

## 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).

<b>Department Name</b>	<b>FY11 Actual</b>	<b>FY12 Budget</b>	<b>FY13 Request</b>
Judiciary	3,519,676	3,804,070	3,744,610
Public Defender	936,334	1,182,010	1,173,490
State Attorney	227,270	285,050	239,770
Criminal Justice Info System	2,911,930	3,825,910	3,094,940
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,595,210</b>	<b>9,097,040</b>	<b>8,252,810</b>



# 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	1,349,640
Court-County's Statutory Requirements	General Fund	0	460,500	517,250
Juvenile Alternatives	General Fund	0	377,910	400,610
Teen Court Program	General Fund	0	233,330	236,820
Juvenile Behavioral Evaluation	General Fund	0	396,650	401,320
Administrative Office of the Courts	General Fund	0	789,910	48,250
Drug Court Program	General Fund	0	0	163,740
Court Counsel Program	General Fund	0	0	350,970
Law Libraries Program	General Fund	0	273,630	276,010
Department Total		3,519,676	3,804,070	3,744,610

### Expenditures by Fund

Fund	FY11Actuals	FY12Budget	FY13Request
General Fund	3,519,676	3,804,070	3,744,610
Expenditures by Fund Total	3,519,676	3,804,070	3,744,610

### 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	Administrative position for Court Administration funded by the county pursuant to inter-local agreement. This position is a local option that provides general administrative support for the Courts Psychologist Dr. Jill Poorman.
Drug Court Program	The cooperative effort of a team approach is a hallmark of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Adult Drug Treatment Court. It is a court-supervised, comprehensive drug treatment court for non-violent defendants. This is a voluntary program that involves frequent appearances before the drug court judge, substance abuse treatment and frequent, random testing for substance abuse. Successful completion of the Adult Drug Treatment Court plan may result in the dismissal of charges against defendants entering the program through Pre-Trial Intervention (defendants facing a first-time, non-violent, third-degree felony charge and admitted to Drug Court at the sole discretion of the State Attorney). Additional Drug Court expenses are found in the Department of Justice and Consumer Services.
Court Counsel Program	Staff attorneys and administrative assistant. These positions are local options and are classified as Court Innovations. Staff attorneys assist 33 Circuit Court judges and 17 County Court judges in Pinellas County. Staff Attorneys review and act on post-conviction motions, prepare orders, respond to judges' requests for trial and pre-trial assistance and respond to requests from the Chief Judge and the public
Law Libraries Program	Depository for legal materials for public use by pro se litigants and members of the bar. 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	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

### 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.
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

The State Attorney represents the State of Florida in the circuit and county courts and is responsible for conducting criminal prosecutions of all persons charged with violating state, county, and/or local laws and ordinances. The State Attorney reviews charges and complaints to determine whether they warrant prosecution and trial. In addition to court duties, the State Attorney provides legal advice in criminal matters to all law enforcement agencies and works with these agencies to provide in-service training.

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### 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	239,770
Department Total		227,270	285,050	239,770

#### Expenditures by Fund

Fund	FY11Actuals	FY12Budget	FY13Request
General Fund	227,270	285,050	239,770
Expenditures by Fund Total	227,270	285,050	239,770

#### Personnel Summary

	FY12Budget	FY13Request
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.

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## Budget Summary

### Expenditures by Program

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Default Program	General Fund	2,911,930	0	0
Criminal Justice Info System	General Fund	0	3,825,910	3,094,940
Department Total		2,911,930	3,825,910	3,094,940

### Expenditures by Fund

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Expenditures by Fund Total	2,911,930	3,825,910	3,094,940

### Personnel Summary

	FY12Budget	FY13Request
Permanent Full-Time Positions	0	0

### 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.
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.

