# Greenbook

# **LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget**

# **Ohio Public Defender Commission**

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## **Ohio Public Defender Commission**

## Quick look...

- ➤ The Ohio Public Defender Commission (OPD) provides, supervises, and coordinates legal representation for persons who cannot afford to hire an attorney to represent that person in criminal court.
- The budget allocates a total of \$517.2 million for the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium, of which \$386.0 million, or 74.6%, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund (GRF).
- ➤ OPD projects an initial rate of reimbursement of 82% for indigent defense services in FY 2026 based upon the FY 2026-FY 2027 funding levels and historical need.
- > The budget provides new GRF funding for the Northwest Ohio Regional Hub Pilot Program.

Fund Group	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
General Revenue (GRF)	\$175,791,563	\$183,201,731	\$190,296,460	\$195,747,940
Dedicated Purpose (DPF)	\$78,311,893	\$81,077,559	\$67,295,756	\$63,331,680
Federal (FED)	\$6,300	\$60,118	\$388,300	\$123,621
Total	\$254,109,756	\$264,339,409	\$257,980,516	\$259,203,241
% change		4.0%	-2.4%	0.5%
GRF % change		4.2%	3.9%	2.9%

#### Overview

### **Agency overview**

The Ohio Public Defender Commission (OPD) provides, supervises, and coordinates legal representation for persons who cannot afford to hire an attorney to represent that person in criminal court. Also notable are the Commission's role as: (1) administrator of the subsidy program that partially reimburses counties for indigent defense expenditures related to the operation of local public defender offices or the use of appointed counsel, and (2) administrator of pass-through funding for the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation (OAJF).

The Commission consists of nine appointed members; the Governor appoints five, including the chair, and the Supreme Court of Ohio appoints the other four. No more than five members can be from one of the two major political parties. The Commission appoints a state public defender who maintains and administers the Office of the Ohio Public Defender.

The Commission is authorized to employ 187 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff positions as of FY 2025. The Commission intends to fill an additional 19 positions in the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium through the Northwest Regional Hub (as described in more detail below).

## **Duties and responsibilities**

In addition to its primary fiscal function of administering the state's county indigent defense reimbursement system, the Commission:

- Establishes the standards and guidelines for county public defenders and appointed counsel, including a maximum fee schedule, and supervising the compliance with these standards.
- Provides technical assistance to county public defenders and appointed counsel.
- Provides legal services to inmates at the state's correctional facilities, trial-level representation in some capital cases, and appellate and post-appeals representation in capital and noncapital cases.
- Serves as the custodian of funds that are subsequently transferred to OAJF for providing financial assistance to legal aid societies throughout the state.

### County indigent defense services delivery systems

The board of county commissioners in each county determines the method of providing indigent defense services. As of August 2025, the following indigent defense service systems were in place:

- County public defender 30 counties;
- Court-appointed counsel only (all 88 counties utilize court-appointed counsel to some degree) – 36 counties;
- Contract with State Public Defender ten counties;
- County contract with a nonprofit corporation eight counties;
- County public defender and county contract with a nonprofit corporation one county;
- Counties electing to participate in the Northwest Regional Hub three counties.

## **Budget highlights**

#### **Northwest Regional Hub Pilot Program**

The budget allocates GRF funding for a pilot program offering a new model of indigent defense delivery in parts of Ohio. The Northwest Regional Hub Pilot Program (NWRH) will provide indigent defense services in the counties that elect to join, in lieu of managing those services directly and applying for reimbursement. The pilot will include three Ohio counties: Allen, Hardin, and Putnam. The funds allocated to new GRF ALI 019406, Northwest Regional Hub Support, will provide the funding for the pilot and alleviate pressures on GRF ALI 019501, County Reimbursement and Fund 5DYO ALI 019618, Indigent Defense Support – County Share. Total funding for this pilot over the biennium is \$6.7 million.

The OPD is projecting that the NWRH will be fully operational within six months after the effective date of H.B 96. Allen County, who currently operates under the "county public defender" model will be able to continue with its services, but the OPD will need to work to ensure sufficient office space, equipment, and additional staff are hired immediately after the bill's enactment. The NWRH has selected an office space and is prepared to finalize lease terms. Hardin and Putnam counties currently operate under the "court-appointed counsel" model. As such, those two counties are not expected to require substantial preparations in order to participate in the pilot.

