

Office of the Public Defender

*Mission: To zealously protect and defend
the rights of our clients through
compassionate and inspired legal
representation of the highest quality, in
pursuit of a fair and unbiased system of
justice for all.*

**FY22 Proposed
Budget Review**

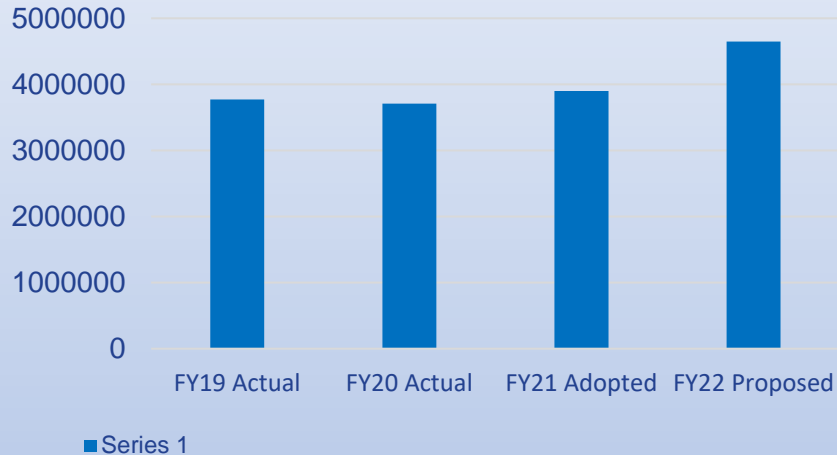


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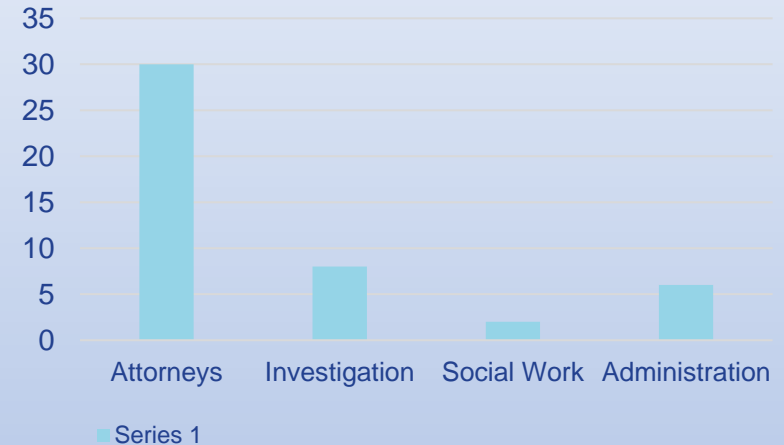
Summary of Current Operations



Budget trend



FY22 headcount breakdown



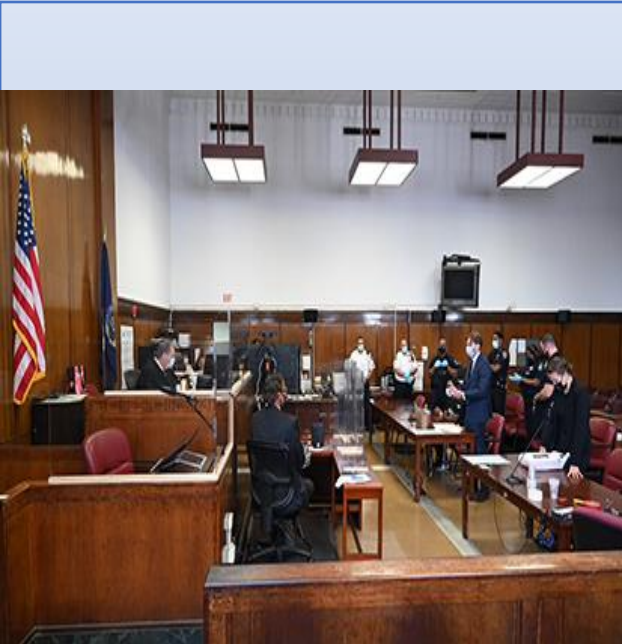
Operational areas

1. Client Representation (courtroom)
2. Investigations
3. Social Worker Program
4. Community Connections
5. Specialized Units (Appeals, DUI/ALS, Housing/Code, Mental Health Advocacy, Immigration Defense)

Key metrics

1. Represented 3500 individuals under COVID-19 Judicial Emergency Order
2. Continued to conduct field investigations, serve subpoenas and client interviews.
3. Social Workers and Client Advocate teams:
 - ❖ 55 Secured in Emergency Shelter
 - ❖ 12 Referred to Domestic Violence Services
 - ❖ 06 Clients Placed in Permanent Housing
 - ❖ 20 clients assessed and connected to mental health and substance abuse treatment
4. 55 Immigration Defense Matters- Secured the release of 10 from ICE detention.

