

**0324 – PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION
FISCAL YEAR 2023
LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATION
As enacted in Acts 16 and 221 of 2022**

The Public Defender Commission was created to address a variety of concerns relating to the representation of indigent criminal defendants in Arkansas.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

Appropriation		2021-2022	2022-2023
		Authorized	Legislative
1VA	Ombudsman Program	\$75,252	\$75,252
337	Public Defender-Operations	\$3,132,449	\$12,135,034
530	Public Defender -Trial Office	\$26,628,008	\$26,650,664
X66	Commission for Parent Counsel	\$4,683,156	\$4,683,650
Total		\$34,518,865	\$43,544,600

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		%
Fund Balance	4000005	11.60
State Central Services	4000035	72.58
Bail Bond Fees	4000115	2.77
Transfer from DHS-DYS	4000515	0.19
Transfer State Admn of Justice	4000570	9.30
User / Attorney Fees	4000725	3.57
		100.00

CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

Public Defender-Operations (Appropriation 337)

Commitment Item		2021-2022	2022-2023	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$1,481,912	\$1,484,012	\$2,100
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$446,199	\$446,684	\$485
Total		\$3,132,449	\$3,135,034	\$2,585

- Salaries and Matching are increased to provide for changes in matching rates and career service payments.

Public Defender -Trial Office (Appropriation 530)

Commitment Item		2021-2022	2022-2023	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$18,453,979	\$18,472,279	\$18,300
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$5,688,773	\$5,693,129	\$4,356
Total		\$26,628,008	\$26,650,664	\$22,656

- Salaries and Matching are increased to provide for changes in matching rates and career service payments.

Commission for Parent Counsel (Appropriation X66)

Commitment Item		2021-2022	2022-2023	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$467,476	\$467,876	\$400
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$170,449	\$170,543	\$94
Total		\$4,683,156	\$4,683,650	\$494

- Salaries and Matching are increased to provide for changes in matching rates and career service payments.

POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY20223: 286

Total Authorized Positions FY2022: 286

Increase / (Decrease): 0

Extra Help Positions FY2023: 65

SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

No changes