### Indigent defense cost projection report

A temporary law provision in the budget requires each county, through its county commission, to submit a biannual indigent defense cost projection report to OPD. The report must be submitted on or before July 31, 2026, and must contain data on the most current projected costs of the indigent defense services in the county for the next two upcoming state fiscal years at the time of submission.

## Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

#### Introduction

This section provides an analysis of the funding for each appropriation line item (ALI) in the Ohio Public Defender Commission's budget. For organizational purposes, these ALIs are grouped into four major categories based on their funding purposes. The analysis for an ALI with a lower category or subcategory designation will appear before that for an ALI with a higher category or subcategory designation. That is, the analysis for an ALI with a category designation of C1:8 will appear before the analysis for an ALI with a category designation of C2:1 and the analysis for an ALI with a category designation of C1:8.

To aid the reader in locating each ALI in the analysis, the following table shows the category in which each ALI has been placed, listing the ALIs in order within their respective fund groups and funds.

In the analysis, each ALI's expenditures for FY 2025 and appropriations for FY 2026 and FY 2027 are listed in a table. Following the table, a narrative describes how the appropriation is used. The narrative is divided into four categories: (1) State Legal Defense Services, (2) County-Level Indigent Defense, (3) Legal Assistance Foundation, and (4) Program Management.

Categorization of Commission's ALIs for Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 Budget				
Fund	ALI	ALI Name		Category
General	Revenue Fu	ınd		
GRF	019401	State Legal Defense Services	C1:1	State Legal Defense Services
GRF	019406	Northwest Regional Hub Support	C2:1	County-Level Indigent Defense
GRF	019501	County Reimbursement	C2:2	County-Level Indigent Defense
Dedicat	ed Purpose	Fund Group		
1010	019607	Juvenile Legal Assistance	C1:2	State Legal Defense Services
4060	019603	Training and Publications	C4:1	Program Management
4070	019604	County Representation	C1:3	State Legal Defense Services
4080	019605	Client Payments	C1:4	State Legal Defense Services
4C70	019601	Multi-County: County Share	C2:3	County-Level Indigent Defense
4N90	019613	Gifts and Grants	C1:5	State Legal Defense Services
5740	019606	Civil Legal Aid	C3:1	Legal Assistance Foundation
5CX0	019617	Civil Case Filing Fee	C1:6	State Legal Defense Services
5DY0	019618	Indigent Defense Support – County Share	C2:4	County-Level Indigent Defense
5DY0	019619	Indigent Defense Support – State Office	C1:7	State Legal Defense Services
Federal	Fund Group	·		
31Q0	019626	Reforming Reentry Program	C4:2	Program Management
3S80	019608	Federal Representation	C1:8	State Legal Defense Services

## **Category 1: State Legal Defense Services**

This category of line items pays for the provision of legal representation to indigent adults, juveniles, and incarcerated individuals in all courts when the U.S. Constitution requires representation, or when it is requested by the court, the county or joint county public defender, or an inmate. Most legal matters in which the state provides direct representation involve appeals or death penalty cases. Indigent defense for most other cases is provided locally by public defenders or assigned counsel.

#### Services and activities

The specific types of services and activities grouped under the State Legal Defense Services are noted below.

- Appeals and Post-conviction Representation. Provides legal representation in state and federal courts to indigent persons who have been tried, found guilty, and claim they are unlawfully incarcerated.
- **Death Penalty Representation.** Provides competent legal counsel to indigent persons under the sentence of death (Ohio's death row inmates on direct appeal, state post-conviction, federal habeas corpus, and clemency appeals), as well as legal assistance, criminal investigation and mitigation, and trial services to private appointed attorneys in such cases; supports training seminars on death penalty law to help ensure that the state bar meets requirements imposed under Ohio Supreme Court Superintendence Rule 20.
- Intake and Prison Services. Provides: (1) Intake, which fields calls, handles routine questions, and receives initial requests for legal representation, (2) Records Management, which opens new case files, gathers relevant documents, delivers the files to supervisors for attorney assignment, and generates statistical reports, and (3) Prison Legal Services, which provides legal advice to inmates at the three reception centers in Ohio's prison system.
- Juvenile Legal Assistance. Provides legal assistance and representation to juveniles who have been committed to the departments of Youth Services (DYS) or Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC); coordinates and provides training to defense attorneys who handle juvenile work and provides legislative advocacy on right to counsel issues and other substantive issues involving children in the juvenile justice system.
- Legal Resource Center. Supports the Commission's Law Library, which is maintained pursuant to R.C. 120.04(B)(1) requiring it to maintain an office equipped with a library of adequate size, considering the needs of the office and the accessibility of other libraries, and other necessary facilities and equipment.
- **Trial Services.** Provides direct representation and assistance to local counsel in trial-level cases to indigent defendants throughout Ohio.
- Investigation Services. Provides both criminal and mitigation investigation services for Commission staff attorneys on trial and appellate-level death penalty and nondeath penalty cases on behalf of indigent defendants in both adult and juvenile courts in Ohio; provides criminal and mitigation investigation services for county public defender

