

Office of the Ohio Public Defender

General Revenue Fund

GRF 019401 State Legal Defense Services

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$7,411,101	\$7,740,692	\$9,800,221	\$11,293,217	\$13,227,100	\$13,467,000
% change	4.4%	26.6%	15.2%	17.1%	1.8%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 371.10 and 371.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 215 of the 122nd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item funds the Public Defender Commission's operating expenses, primarily those associated with state legal defense services, and secondarily program management. In addition to operating expenses, in FY 2026 and FY 2027, up to \$50,000 is earmarked to provide legal training programs, which were previously funded through GRF line item 019405, Training Account (discontinued).

GRF 019403 Multi-County: State Share

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$4,747,624	\$4,137,616	\$100,742	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-12.8%	-97.6%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item (originally established by Controlling Board on December 17, 1990)

Purpose: This line item funded the state's share of the Multi-County Branch Office Program, which began operation in FY 1991. Under the program, the state provided indigent defense services, as an alternative to traditional appointed counsel or county public defender offices, to nine counties in south and southeastern Ohio: Adams, Athens, Brown, Fayette, Jackson, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, and Washington. Each county's contribution to the program was deposited into Fund 4C70 and appropriated to line item 019601, Multi-County: County Share. The FY 2024-2025 operating budget consolidated this line item with GRF line item 019501, County Reimbursement.

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GRF 019404 Trumbull County - State Share

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$1,985,860	\$2,045,578	\$54,129	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	3.0%	-97.4%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item (originally established by H.B. 291 of the 115th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item funded the state's share of the Trumbull County Branch Office. The office, which began operation in 1984, provides indigent criminal defense representation in the courts of Trumbull County. The local share of the office was deposited into Fund 4X70 and appropriated to line item 019610, Trumbull County - County Share. The FY 2024-2025 operating budget consolidated the costs associated with Trumbull County to GRF line item 019501, County Reimbursement and Fund 4C70 line item 019601, Multi-County: County Share.

GRF 019405 Training Account

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$28,830	\$20,575	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-28.6%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item (originally established by H.B. 171 of the 117th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item funded the Public Defender Commission's Pro Bono Training Program, under which it contracts with private and non-profit training companies to provide continuing legal education (CLE) certified seminars to attorneys who practice criminal indigent defense law. This purpose is now funded under GRF line item 019401, State Legal Defense Services.

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GRF 019406 Northwest Regional Hub Support

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 371.10 and 371.30 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A.

Purpose: This line item funds the Northwest Regional Hub pilot program to provide indigent defense services in the counties that elect to join, in lieu of managing those services directly and applying for reimbursement. The pilot is open to the following three counties: (1) Allen, (2) Hardin, and (3) Putnam. Expenses may include the cost of operating public defender offices, reimbursement of expenses of court appointed counsel, and other associated costs of providing legal representation to indigent persons.

GRF 019501 County Reimbursement

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$132,197,392	\$130,486,972	\$165,836,471	\$171,908,514	\$173,719,360	\$178,930,940
% change	-1.3%	27.1%	3.7%	1.1%	3.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 120.04, 120.18, 120.28, 120.33, 2941.51, and 2949.19; Sections 371.10 and 371.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 164 of the 111th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used, in concert with other money appropriated for use by the Public Defender Commission, to reimburse counties for their costs in providing legal counsel to indigent persons in criminal and juvenile matters. The FY 2024-2025 operating budget consolidated two line items that previously supported the state share of county-level indigent defense costs: GRF 019403, Multi-County: State Share; and GRF 019404, Trumbull County: State Share.

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Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

1010 019607 Juvenile Legal Assistance

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$210,812	\$193,396	\$198,183	\$196,929	\$217,456	\$223,980
% change	-8.3%	2.5%	-0.6%	10.4%	3.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Cash transferred from the Ohio Department of Youth Services pursuant to an interdepartmental agreement

Legal Basis: Section 371.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board on August 16, 1993)

Purpose: This line item is used by the Public Defender Commission for costs incurred to provide certain legal representation and assistance services to juveniles committed to the Ohio Department of Youth Services.