FY22 Highlights



Courtroom Advocacy



Client Outreach



Community Outreach

Key Metrics for FY22



DUI Team Expansion

- Increased demand in DUI Defense Representation
- Add additional DUI Defense Attorney
- Vertical Representation enhancement : First Appearance, Administrative License Suspension hearings and DUI Court.

Housing Court/Code Compliance Expansion

- Additional Attorney Staff to meet demand of City Code Compliance initiatives.
- Additional Advocate staff to address fundamental barriers to client compliance to code enforcement actions.

First Appearance Representation (Weekend Jail Docket)

- Additional attorney staff will allow Office to provide representation at the Weekend jail first appearance dockets.

General Fund FY2022 Proposed Budget ~ Public Defender



Budget Summary ~ Public Defender

Major Category	Proposed Budget
Personnel and Employee Benefits	\$ 4,153,678
Purchased / Contracted Services	\$ 343,051
Supplies	\$ 148,914
Capital Outlays	\$ 0
Interfund/ Interdepartmental Charges	\$ 643
Other Costs	\$ 0
Debt Service	\$ 0
Other Financing Uses	\$ 0
General Fund Budget	\$ 4,646,286

Department's Basic Plan of Operation for FY22



Personnel Deployment Strategies

- City's Indigent Defense Resources Investment allows additional Attorneys and staff to support the mission of the office and overall demands of all Judicial Stakeholders.
- Enhance strategies to impact staff retention, maintain sustainable workloads, and maximize investments in staff training and expertise.

Contracts/ Agreements

The Office of the Public Defender continues to operate in a low contract environment <10%. The City's recent investment to create a state-of-the-art law office for Public Defender clients promotes a client centered culture and counters negative assumptions or biases created when indigent defense systems are under-resourced.

Key contract expenditures in:
Legal Research Systems;
Technology/Efficiency Enhancements;
Printer/Copier Network; and Staff Training and Development.

Supply & Other Costs Charges

The Office of the Public Defender will continue to strive for efficient operations to minimize supply costs that continue to remain less than 3.3% of departmental budget.

Summary of Key Deliverables and Intended Benefits to the City



New Initiative: SOAR program (SSI/SDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery)

- Social Work staff will assist Clients in their ability to apply for entitled benefits.
- Connect clients to needed services.
- Reduction in re arrests.

New Initiative: Community Resource Form

Implemented by the Public Defender to Quickly Assist Clients and Community Partners Who Serve the Daily Needs of Homeless and Vulnerable Populations in the City of Atlanta.

Available Resources:

**Housing, Food, Identification,
Healthcare, Employment, Benefits,
and Transportation**

Centralized, Consolidated, and Concise Resource Guide for Organizations and Clients.



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ER Community Resource From **April 25** - **May 01** 2021



Weather

Sunday	Sunny	HIGH: 72	LOW: 54
Monday-Thursday	Sunny	HIGH: 84	LOW: 55
Friday	Cloudy	HIGH: 73	LOW: 59 40% Chance of RAIN
Saturday	Sunny	HIGH: 77	LOW: 55



Identification

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 1329 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta GA 30309
Open Mon-Thursday (1-3pm). Line starts at 12pm. Wednesday ONLY for out-of-state birth certificates.
CENTRAL OUTREACH: 201 Washington Street, Atlanta GA 30303
CROSSROADS: 420 Courtland St NE Atlanta GA 30308 Mon-Fri 9:30-1:30pm



Housing

PETER STREET SHELTER: 316 Peter Street, Atlanta GA 303013
Intake daily starts at 4pm. First 21 days FREE.
SALVATION ARMY: 400 Luckie Street, Atlanta GA 30313. Intake daily@8am, get in line early. Male/Female Beds 30days FREE. Family Suites 60days FREE
GATEWAY: 275 Pryor Street, Atlanta GA 30303 ER shelter and Point of Entry for Permanent and Supportive Housing Assessments.