attorneys and court-appointed attorneys on death penalty and nondeath penalty cases on behalf of indigent defendants.

### C1:1: State Legal Defense Services (ALI 019401)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
GRF ALI 019401, State Legal Defense Services	\$11,293,217	\$13,227,100	\$13,467,000
% change		17.1%	1.8%

This line item supports the operating expenses (personal services, purchased personal services, and supplies, maintenance, and equipment) associated primarily with the Commission's State Legal Defense Services.

The budget earmarks up to \$50,000 in each fiscal year from this line item to be used to provide legal training programs at no cost for private appointed counsel who represent at least one indigent person at no cost, and state and county public defenders and attorneys who contract with OPD to provide indigent defense services.

#### C1:2: Juvenile Legal Assistance (ALI 019607)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 1010 ALI 019607, Juvenile Legal Assistance	\$196,929	\$217,456	\$223,980
% change		10.4%	3.0%

This line item supports the provision of certain legal services to children committed to DYS.<sup>1</sup> The entirety of each year's appropriation is typically allocated for personal services. The appropriations will be supported by cash transferred from DYS pursuant to an interdepartmental agreement.

## C1:3: County Representation (ALI 019604)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4070 ALI 019604, County Representation	\$287,676	\$375,000	\$375,000
% change		30.4%	0.0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> State law authorizes the State Public Defender to provide legal representation and services to a child committed to DYS relative to the fact, duration, and conditions of the child's confinement. DYS is required to give the State Public Defender access to the child and any DYS institution or record that the State Public Defender needs to provide authorized representation and services (R.C. 120.06 and 5139.04).

This line item is used by OPD to provide legal representation for indigent persons when designated by the court or requested by a county or joint county public defender or to provide investigation or mitigation services, including investigation or mitigation services to private appointed counsel or a county or joint county public defender, as approved by the court. This ALI is not dedicated to any one initiative but is currently used primarily to support the Trial Services department which responds to requests for counsel, accepting some of those cases for internal representation and locating outside private counsel in cases when direct representation is not possible. Revenues for Fund 4070 are generated from payments from counties when they pay the office for cases where courts appoint an agency attorney to provide representation in a county level case pursuant to R.C. 120.06(D). In such cases, the agency charges the county 100% of the costs of representation. The county can then submit for reimbursement for a percentage of the costs proportional to the state reimbursement rate.

C1:4: Client Payments (ALI 019605)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4080 ALI 019605, Client Payments	\$705,346	\$800,000	\$800,000
% change		13.4%	0.0%

This line item is used for operating expenses. Currently, the line item is primarily used to support the Intake Section and Prison Legal Services programs. This line item draws its appropriation from payments collected from certain defendants, and 20%, or \$5, of a nonrefundable \$25 indigent defense application fee.<sup>2</sup> The Prison Legal Services Program serves the more than 50,000 people in DRC custody and more than 30,000 people currently on parole.

C1:5: Gifts and Grants (ALI 019613)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4N90 ALI 019613, Gifts and Grants	\$0	\$13,400	\$13,400
% change			0.0%

This line item is used to expend grants, donations, and awards from public and private sources received for a specific purpose that are credited to the Gifts and Grants Fund (Fund 4N90). Presently, the fund receives an annual gift of \$13,440 from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law to fund law students for the Commission's Wrongful Conviction

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Existing law permits this money to be used to: (1) appoint assistant state public defenders and to provide other personnel, equipment, and facilities necessary for the Commission's operation, (2) reimburse counties for the operation of county public defender offices, joint county public defender offices, and county-appointed counsel systems, and (3) provide assistance to counties in the operation of county indigent defense systems.

Project. The Project focuses primarily on wrongful conviction claims that do not involve DNA evidence, including allegations of flawed science, witness misidentification, and false convictions.