4060 019603 Training and Publications

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$0	\$16,751	\$51,657	\$45,317	\$75,000	\$75,000
% change	N/A	208.4%	-12.3%	65.5%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Educational seminar fees and publication sales

Legal Basis: R.C. 120.03; Section 371.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 291 of the 115th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used for costs incurred to conduct training and education programs for attorneys and others in the legal representation of indigent persons.

4070 019604 County Representation

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$276,296	\$284,956	\$317,930	\$287,676	\$375,000	\$375,000
% change	3.1%	11.6%	-9.5%	30.4%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Funds paid by counties that have requested the State Public Defender provide counsel in local cases

Legal Basis: R.C. 120.06; Section 371.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 291 of the 115th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used by the Public Defender Commission 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.

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Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4080 019605 Client Payments

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$569,590	\$637,297	\$680,213	\$705,346	\$800,000	\$800,000
% change	11.9%	6.7%	3.7%	13.4%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) Money recouped from defendants who were provided appointed counsel or a public defender and ordered to pay all or a portion of the costs of their defense, and (2) 20%, or \$5, of a non-refundable \$25 indigent defense application fee assessed a defendant in a criminal case when requesting indigent defense services

Legal Basis: R.C. 120.04 and 120.36; Section 371.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A (originally established by H.B. 291 of the 115th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used for the Public Defender Commission's operating expenses.

4C70 019601 Multi-County: County Share

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$36,661	\$1,078,961	\$1,397,468	\$1,958,293	\$594,900	\$624,300
% change	2,843.1%	29.5%	40.1%	-69.6%	4.9%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Contract payments from participating counties for their portion of the costs of operating the Multi-County Branch Office Program

Legal Basis: ORC 120.04 and 120.33; Section 371.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board on December 17, 1990)

Purpose: This line item funds the local share of the Multi-County Branch Office Program, which began operation in FY 1991. Under the program, the state provides indigent defense services, as an alternative to traditional appointed counsel or county public defender offices, to ten counties in Ohio: Adams, Athens, Brown, Fayette, Jackson, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Trumbull, and Washington. The state share is drawn from the Public Defender Commission's GRF line item 019501, County Reimbursement. The funding split between the state and county shares is the same as it is for the Commission's statewide County Reimbursement Program.

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Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4N90 019613 Gifts and Grants

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$9,443	\$16,083	\$12,645	\$0	\$13,400	\$13,400
% change	70.3%	-21.4%	-100.0%	N/A	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) Grants, donations, and awards from public and private sources that the Commission has received for specific purposes, and (2) effective July 1, 2019, payments from agreements to license, lease, sell, and market for sale intellectual property owned by the Office of the Public Defender

Legal Basis: R.C. 120.04; Section 371.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A (originally established by Controlling Board on June 1, 1994)

Purpose: Since the FY 2012-FY 2013 biennium, money credited to the fund has consisted of an annual gift from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law for the Public Defender Commission's Wrongful Conviction Project. This project addresses claims of innocence where biological evidence (DNA) was not available.

4X70 019610 Trumbull County - County Share

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$13,917	\$552,315	\$6,014	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	3,868.5%	-98.9%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Contract payments from Trumbull County for its portion of the costs of operating the Commission's Trumbull County Branch Office

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item (originally established by H.B. 215 of the 122nd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item funded the local share of the Trumbull County Branch Office. The office, which began operation in 1984, provides indigent criminal defense representation in the courts of Trumbull County. The FY 2024-2025 operating budget abolished Fund 4X70 Trumbull County- County Share and consolidated it with Fund 4C70 Multi-county: County Share.

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Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5740 019606 Civil Legal Aid

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$14,346,642	\$26,510,731	\$48,223,909	\$51,139,921	\$37,000,000	\$33,000,000
% change	84.8%	81.9%	6.0%	-27.6%	-10.8%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) Interest generated on lawyer's trust accounts (IOLTAs) and title insurance trust accounts (IOTAs), and 2) additional filing fees collected by municipal, county, and common pleas courts on certain new civil actions or proceedings

Legal Basis: R.C. 120.52; Sections 371.10 and 371.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by S.B. 219 of the 115th G.A.)

