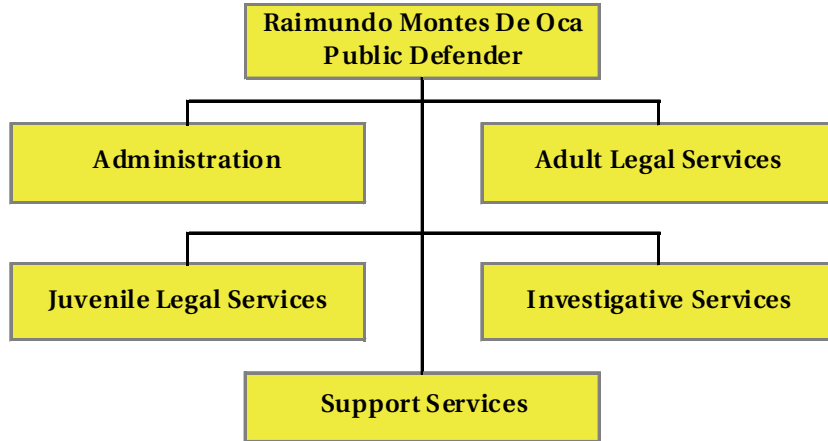
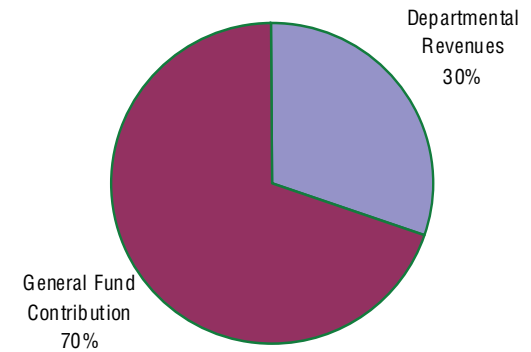


# PUBLIC DEFENDER

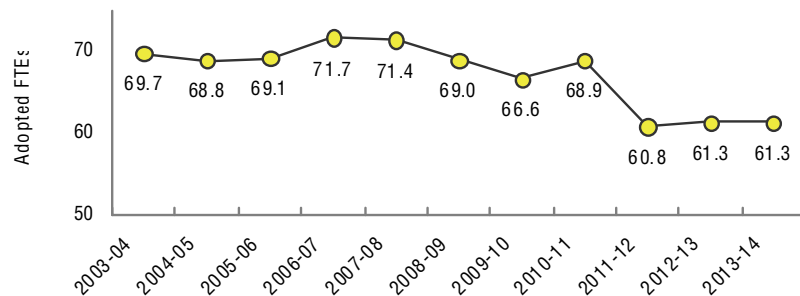
Budget & Staffing	
Operating \$	9,792,673
Capital	-
FTEs	61.3



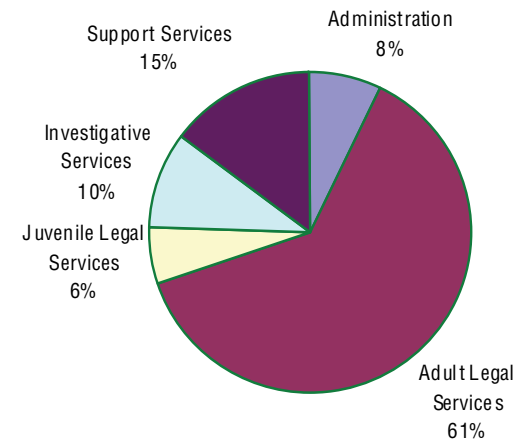
## SOURCE OF FUNDS



## STAFFING TREND



## USE OF FUNDS



**PUBLIC DEFENDER**  
**Department Summary**

	Actual FY 10-11	Adopted FY 11-12	Recommended FY 12-13	Proposed FY 13-14
<b>Use of Funds Summary</b>				
<i>Operating Expenditures</i>				
Administration	\$ 471,937	\$ 765,120	\$ 745,319	\$ 805,870
Adult Legal Services	6,014,023	5,860,889	6,071,776	6,302,281
Juvenile Legal Services	741,286	602,172	564,222	587,665
Investigative Services	1,162,920	1,001,830	955,884	1,001,756
Support Services	1,505,598	1,538,899	1,455,472	1,536,720
Expenditure Total	<u>9,895,764</u>	<u>9,768,910</u>	<u>9,792,673</u>	<u>10,234,292</u>
<i>Other Financing Uses</i>				
Operating Transfers	6,874	--	--	--
Designated for Future Uses	127,000	--	--	--
Department Total	<u>\$ 10,029,638</u>	<u>\$ 9,768,910</u>	<u>\$ 9,792,673</u>	<u>\$ 10,234,292</u>