C1:6: Civil Case Filing Fee (ALI 019617)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5CX0 ALI 019617, Civil Case Filing Fee	\$620,809	\$620,000	\$620,000
% change		-0.1%	0.0%

This line item is supported by a portion of filing fees collected in certain new civil actions and proceedings and credited to the Civil Case Filing Fee Fund (Fund 5CX0). The purpose of the money is to fund assistant public defenders and other personnel, equipment, and facilities necessary for operation of the Commission. The majority of these funds are currently being used to support the operations of the Youth Defense Program, the purpose of which is to provide access to the courts to children who are incarcerated in DYS and/or DRC.

C1:7: Indigent Defense Support – State Office (ALI 019619)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5DYO ALI 019619, Indigent Defense Support – State Office	\$4,452,459	\$4,692,000	\$4,692,000
% change		5.4%	0.0%

This line item draws its appropriations from the Indigent Defense Support Fund (Fund 5DYO) and is used as part of the Commission's county reimbursement system. Fund 5DYO consists of a mix of fines, fees, and court costs. Under current law, 17% of the revenues credited to Fund 5DYO are to be used to support the operations of OPD (ALI 019619) and 83% of the funds be used for the purposes of reimbursing the counties for the expense of operating their indigent defense systems (ALI 019618).

C1:8: Federal Representation (ALI 019608)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
FED Fund 3S80 ALI 019608, Federal Representation	\$28,409	\$38,300	\$38,300
% change		34.8%	0.0%

This line item contributes to the funding of State Legal Defense Services, specifically the Death Penalty Division, which provides, coordinates, and supervises post-trial legal representation to indigent defendants in federal courts on federal habeas corpus proceedings

where the defendant is appealing the imposition of a death sentence by a state trial court.<sup>3</sup> Typically, the entire appropriation is primarily used for personal services.

It is supported by money appropriated from the Federal Representation Fund (Fund 3S80), which consists of payments collected from a federal court when it has appointed the State Public Defender to provide legal representation to an indigent defendant in a federal trial or in a federal habeas corpus proceeding, primarily matters involving the death penalty.

#### **Category 2: County-Level Indigent Defense**

This category of line items is used by the Commission to provide, facilitate, and improve the delivery of criminal defense services to indigent persons accused of crimes handled by common pleas, municipal, and county courts. With this portion of its budget, the Commission partially subsidizes counties for the cost of providing counsel to indigent persons in criminal and juvenile matters.<sup>4</sup> These services and activities also include establishing standards (including indigence), guidelines, and maximum fees for state reimbursement of county-level indigent defense services, and monitoring county compliance with those standards.

For many years, the state had historically reimbursed indigent defense costs at or below 50%, which had been statutorily capped. In FY 2020, the cap was removed. The state is now required to reimburse counties up to 100%, subject to available appropriations. For the FY 2020-FY 2021 biennium, Ohio substantially increased its share of the funding responsibility for indigent defense to the counties for the first time reaching a rate of 75% both years. FY 2022 saw a 100% rate before ticking downward again in FY 2023 and FY 2024, with rates of 79% and 85% respectively. In FY 2025, OPD reimbursed counties at a rate of 83%. With the funding levels in the budget, projections for FY 2026 are estimated to be 82%. The rate is ultimately decided by the number and size of claims submitted by the counties in a given year.

The combined amount of GRF and non-GRF appropriations (GRF line item 019501 plus DPF line item 019618) for county indigent defense reimbursement totals \$196.6 million in FY 2026 and \$201.8 million in FY 2027.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Habeas corpus is an appeal to the federal courts for wrongful conviction and unconstitutional imprisonment. A habeas petition is filed after a defendant has exhausted his or her direct appeal and state post-conviction remedies. In this instance, a defendant combines all of the prior claims raised on direct appeal and state post-conviction and he or she raises them in one petition in the United States District Court. All habeas cases, win or lose, are reviewed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati. In this habeas petition, the defendant may only seek relief on claims that involve a violation of the United States Constitution, for example, a violation of the Sixth Amendment right to effective counsel or a violation of the Eighth Amendment right to present mitigating evidence for sentencing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Pursuant to R.C. 120.18, 120.28, and 120.33 to 120.35.

