

Court Support Agencies Organization Department Summary

Court Support Services includes administrative and operating support funding provided by the Board of County Commissioners for the Judiciary, the State Attorney, the Public Defender, and the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS).

Department Name	FY11 Actual	FY12 Budget	FY13 Request
Judiciary Office	3,519,676	3,804,070	3,744,424
Public Defender Office	936,334	1,182,010	1,173,490
State Attorney Office	227,270	285,050	239,751
Criminal Justice Info System	2,911,930	3,825,910	3,094,935
Total	7,595,210	9,097,040	8,252,600



Judiciary

The Judiciary includes administrative and operational support for both the Circuit Court and County Court. The Board of County Commissioners provides funding for statutorily required positions, communications, technology, facility operations and maintenance expenses of the court and certain local option programs. All other personnel and operating expenses are either funded through grant awards, or fines and court costs, or are the financial responsibility of the State of Florida pursuant to Article V, Revision 7.

Budget Summary

Expenditures by Program

Programs	Fund	FY11Actuals	FY12Budget	FY13Request
Default Program	General Fund	3,519,676	0	0
Court Technology Program	General Fund	0	1,272,140	1,349,594
Court-County's Statutory Requirements	General Fund	0	460,500	517,238
Juvenile Alternatives	General Fund	0	377,910	400,594
Teen Court Program	General Fund	0	233,330	236,799
Juvenile Behavioral Evaluation	General Fund	0	396,650	401,302
Administrative Office of the Courts	General Fund	0	789,910	48,232
Drug Court Program	General Fund	0	0	163,720
Court Counsel Program	General Fund	0	0	350,945
Law Libraries Program	General Fund	0	273,630	276,001
Department Total		3,519,676	3,804,070	3,744,424

Expenditures by Fund

Fund	FY11Actuals	FY12Budget	FY13Request
General Fund	3,519,676	3,804,070	3,744,424
Expenditures by Fund Total	3,519,676	3,804,070	3,744,424

Personnel Summary

	FY12Budget	FY13Request
Permanent Full-Time Positions	38	38

Program Descriptions

Default Program	The conversion to program budgets did not occur until FY 2012. As a result, most FY 2011 expenditures appear in the program rather than being distributed to specific program accounts.
Court Technology Program	Article V of the State Constitution requires the counties to provide all reasonable and necessary technology and communications functions for the Judiciary, State Attorney, and Public Defender. Funding is partially supported by Court fees. Judiciary technology includes technical support to the judges and staff; video and audio systems; computer systems and networks; new products and upgrades to applications; training; and teleconferencing.

Judiciary

Court-County's Statutory Requirements	The County is mandated by statute to fund certain court-related activities. These include communication costs associated with Court Operations - including telephone, fax, and network communications; the Guardianship Monitor Program which supports the Probate Judges to ensure that the requirements of court rules and statutes pertaining to guardians are followed; and the Alternative Sanctions Coordinator who attends detention calendars to link families to community social services and provides information to families in unusual or difficult delinquency cases; and makes referrals as appropriate. Also included are Intergovernmental Risk Management cost allocations.
Juvenile Alternatives	To provide early intervention, prevention and diversion services to first-time juvenile offenders, and to relieve overburdened juvenile courts by providing non-judicial dispositions of lesser juvenile offenses.
Teen Court Program	Teen Court is a non-judicial juvenile diversion program for youth under 18 years of age and is a part of the Juvenile Arbitration Program. Teen Court's purpose for the teen offender is to interrupt developing patterns of criminal behavior in juveniles by promoting self-esteem, motivation for self-improvement, and a healthy attitude toward authority.
Juvenile Behavioral Evaluation	The Behavioral Evaluation Program supports the Unified Family Court by providing information regarding the social, emotional, behavioral and cognitive abilities of juveniles, the overall functioning of the family, the child/adult's competence to understand proceedings, and recommended sanctions based on treatment needs. The program enhances the safety and well being of the community through client referrals for psychiatric evaluations and further treatment as deemed appropriate.
Administrative Office of the Courts	General administrative support to Court Psychologist and Court Administration.
Drug Court Program	Administration of County contribution to Drug Court Program for Treatment Services Provision.
Court Counsel Program	Local Option, Staff Attorneys and Administrative Assistant to provide legal assistances to County Court Judges and support of Court Counsel.
Law Libraries Program	Depository for legal materials for public use by pro se litigants and members of the bar, located in the Clearwater Courthouse. The library at the Criminal Justice Center was closed in FY07 and the St. Petersburg Law Library was closed in FY08, leaving the one Law Library in downtown Clearwater. This program promotes trust and confidence in the judicial system by providing an access point for equal justice under the law.