**Character of Expenditures**

	Actual FY 10-11	Adopted FY 11-12	Recommended FY 12-13	Proposed FY 13-14
<i>Operating Expenditures</i>				
Regular Salaries	\$ 6,122,482	\$ 5,993,846	\$ 5,947,808	\$ 5,991,896
Overtime	177	--	--	--
Extra Help	236,742	70,514	70,900	70,900
Benefits	2,692,707	2,937,231	2,991,935	3,372,135
Salaries & Benefits Sub-Total	<u>9,052,108</u>	<u>9,001,591</u>	<u>9,010,643</u>	<u>9,434,931</u>
Services & Supplies	843,656	767,319	782,030	799,361
Expenditure Total	<u>\$ 9,895,764</u>	<u>\$ 9,768,910</u>	<u>\$ 9,792,673</u>	<u>\$ 10,234,292</u>

Note: Presentation of the individual program amounts for fiscal years 2010-11 and 2011-12 have been adjusted to provide a consistent level of detail with the fiscal year 2012-13 budget, however, the totals for 2010-11 and 2011-12 have not been changed.

	Actual FY 10-11	Adopted FY 11-12	Recommended FY 12-13	Proposed FY 13-14
<b>Source of Funds Summary</b>				
<i>Departmental Revenues</i>				
Federal & State Revenues	\$ 2,422,994	\$ 2,387,650	\$ 2,682,420	\$ 2,772,520
Other Charges for Services	109,411	435,000	288,825	305,000
Revenue Total	<u>2,532,405</u>	<u>2,822,650</u>	<u>2,971,245</u>	<u>3,077,520</u>
<i>General Fund Contribution</i>	6,271,558	6,946,260	6,821,428	7,156,772
<i>Other Financing Sources</i>				
Use of Prior Fund Balances	1,225,675	--	--	--
Department Total	<u>\$ 10,029,638</u>	<u>\$ 9,768,910</u>	<u>\$ 9,792,673</u>	<u>\$ 10,234,292</u>

Note: The Proposed 2013-14 "General Fund Contribution" amount of \$7,156,772 displayed in the summary table above includes a projected General Fund Contribution of \$6,896,327 and a projected budget gap of \$260,445.

	Actual FY 10-11	Adopted FY 11-12	Recommended FY 12-13	Proposed FY 13-14
<b>FTE Summary</b>				
<i>Permanent</i>				
Administration	3.4	4.9	4.9	4.9
Adult Legal Services	30.5	31.4	31.5	31.4
Juvenile Legal Services	3.5	2.9	2.9	2.9
Investigative Services	11.7	7.8	7.7	7.8
Support Services	18.0	13.7	13.7	13.7
Total Permanent	<u>67.0</u>	<u>60.8</u>	<u>60.8</u>	<u>60.8</u>
<i>Non-Permanent</i>				
Extra Help	1.9	--	0.5	0.5
Total FTEs	<u>68.9</u>	<u>60.8</u>	<u>61.3</u>	<u>61.3</u>

Note: FTE totals may not sum correctly due to rounding.

## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide vigorous and professional legal representation of the highest quality to all clients and to create an environment that motivates and enables all employees to achieve this mission.

## Department Description

The Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Office helps the County meet its obligation to provide effective and efficient representation to County residents who cannot afford to hire a lawyer. The law requires the Public Defender:

- Defend adults charged with crimes in the Superior Court;
- Defend persons charged with Death Penalty crimes;
- Defend minors in the Juvenile Court;
- Defend persons charged with Contempt of Court;
- Defend county residents who are physically disabled, or suffer from mental illness or Alzheimer's and dementia and who can no longer care for themselves; and
- Go to Court on behalf of persons claiming to be held unlawfully in jail or prison, and on behalf of persons held in mental health facilities.

