	Pos.	FTE
GSD General 10101										
Administrative Services Division Manager	OR09	10863	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	0	0.00
Administrative Services Officer 3	OR03	07244	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	0	0.00
Administrative Services Officer 4	OR05	07245	3	3.00	5	5.00	5	5.00	0	0.00
Assistant Public Defender 1	OR06	10864	28	28.00	31	31.00	37	37.00	6	6.00
Assistant Public Defender 2	OR08	10865	13	13.00	14	14.00	15	15.00	1	1.00
Assistant Public Defender 3	OR10	10866	7	6.50	7	7.00	7	7.00	0	0.00
Assistant Public Defender 4	OR11	10867	10	8.99	10	9.49	10	9.49	0	0.00
Criminal Investigator	ST10	07279	9	9.00	9	9.00	10	10.00	1	1.00
Deputy Public Defender	OR13	07205	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	0	0.00
Human Resources Analyst	OR04	11180	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	0	0.00
Info Sys Applications Analyst 3	OR06	07783	2	2.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	0	0.00
Law Clerk	OR03	02867	1	1.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Legal Secretary 1	ST07	02870	3	2.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	0	0.00
Legal Secretary 2	ST08	07322	5	5.00	4	4.00	5	5.00	1	1.00
Paralegal	ST10	07343	7	7.00	7	7.00	9	9.00	2	2.00
Professional Specialist	OR04	07753	3	3.00	3	3.00	3	3.00	0	0.00
Program Manager 2	OR05	07377	4	4.00	4	4.00	4	4.00	0	0.00
Program Specialist 3	OR03	07380	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	0	0.00
Public Defender	PD	03964	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	0	0.00
Public Information Coordinator	OR06	10132	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	0	0.00
Seasonal/Part-time/Temporary	NS	09020	4	1.00	4	1.00	4	1.00	0	0.00
Social Worker Senior	OR03	10854	5	5.00	5	5.00	6	6.00	1	1.00
10101 Total Positions & FTEs			111	105.49	112	108.49	124	120.49	12	12.00

Department Totals			111	105.49	112	108.49	124	120.49	12	12.00
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Program Purpose Statements

Administration Team

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The purpose of the Administration Team is to provide support to the legal staff in matters related to finance, procurement, record management, and human resources.

General Sessions Team

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The purpose of the General Sessions Team is to provide constitutionally effective legal representation to indigent criminal defendants required to appear in General Sessions Court.

Criminal Court Team

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The purpose of the Criminal Court Team is to provide constitutionally effective legal representation to indigent criminal defendants required to appear in Criminal Court.

Appellate Court Team

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The purpose of the Appellate Court Team is to provide constitutionally effective legal representation to indigent criminal defendants pursuing appeals before the state appellate courts.

Juvenile Court Team

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The purpose of the Juvenile Court Team is to provide constitutionally effective legal representation to indigent juvenile clients accused of committing a delinquent act or in need of a guardian ad litem.