C2:1: Northwest Regiona	l Support Hub (ALI 019406)
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Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation	
GRF ALI 019406, Northwest Regional Support Hub	\$0	\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000	
% change			0.0%	

This line item will be used by OPD to pay all the costs of providing indigent defense services for counties that have transferred administrative authority to the state public defender. The counties included in the Northwest Regional Hub are Allen, Hardin, and Putnam. The new ALI will support the cost of operating public defender offices in the counties served, reimbursement of expenses to court appointed legal representation, and other costs associated with providing legal services for indigent people.

#### C2:2: County Reimbursement (ALI 019501)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation	
GRF ALI 019501, County Reimbursement	\$171,908,514	\$173,719,360	\$178,930,940	
% change		1.1%	3.0%	

This line item supports the reimbursement of counties for their indigent defense expenditures on both noncapital and capital cases. The agency uses both GRF ALI 019501 and the Indigent Defense Support Fund (Fund 5DYO) ALI 019618 to make distributions to the counties.

According to OPD's budget request, county level costs of indigent defense eligible for reimbursement have continued to increase annually, with the total reaching nearly \$220 million in FY 2024. Based on recent trends and current projections for eligible county level costs, the increased level of funding will assist in maintaining a reimbursement rate of 82% in FY 2026.

## C2:3: Multi-County: County Share (ALI 019601)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation	
DPF Fund 4C70 ALI 019601, Multi-County: County Share	\$1,958,293	\$594,900	\$624,300	
% change		-69.6%	4.9%	

This line item is used to fund the local share of the Multi-County Branch Office Program. The program provides indigent defense services as an alternative to traditional appointed counsel or county public defender offices. This program is in effect in nine southeastern Ohio Counties: Adams, Athens, Brown, Fayette, Jackson, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, and Washington.

Revenues are generated from contract payments from these nine counties for their portion of the costs of operating the Multi-County Branch Office Program. The funding split mirrors the established reimbursement rate for the given year. If the appropriation falls short of

the needed funding levels, Controlling Board action will be required, which has been done historically for this line item.

C2:4: Indigent Defense Support – County Share (ALI 019618)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5DYO ALI 019618, Indigent Defense Support – County Share	\$21,670,810	\$22,908,000	\$22,908,000
% change		5.7%	0.0%

This line item draws its appropriations from the Indigent Defense Support Fund (Fund 5DYO) and is used as part of the Commission's county reimbursement system. Fund 5DYO consists of a mix of fines, fees, and court costs.

## **Category 3: Legal Assistance Foundation**

The lone line item in this category is used to pass through funding to the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation (OAJF), a nonprofit entity, created by statute, and charged with administering state funds for Ohio's legal aid societies.<sup>5</sup>

C3:1: Civil Legal Aid (ALI 019606)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation	
DPF Fund 5740 ALI 019606, Civil Legal Aid	\$51,139,921	\$37,000,000	\$33,000,000	
% change		-27.6%	-10.8%	

This item supports the state's legal aid societies in Ohio, which collectively serve all 88 counties. These funds are distributed to legal aid societies throughout the state pursuant to a statutory formula based on poverty population.

The money for these purposes is appropriated from the Civil Legal Aid Fund (Fund 5740), which consists of: (1) interest generated on lawyer and title insurance trust accounts, and (2) additional filing fees collected on certain new civil actions and proceedings. The interest revenues fluctuate, as they are sensitive to changes in the Federal Funds rate, as well as the savings rate which is tied to the former.

The budget includes language that authorizes the transfer of \$1.0 million from the GRF to Fund 5740 in each fiscal year. The funds are to be distributed to the OAJF for disbursement to Ohio's civil legal aid societies. The budget further provides:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Foundation, established by H.B. 152 of the 120<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, effective July 1993, develops financial support and solicits financial contributions for use in providing assistance to Ohio's legal aid societies.

- \$500,000 in each fiscal year for the sole purpose of providing legal services for economically disadvantaged individuals and families seeking assistance with legal issues arising as a result of substance abuse disorders.
- \$250,000 in each fiscal year for the sole purpose of providing legal services for veterans.

#### Category 4: Program Management

The Program Management category includes the services and activities performed by the Commission's Administrative Division, which provides the necessary services common to most state agencies, including fiscal and accounting, personnel and training, computer information systems, purchasing, fleet management, and delivery. The Division also provides certain required services: collecting reimbursement from the counties for legal services provided by the Ohio Public Defender, processing reimbursement to the counties for indigent defense programs, and producing educational seminars and conferences.