To meet these obligations, the Public Defender employs a full-time staff of 34 attorneys, 8 investigative staff, and 18 support staff (60 FTE), supplemented by an extra-help employee. Each day, the Public Defender appears in 15 different courtrooms in our Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and Lompoc Superior Courts.

The Public Defender's Office:

- Litigates cases on behalf of our clients to insure the Court has the facts to reach a just decision;
- Protects clients afflicted by physical or mental disabilities who cannot care for themselves and represents and protects children in the juvenile courts; and
- Participates in restoring clients' lives by making the resources of other county agencies and community based organizations available to the Court when resolving our clients' cases.

## 2011-12 Anticipated Accomplishments

### Adult and Juvenile Legal Representation

- Represented clients in over 22,000 matters brought to the Superior Court.
- Represented 72% of the persons charged with felonies this year, and 59% of persons charged with misdemeanors.
- Represented clients in 114 cases where our clients face the possibility of incarceration longer than ten (10) years. Of these defendants, twelve (12) face sentences in excess of twenty (20) years, forty-five (45) defendants face the possibility of life sentences, and one (1) defendant is charged in a case where he could receive the death penalty.
- Resolved most felonies in less than 90 days and almost all misdemeanors in less than 120 days without compromising vigorous representation.

### Mental Health and Treatment Courts

- Represented clients in 1,300 new matters in our County's treatment courts, helping clients to begin the journey to recovery by taking this first step.
- Advocated on behalf of 321 disadvantaged clients unable to care for themselves because of mental illness or physical infirmity in our mental health and probate courts.

### Collaboration with Other County Departments

- Worked collaboratively with others in the courts and outside the courts to keep persons out of jail, reducing the need to house them in our already over-crowded jail.
- Worked with the jail to find ways to place inmates already in jail and in need of treatment in appropriate programs to reduce the demand on jail beds.
- Participated in establishing the Veteran's Treatment Court in Santa Maria, inaugurated November 22, 2011.
- Participating in bringing the Veteran's Court to Santa Barbara when the resources of the Court and partner agencies permit it, and will participate in the organization and implementation of the "Veteran's Stand Down" that will be held in Santa Maria.
- Worked with other agencies to plan and implement the first phase of the AB 109 Public Safety Realignment Act.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER**  
Department Summary (cont'd)

Information Technology and Process Flow

- Implemented a process review to make the best use of resources to continue representing our clients as required by the Constitution, reorganizing our work flow and changing the responsibilities of our attorney staff and support staff.
- Provided selected attorneys and investigators with iPads so they can continue to work while in court or in the field as part of an evaluation to determine whether and how mobile technology can help us do our work efficiently.
- Partnered with the Courts and the District Attorney in an effort to facilitate the electronic exchange of data between offices, reducing the amount of time needed to input that same data into our own data systems.

Financial

- Doubled collection of Public Defender fees from \$109,000 to an estimated \$225,000.

**2012-14 Objectives**

The Law Office of the Public Defender's strategic actions are primarily aligned with the following adopted County Strategic Goals:

Goal 1: Efficient and Responsive Government: An Efficient, Professionally Managed Government Able to Anticipate and to Effectively Respond to the Needs of the Community.

Goal 2: Health and Safety: Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work and Visit.

Goal 6: Families and Children: A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children.

Collaboration with Other County Departments

- Participate in the Veteran's Stand Down to be held in Santa Maria in October 2012, in addition to continuing our efforts to make the Veteran's Treatment Court more widely available to our veterans.
- Continue to proactively analyze both the anticipated and unanticipated consequences of the Public Safety Realignment Act with all the agencies that are being affected by the Act.

Information Technology

- Continue upgrading our case management system to permit us to store file data electronically in a way that is easily accessible either over our network or electronically through the internet.

Financial

- Continue to increase the number of cases in which Public Defender fees are assessed and collected.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER  
Department Summary (cont'd)**

**Changes and Operational Impact: 2011-12 Adopted to 2012-13 Recommended**

Staffing:

There will be no increase or decrease in full-time staffing from the 2011-12 Adopted budget to the 2012-13 Recommended budget. There is a 0.5 FTE increase in extra help in response to AB 109 mandates.

