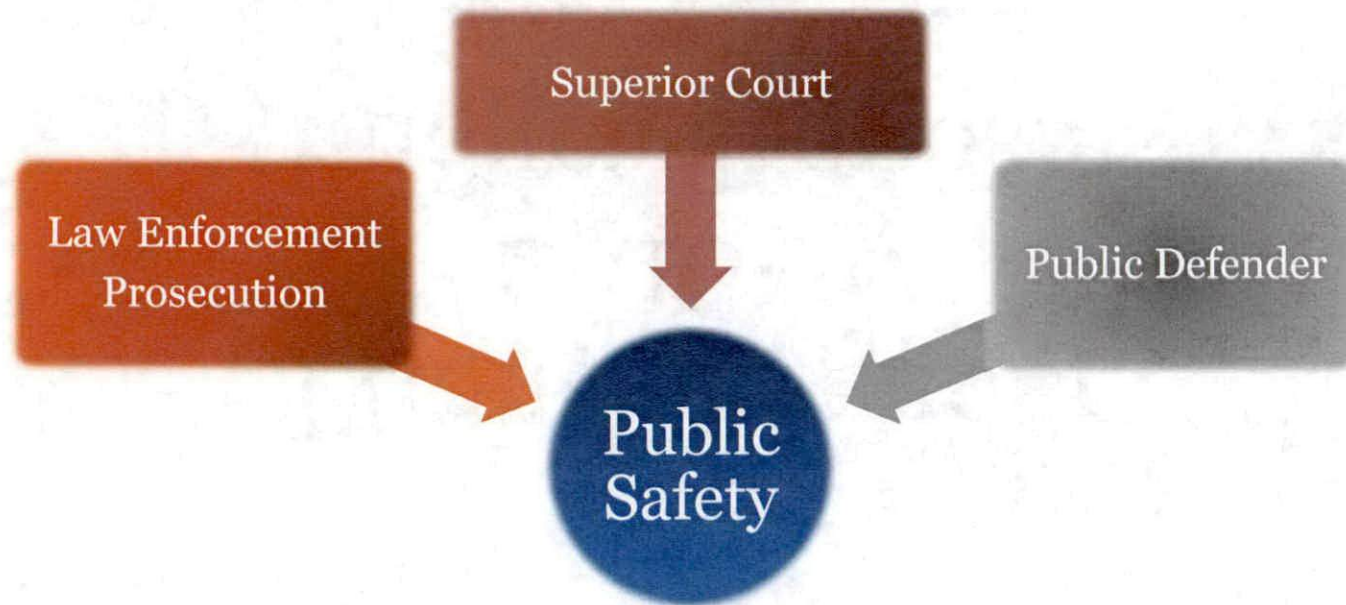


Public Defender 2018-19 Budget Proposal

Public Safety



An efficient justice system requires that the Courts, Law Enforcement, and Public Defender operate with adequate resources to address the needs of the community.

If one branch of the local public safety unit is weak this impacts the other units immediately.



Public Defender Services

The County of Humboldt Public Defender is a law office
Established and funded by the County of Humboldt

The attorneys and other staff employed by the office render legal services to individuals who are accused of a crime, public nuisance, or other potential deprivation of civil rights and who cannot afford the services of a private attorney.



Public Defender Services

There are two Public Defender Offices:

Public Defender Main Office

- Provides primary representation in approx. 60% of Superior Court appointments

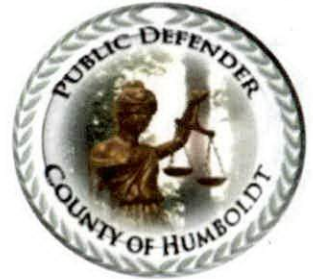
Conflict Counsel Office

- Provides primary representation in approx. 40% of Superior Court appointments
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Public Defender Services

In addition to adult criminal cases, the Public Defender is appointed to represent clients for the following matters:

- Conservatorships
 - Writ and Riese Hearings
 - Juvenile Delinquency Cases
 - Homeless Court
 - Truancy Court
 - Family Law Contempt
 - Hoopa Court – every other month
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Who We Represent



Public Defenders are the primary providers of court-appointed legal services to persons facing criminal charges or other potential deprivation of civil rights who lack the funds to hire counsel.

It is estimated that over 90% of our county population cannot afford legal fees for a serious criminal matter and would qualify for Public Defender to have a public defender represent them.

Who We Represent



The Public Defender Offices represent over 80% of
the appointments
by the Humboldt County Superior Court for
adults charged with crimes.

Budget Proposal



Public Defender #219

	2017-18 Adopted	2018-19 Proposed	Increase	% Change
Prior Year Comparison	\$ 2,638,899	\$ 2,743,167	\$ 104,268	4.0%

Conflict Counsel #246

	2017-18 Adopted	2018-19 Proposed	Increase	% Change
Prior Year Comparison	\$ 1,191,288	\$ 1,239,057	\$ 47,769	4.0%

Measure Z #292

	2017-18 Adopted	2018-19 Proposed	Increase	% Change
Prior Year Comparison	\$ 216,657	\$ 371,726	\$ 155,069	71.6%

Additional
funding
Request

Current Personnel Allocations



		Public	Conflict		
		Defender	Counsel	Measure Z	
TYPE	Position Title	Office	Office	Funding	Total
FT	PUBLIC DEFENDER	1.0			1.0
FT	SUPERVISING ATTORNEY		1.0		1.0
FT	DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER I/II/III/IV	8.0	4.0	1.0	13.0
FT	LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS MANAGER	1.0			1.0
FT	SUPERVISING LEGAL SECRETARY	1.0			1.0
FT	INVESTIGATOR (PUBLIC DEFENDER)	4.0	1.0	1.0	6.0
FT	LEGAL SECRETARY I/II (37.5 HR)	2.0	1.0		3.0
FT	LEGAL SECRETARY I/II (40 hr)				0.0
FT	LEGAL OFFICE ASSISTANT I/II	1.0	1.0		2.0
FT	SENIOR LEGAL SECRETARY 37.5	1.0	1.0		2.0
TOTAL POSITIONS ALLOCATED		19.0	9.0	2.0	30.0

Proposed Personnel Allocations



		Public Defender	Conflict Counsel	#1	#2	
TYPE	Position Title	Office	Office	Measure Z	Measure Z	Total
FT	PUBLIC DEFENDER	1.0				1.0
FT	SUPERVISING ATTORNEY		1.0			1.0
FT	DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER I/II/III/IV	8.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	14.0
FT	LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS MANAGER	1.0				1.0
FT	SUPERVISING LEGAL SECRETARY	1.0				1.0
FT	INVESTIGATOR (PUBLIC DEFENDER)	4.0	1.0	1.0		6.0
FT	LEGAL SECRETARY I/II (37.5 HR)					0.0
FT	LEGAL SECRETARY I/II (40 hr)	2.0	1.0			3.0
FT	LEGAL OFFICE ASSISTANT I/II	1.0	1.0			2.0
FT	SENIOR LEGAL SECRETARY 37.5					
FT	SENIOR LEGAL SECRETARY (40 hr)	1.0	1.0			2.0
TOTAL POSITIONS ALLOCATED		19.0	9.0	2.0	1.0	31.0
					Change	1.0 FTE
				Reclassification will add 7.5 hrs per week		

2018-2019 Goals



Research grant funding that will enhance and
compliment Public Defender Services

Upgrade infrastructure/equipment to meet current
demands

Improve office aesthetics and working environment to reflect a
positive and modern environment for clients and assist in
retaining and recruiting professional staff