C4:1: Training and Publications (ALI 019603)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation	
DPF Fund 4060 ALI 019603, Training and Publications	\$45,317	\$75,000	\$75,000	
% change		65.5%	0.0%	

This line item supports training and educational programs for attorneys and others involved with the legal representation of indigent persons. The line item is supported by money appropriated from the Public Defender Training Fund (Fund 4060). The money is generated from a nominal fee that the Commission charges attendees of its training and educational programs. The Office of the Ohio Public Defender provides training to more than 1,000 attorneys and indigent defense professionals, including: more than 100 hours of continuing legal education, a two-day juvenile training program, a county public defender summit, multiple forensic trainings, and numerous other trainings.

C4:2: Reforming Reentry Program (ALI 019626)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
FED Fund 3IQ0 ALI 019626, Reforming Reentry Program	\$31,709	\$350,000	\$85,321
% c	nange	1,003.8%	-75.6%

This line item supports the Reforming Reentry Program, a community-based reentry program. This program was established by the Controlling Board in 2023 and works with DYS to provide reentry support and connection to services for people at the time their incarceration ends. The program uses a family informed approach to reentry by implementing needs-based assessment tools and creating partnerships with the youth, families, and local youth organizations. This line item is used to pay the salaries of two grant funded social workers and

for consultant and program evaluation services pursuant to the federal grant award. The grant requires no state matching funds.

## FY 2026 - FY 2027 Final Appropriations All Fund Groups - Detail

## H.B. 96 - Main Operating Appropriations Bill

			Appropriation	Appropriation	FY 2025 to FY 2026	FY 2026 to FY 2027
Detail by Agency	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	% Change	% Change
PUB Office of the Ohio Public Defender						
GRF 019401 State Legal Defense Services	\$9,800,221	\$11,293,217	\$13,227,100	\$13,467,000	17.12%	1.81%
GRF 019403 Multi-County: State Share	\$100,742	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
GRF 019404 Trumbull County - State Share	\$54,129	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
GRF 019406 Northwest Regional Hub Support	\$0	\$0	\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000	N/A	0.00%
GRF 019501 County Reimbursement	\$165,836,471	\$171,908,514	\$173,719,360	\$178,930,940	1.05%	3.00%
General Revenue Fund Subtotal	\$175,791,563	\$183,201,731	\$190,296,460	\$195,747,940	3.87%	2.86%
1010 019607 Juvenile Legal Assistance	\$198,183	\$196,929	\$217,456	\$223,980	10.42%	3.00%
4060 019603 Training and Publications	\$51,657	\$45,317	\$75,000	\$75,000	65.50%	0.00%
4070 019604 County Representation	\$317,930	\$287,676	\$375,000	\$375,000	30.36%	0.00%
4080 019605 Client Payments	\$680,213	\$705,346	\$800,000	\$800,000	13.42%	0.00%
4C70 019601 Multi-County: County Share	\$1,397,468	\$1,958,293	\$594,900	\$624,300	-69.62%	4.94%
4N90 019613 Gifts and Grants	\$12,645	\$0	\$13,400	\$13,400	N/A	0.00%
4X70 019610 Trumbull County - County Share	\$6,014	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
5740 019606 Civil Legal Aid	\$48,223,909	\$51,139,921	\$37,000,000	\$33,000,000	-27.65%	-10.81%
5CX0 019617 Civil Case Filing Fee	\$550,589	\$620,809	\$620,000	\$620,000	-0.13%	0.00%
5DY0 019618 Indigent Defense Support - County Share	\$21,416,583	\$21,670,810	\$22,908,000	\$22,908,000	5.71%	0.00%
5DY0 019619 Indigent Defense Support - State Office	\$5,456,703	\$4,452,459	\$4,692,000	\$4,692,000	5.38%	0.00%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal	\$78,311,893	\$81,077,559	\$67,295,756	\$63,331,680	-17.00%	-5.89%
3IQ0 019626 Reforming Reentry Program	\$6,300	\$31,709	\$350,000	\$85,321	1,003.78%	-75.62%
3S80 019608 Federal Representation	\$0	\$28,409	\$38,300	\$38,300	34.82%	0.00%
Federal Fund Group Subtotal	\$6,300	\$60,118	\$388,300	\$123,621	545.89%	-68.16%
Office of the Ohio Public Defender Total	\$254,109,756	\$264,339,409	\$257,980,516	\$259,203,241	-2.41%	0.47%