

0324 – PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION**FISCAL YEAR 2026****LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The Public Defender Commission was created to address a variety of concerns relating to the representation of indigent criminal defendants in Arkansas.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

Appropriation		2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
		Actual	Authorized	Legislative
1VA	Ombudsman Program	\$75,509	\$77,351	\$80,491
337	Public Defender-Operations	\$3,576,400	\$3,799,753	\$3,973,857
530	Public Defender - Trial Office	\$27,127,620	\$30,294,936	\$31,596,803
X66	Commission for Parent Counsel	\$4,199,720	\$4,780,776	\$4,780,925
Total		\$34,979,249	\$38,952,816	\$40,432,076

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		2023-2024	
		Actual	%
Fund Balance	4000005	\$4,134,463	10.04
Federal Revenue	4000020	\$2,572,150	6.25
Special Revenue	4000030	\$11,620	0.03
State Central Services	4000035	\$27,921,500	67.81
Cash Fund	4000045	\$107	0.00
Bail Bond Fees	4000115	\$847,040	2.06
Inter-agency Fund Transfer	4000316	\$1,732	0.00
Miscellaneous Adjustments	4000345	\$300	0.00
Other	4000370	\$43	0.00
Rebates	4000412	\$1,088	0.00
Transfer from DHS	4000510	\$1,013,848	2.46
Transfer from DHS-DYS	4000515	\$83,424	0.20
Transfer State Admn of Justice	4000570	\$3,108,612	7.55
User / Attorney Fees	4000725	\$1,479,906	3.59
Total Funds		\$41,175,833	100.00
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(\$3,610,208)	
Grand Total		\$37,565,625	

NO CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**POSITIONS**

Total Authorized Positions FY20226: 295

Total Authorized Positions FY2025: 289

Increase / (Decrease): 6

Extra Help Positions FY2025: 14

SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

No Changes.