Purpose: The money appropriated to this line item is distributed to the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation (OAJF), a nonprofit entity that distributes financial resources to legal aid societies that provide civil legal services to indigent persons.

5CX0 019617 Civil Case Filing Fee

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$413,050	\$482,216	\$550,589	\$620,809	\$620,000	\$620,000
% change	16.7%	14.2%	12.8%	-0.1%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: 4% of filing fees collected by municipal, county, and common pleas courts in certain new civil actions or proceedings and then transmitted to the state, with the remainder (96%) credited to the state's Legal Aid Fund (Fund 5740); courts are permitted to retain up to 1% of fees collected to cover administrative costs

Legal Basis: R.C. 120.07, 1901.26, 1907.24, and 2303.201; Section 371.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 66 of the 126th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item funds operating expenses of the Public Defender Commission.

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Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5DY0 019618 Indigent Defense Support - County Share

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$25,660,415	\$23,352,563	\$21,416,583	\$21,670,810	\$22,908,000	\$22,908,000
% change	-9.0%	-8.3%	1.2%	5.7%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: (1) Designated portion (\$75, \$125, \$250, or \$500) of the mandatory fines for operating a vehicle while under the influence (OVI) violations, (2) \$5 of an additional \$10 in court costs for moving violations, (3) court costs of \$30 for a felony offense and \$20 for a misdemeanor offense other than a traffic offense that is not a moving violation, (4) \$10 additional court cost for a traffic offense that is neither a moving violation nor a parking violation, (5) designated portion (\$25, \$50, or \$100) of financial responsibility driver's license reinstatement fee, (6) designated portion (\$10) of driver's license reinstatement fee for suspensions generally, (7) designated portion (\$10) of driver's license reinstatement fee for class F suspension, and (8) \$25 bail bond surcharge

Legal Basis: R.C. 120.08, 2937.22, 2949.091, 2949.094, 4507.45, 4509.101, 4510.22, and 4511.19; Section 371.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A (originally established by S.B. 209 of the 127th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used, in concert with other money appropriated for use by the Public Defender Commission, to reimburse counties for their costs in providing legal counsel to indigent persons in criminal and juvenile matters.

5DY0 019619 Indigent Defense Support - State Office

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$5,728,153	\$5,939,563	\$5,456,703	\$4,452,459	\$4,692,000	\$4,692,000
% change	3.7%	-8.1%	-18.4%	5.4%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Shares sources of revenue noted in the preceding entry for the Commission's DPF Fund 5DY0, line item 019618, Indigent Defense Support - County Share

Legal Basis: R.C. 120.08, 2937.22, 2949.091, 2949.094, 4507.45, 4509.101, 4510.22, and 4511.19; Section 371.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A (originally established by S.B. 209 of the 127th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item funds operating expenses of the Public Defender Commission.

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Federal Fund Group

3IQ0 019626 Reforming Reentry Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$0	\$0	\$6,300	\$31,709	\$350,000	\$85,321
% change	N/A	N/A	403.3%	1,003.8%	-75.6%

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 16.812 – Second Chance Act Reentry Initiative

Legal Basis: Section 371.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A (originally established by Controlling Board on October 30, 2023)

Purpose: This line item is used by the Public Defender Commission to develop and operate a community-based reentry program called Reforming Reentry which provides youth recently released from the Ohio Department of Youth Services with re-entry support and connection services.

3S80 019608 Federal Representation

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,409	\$38,300	\$38,300
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	34.8%	0.0%

Source: Federal Fund Group: 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

Legal Basis: Sections 371.10 and 371.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A (originally established by Controlling Board on March 2, 1998)

Purpose: This line item is used by the Public Defender Commission's Death Penalty Department to provide, coordinate, and supervise 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.