



Criminal Justice Contracted Services

Mission Statement

The mission of Criminal Justice Contracted Services is to provide appropriation authority to pay for the City's contracts with the King County Office of Public Defense for indigent defense services and the King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention for jail services.

Appropriations

Fund/Line of Business (in thousands of dollars)	Summit Code	1999 Actual	2000 Adopted	2001 Adopted	2002 Endorsed
General Subfund					
Indigent Defense Services	VJ5	5,949	6,181	5,978	6,176
Jail Services	VJ1	10,962	13,457	12,292	12,607
Department Total		16,912	19,638	18,270	18,783

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Indigent Defense Services

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Indigent Defense Services Line of Business is to secure legal defense services, as required by state law, for indigent persons facing criminal charges in Seattle Municipal Court.

Program Highlights

Decrease budget authority in 2001 by almost 6% as a result of contracting for significantly fewer cases than in 2000. This is due primarily to the City's policy of impounding the cars of people who are alleged to be driving with a suspended driver's license. This is being done in lieu of prosecution.

Allow the City's budget for indigent defense services to remain relatively constant, as the contracting agencies' rising salary and overhead costs are offset by the projection that the recent trend of declining case filings will continue.

Increase budget authority by \$150,000 in 2001 per Council action in order to fund a one-year demonstration project that provides legal support services for certain eligible persons seeking recovery of their vehicles impounded for driving with a suspended or revoked driver license.

Resources

Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)	1999 Actual	2000 Adopted	2001 Adopted	2002 Endorsed
General Subfund	5,949	6,181	5,978	6,176
Program Total	5,949	6,181	5,978	6,176

Jail Services

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Jail Services Line of Business is to provide for the booking, housing, transporting, and guarding of City prisoners and for the lease of a courtroom in the jail. The jail population for which the City pays are adults charged with misdemeanor crimes alleged to have been committed within the City of Seattle limits.

Program Highlights

Decrease the budget authority by almost 9% due to the continuation of a decade-long trend of reduced Seattle bookings into the King County Jail and the adjustment of budget forecasts resulting from better and more timely information. Since 1997, overall reductions in jail usage have avoided costs; however, these have been partially offset by rising rates charged by the County.

Continue to look for ways to reduce the City of Seattle's proportion of King County's average daily prisoner population, such as implementing alternative sanctions to incarceration. Alternatives to jail may be more appropriate to a particular crime and more likely to affect future criminal behavior.

Monitor and participate in the progress of King County's Adult Justice Operational Master Plan (AJOMP), which is a year-long planning process, the goal of which is to respond to the County's rapidly rising jail population and the potential need for a third jail facility.

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