Expenditures:

Net increase of \$24,000. This 0.2% increase is the result of:

- Salaries and Benefits - increase of \$9,000, due primarily to increases in County retirement, health insurance and other benefit rates.
- Services and Supplies - miscellaneous increase of \$15,000.

Revenues:

Net increase of \$149,000. This 5.3% increase is the result of:

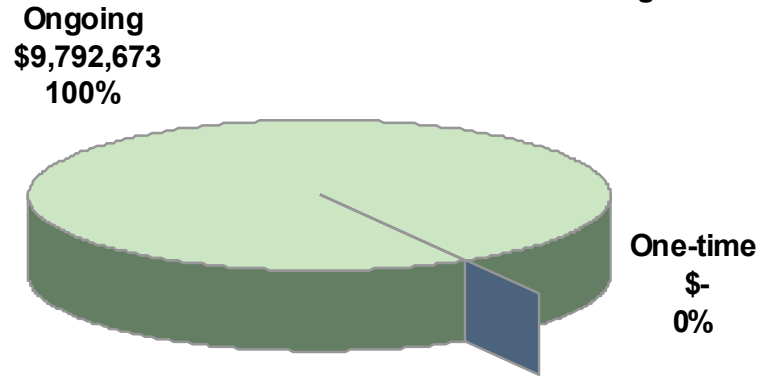
- Federal and State Revenues - increase of \$295,000, primarily Proposition 172 Sales Tax Revenues.
- Public Defender fees - \$146,000 adjustment of PD fees related to implementation of new assessment and collection procedure.

**Changes and Operational Impact: 2012-13 Recommended to 2013-14 Proposed**

The \$442,000 increase in expenditures is primarily the result of an increase in Salaries and Benefits as a result of the expiration of the FY 2012-13 labor concessions.

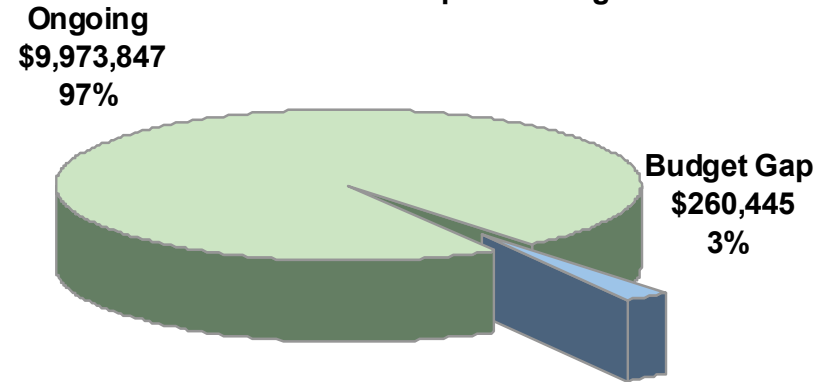
	Actual FY 10-11	Adopted FY 11-12	Recommended FY 12-13	Proposed FY 13-14
<b>Outcome Measures</b>				
Percent of patients in the County's Psychiatric Health Facility visited for their statutory access to Court. (Target = 100%)	Not used in prior years	Not used in prior years	100%	100%
Percent of clients requesting records' clearing whose petitions will be acted upon within 30 days of the request. (Target = > 75%)	Not used in prior years	Not used in prior years	> 75%	> 75%
Percent of felony cases resolved within 12 months of arraignment providing expeditious exercise of a client's legal rights without compromising vigorous and professional representation. (Target = > 80%)	Not used in prior years	Not used in prior years	> 80%	> 80%
Percent of misdemeanor cases resolved with 120 days providing expeditious exercise of a client's legal rights without compromising vigorous and professional representation. (Target = > 85%)	Not used in prior years	Not used in prior years	> 85%	> 85%

**FY 2012-13 Recommended Budget**



The FY 2012-13 Recommended Budget does not rely on one-time sources to fund any of the department's ongoing operations.

**FY 2013-14 Proposed Budget**



To maintain FY 2012-13 service levels, it is estimated that \$10.2 million of funding will be required in FY 2013-14. Of this amount, it is projected that \$9.9 million will be available through ongoing sources (including \$6.9 million in General Fund Contribution). An additional \$0.3 million must be identified to prevent the need for service level reductions.