Public Defender

The Public Defender's office provides legal advice, counsel, and defense services to financially indigent citizens accused of crimes, as required by Florida law.

Budget Summary

Expenditures by Program

Programs	Fund	FY11Actuals	FY12Budget	FY13Request
Default Program	General Fund	936,334	0	0
Public Defender-Technology Program	General Fund	0	271,080	254,650
Incompetent to Proceed	General Fund	0	161,490	161,490
Public Defender-Jail Diversion-BCC Funds	General Fund	0	348,000	348,000
Public Defender-Jail Diversion-State DCF Grants	General Fund	0	401,440	409,350
Department Total		936,334	1,182,010	1,173,490

Expenditures by Fund

Fund	FY11Actuals	FY12Budget	FY13Request
General Fund	936,334	1,182,010	1,173,490
Expenditures by Fund Total	936,334	1,182,010	1,173,490

Personnel Summary

	FY12Budget	FY13Request
Permanent Full-Time Positions	0	0

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Public Defender-Technology Program	Article V of the State Constitution requires counties to provide funding for all reasonable and necessary technology and communications functions for the Judiciary, State Attorney and Public Defender. Funding is partially supported by Court Fees.
Incompetent to Proceed	Since FY07, the Board of County Commissioners has funded a program for case management assistance to non-violent criminal misdemeanor offenders who have mental health issues. These persons are not eligible for other jail diversion programs which are only available to felony offenders.
Public Defender-Jail Diversion-BCC Funds	This program is a collaborative effort of the Public Defender, State Attorney, Pinellas County Sheriff, the Judiciary, and local service providers to reduce the incidence and length of incarceration of individuals diagnosed with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorder.
Public Defender-Jail Diversion-State DCF Grants	This is supplemental grant funding for the Jail Diversion Program. The availability and amounts of grants are variable and subject to approval by State authorities.



State Attorney

Article V of the State Constitution requires counties to provide funding for all reasonable and necessary technology and communications functions for the Judiciary, State Attorney and Public Defender. Funding is partially supported by Court Fees.

Budget Summary

Expenditures by Program

Programs	Fund	FY11Actuals	FY12Budget	FY13Request
Default Program	General Fund	227,270	0	0
State Attorney-Technology	General Fund	0	285,050	239,751
Department Total		227,270	285,050	239,751

Expenditures by Fund

Fund	FY11Actuals	FY12Budget	FY13Request
General Fund	227,270	285,050	239,751
Expenditures by Fund Total	227,270	285,050	239,751

Personnel Summary

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Permanent Full-Time Positions	0	0

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State Attorney-Technology	Article V of the State Constitution requires counties to provide funding for all reasonable and necessary technology and communications functions for the Judiciary, State Attorney and Public Defender. Funding is partially supported by Court Fees.



Criminal Justice Information System

The Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) is the responsibility of the County pursuant to Article V, Revision 7. CJIS serves as the central database for all of the various justice-related agencies including the State Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, Clerk, and Judiciary.

Budget Summary

Expenditures by Program

Programs	Fund	FY11Actuals	FY12Budget	FY13Request
Default Program	General Fund	2,911,930	0	0
Criminal Justice Info System	General Fund	0	3,825,910	3,094,935
Department Total		2,911,930	3,825,910	3,094,935

Expenditures by Fund

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Expenditures by Fund Total	2,911,930	3,825,910	3,094,935

Personnel Summary

	FY12Budget	FY13Request
Permanent Full-Time Positions	0	0

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Criminal Justice Info System	This program reflects the appropriations for coordination of the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) for all justice agencies throughout the county. CJIS is the central database for court cases and related information. Pursuant to Article V, Revision 7, CJIS is the responsibility of the county.

