

Office of Public Defense

C 376, L24, PV, Sec 114

Dollars In Thousands

	NGF-O	Other	Total
2023-25 Original Appropriations	136,745	10,279	147,024
<i>Other Leg Passed in Prev Session(s) Changes:</i>			
1. Cont. Subst. Consultation/Rep.	9,000	0	9,000
Total Enacted Other Legislation	9,000	0	9,000
Adjusted 2023-25 Appropriations	145,745	10,279	156,024
Total Maintenance Changes	14	0	14
<i>Policy Other Changes:</i>			
2. Client Emergency Funds	50	0	50
3. Gov Veto - Public Defn Soc Svc Wkrs	0	-400	-400
4. High-Potency Synthetic Opioids	0	1,108	1,108
5. NGRI Attorney Vendor Rate	0	366	366
6. Office Expansion	403	0	403
7. Parents Representation Program	0	534	534
8. Public Defn Recruitment Specialists	0	442	442
9. Public Defn. Social Service Workers	0	400	400
10. State v. Blake	0	2,863	2,863
11. Support Staff Reclassification	251	0	251
12. Training and Internship Programs	0	611	611
Policy -- Other Total	704	5,924	6,628
<i>Policy Comp Changes:</i>			
13. PERS & TRS Plan 1 Benefit Increase	2	0	2
14. Updated PEBB Rate	-9	0	-9
Policy -- Comp Total	-7	0	-7
<i>Policy Central Services Changes:</i>			
15. CTS Central Services	189	0	189
16. DES Central Services	2	0	2
17. OFM Central Services	36	0	36
Policy -- Central Svcs Total	227	0	227
2023-25 Revised Appropriations	146,683	16,203	162,886
Fiscal Year 2024 Total	69,902	8,371	78,273
Fiscal Year 2025 Total	76,781	7,832	84,613

Comments:**2. Client Emergency Funds**

Funding is provided to address emergency safety issues and other urgent needs that can arise for indigent clients served by the Parents Representation Program. (General Fund-State)

3. Gov Veto - Public Defn Soc Svc Wkrs

The Governor vetoed Section 114(10) of Chapter 376, Laws of 2024, Partial Veto (ESSB 5950), which provided funding to create a pilot project administered by the Office of Public Defense (OPD) that provides indigent parents in dependency and termination cases with voluntary access to a social service worker contracted by OPD beginning at a shelter care hearing. (Judicial Stabilization Trust Account-State)

4. High-Potency Synthetic Opioids

Funding is provided to implement Chapter 328, Laws of 2024 (E2SSB 6109), which includes child abuse or neglect resulting from a high-potency synthetic opioid in a list of what a court, law enforcement, or a hospital may use to establish the basis for a determination of imminent physical harm when a child is removed from a parent. (Judicial Stabilization Trust Account-State)

5. NGRI Attorney Vendor Rate

Funding is provided for a 10 percent vendor rate increase in FY 2025 for the attorneys working in the Chapter 10.77 RCW Post Commitment Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) program. The NGRI program provides representation of indigent persons who are acquitted by reason of insanity and committed to state psychiatric care. (Judicial Stabilization Trust Account-State)

6. Office Expansion

Funding is provided for tenant improvements and lease costs associated with OPD's expansion to a larger office space to accommodate the agency's staff. (General Fund-State)

7. Parents Representation Program

Funding is provided to develop and coordinate professional training resources for the Parents Representation Program staff and client services contractors. (Judicial Stabilization Trust Account-State)

8. Public Defn Recruitment Specialists

Funding is provided for coordinated statewide recruitment efforts to address the shortage of public defense attorneys, particularly in rural counties. (Judicial Stabilization Trust Account-State)

9. Public Defn. Social Service Workers

Funding is provided to create a pilot project administered by OPD that provides indigent parents in dependency and termination cases with voluntary access to a social service worker contracted by OPD beginning at a shelter care hearing. Note: This item was vetoed by the Governor. Please see the veto item below for additional information. (Judicial Stabilization Trust Account-State)

10. State v. Blake

Funding is provided to assist with public defense services for clients whose convictions or sentences are affected by the State v. Blake court decision. (Judicial Stabilization Trust Account-State)

11. Support Staff Reclassification

Funding is provided to reclassify positions and provide increased compensation for program and administrative assistants. (General Fund-State)

12. Training and Internship Programs

Funding is provided to implement Chapter 293, Laws of 2024 (2SSB 5780), which requires OPD to administer a law student rural defense program and to expand the capacity of its Criminal Defense Training Academy Program. (Judicial Stabilization Trust Account-State)

13. PERS & TRS Plan 1 Benefit Increase

Funding is provided for the contribution rate impacts of Chapter 255, Laws of 2024 (SHB 1985), which provides a one-time increase of 3 percent, up to a maximum of \$110 per month, to the benefits of certain members of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System Plans 1. (General Fund-State)

14. Updated PEBB Rate

Funding is adjusted to reflect a decrease in the funding rate for healthcare benefits provided through the Public Employees' Benefits Board of \$1,170 per member per month, from the enacted rate of \$1,191. This rate is sufficient to cover the cost of a virtual diabetes management program, increasing the vision hardware allowance to \$200 per year, and removing the cost sharing for diagnostic and supplemental breast exams. (General Fund-State)

15. CTS Central Services

Adjustments are made to reflect each agency's anticipated share of charges from Washington Technology Solutions for the Office of Cybersecurity, the Office of Privacy and Data Protection, the state network, small agency IT services, enterprise architecture and innovation services, Microsoft 365 licenses, and other items. Consolidated Technology Services was renamed Washington Technology Solutions pursuant to Chapter 54, Laws of 2024 (SHB 1947). (General Fund-State)

16. DES Central Services

Adjustments are made to reflect each agency's anticipated share of charges from the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) for Capitol Campus costs; real estate, risk management, and small agency services; the Perry Street and Capitol Campus child care centers; enterprise applications, and other items. (General Fund-State)

17. OFM Central Services

Adjustments are made to reflect each agency's anticipated share of charges from the Office of Financial Management (OFM) for existing statewide applications, the One Washington program, and other central services. (General Fund-State)