Health care

GRADY ER: 88 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive, Atlanta GA 30309	OPEN 24 HOURS
EMORY ER: 550 Peachtree Street, Atlanta GA 30309	OPEN 24HOURS
MERCY CARE: 424 Decatur Street, Atlanta GA 30309	WALK-INS 7am-2pm
MERCY CARE: 275 Pryor Street, Atlanta GA 30303	WALK-INS 9am-4pm
FULTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPT: 10 Park Place, Atlanta GA	OPEN 8:30am-5pm

*Covid-19, TB, RPR, STD and HIV Testing Available



Crisis Lines

GA CRISIS LINE:	1-800-715-4225
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE:	404-892-4646
ALCOHOLICS ANOYMOUS:	404-425-3178
NARCOTICS ANOYMOUS:	1-888-947-7262
SUICIDE HOTLINE:	1-800-784-2433



Medications

GRADY PHARMACY: 48-50 Coca-Cola Place, Atlanta GA 303113
Opens 8:30am-7:00p PH# 404-616-4117

MERCY CARE PHARMACY: 424 Decatur Avenue, Atlanta GA 30303
Opens 9:00am-5pm PH# 404-439-0949



Food

HOMELESS:

BREAKFAST: St. John Wonderworker, 543 Cherokee Ave

Daily M-F @8am

LUNCH: Lutheran Redeemer, 731 Peachtree Street

Daily M-F@10:30am

Antioch Baptist, 540 Cameron Math AlexBlvd

M/W/F@11:30-1pm

DINNER: SafeHouse Outreach, 89 Ellis Street

All 7 Days @5:30pm

Antioch Baptist, 540 Cameron Math Alex Blvd

Wed 5-7pm

SUNDAY: First Presbyterian, 1328 Peachtree Street

Sun @6:30am

PANTRY REFERRALS: PLEASE CALL SW/ADVOCATE PH# on top of this sheet.



Clothing

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN: 1419 Ponce de Leon Ave, NE Atlanta GA 30307
Adult (Male & Female). Open on Monday & Thursday starting at 10am.

MIDTOWN ASSISTANCE: Online Applications PREFERRED due to Covid-19.
Please call & make an appointment for WORK CLOTHES, proof of employment and a supervisor's contact ph# are required to receive services.



Education

@ PROMISE CENTER: Urban League (ages 18-24) PH# 470-346-2693

ATLANTA AREA TECH Adult Literacy& Education PH# 404-255-4468

PARENTING CLASSES: Families First, Inc. PH# 404-853-2844

ANGER MGMNT CLASSES: ATL Anger Management PH# 678-576-1913

FATHERHOOD PRPGRAM Child Support/Visitation PH# 1-844-694-2347



Job

WORKSOURCE/AWDA: Job Training/Placement PH# 404-658-9675

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES: Job Training/Placement PH# 404-891-0235

GEORGIA WORKS: Job Readiness Program PH# 404-215-6680

HEP/PDO Job Training/Placement PH# 404-546-4702

EQUIP: Job Training/Placement PH# 404-732-4465

FIRST STEP: Job Training/Placement PH# 404-577-3395

URBAN LEAGUE: Job Training/Placement PH# 404-659-1150



Social Security

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMIN: 401 Peachtree Street NW, #2860, Atlanta GA 30308

PAYEES: Quest 35 ph# 678-705-5318 or People's Choice: ph# 404-296-0340

FOR ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE: Call Justin Murray/PDO ph# 470-630-8735



MARTA

HALF-FARE CARDS: Cost \$5/Proof of Disability/SEE MARTA Customer Service

MIDTOWN ASSISTANCE: Will assist with MARTA for job search or for 1-2 weeks of employment. MUST Provide proof of employment & supervisors contact ph# info.



LGBTQ

LOST & FOUND: YouthHotline & ER Shelter PH# 678-856-7824

SOMEONE CARES, INC: Transgender Services PH# 678-917-2763

AID ATLANTA: HIV Case Management, Meds, Support PH# 404-870-7741

Here's To Life: Phoenix House & Substance Abuse Treatment PH# 404-500-3726