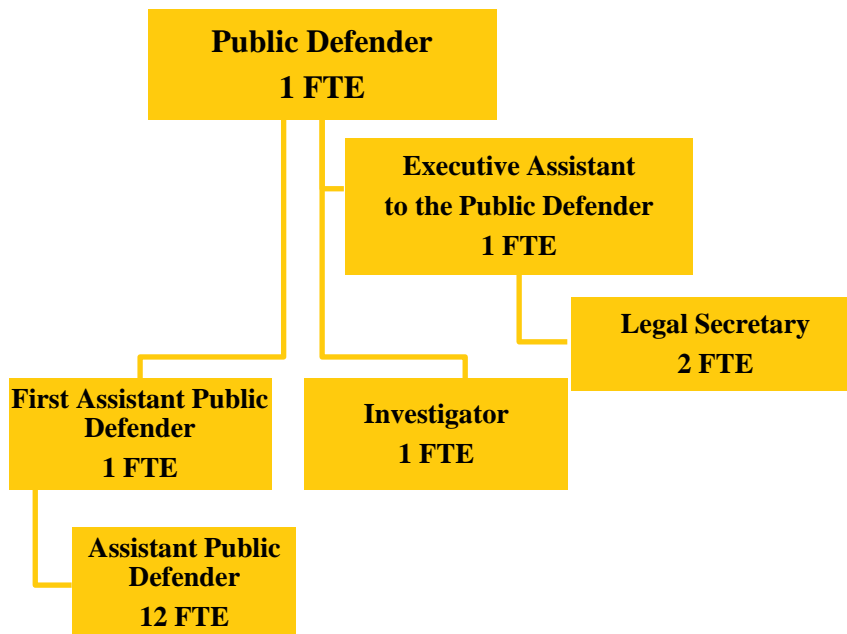


**PUBLIC DEFENDER**  
**Fund 080-036**



Public Defender positions: 18 FTE

The office, position, and duties of the public defender are statutorily created and defined in the Illinois Counties Code Division 3-4 Public Defender and Appointed Counsel (55 ILCS 5/3-4).

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*To effectively represent indigent persons in criminal, traffic, abuse/neglect, juvenile, and other miscellaneous cases in Champaign County.*

**BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

Court Appointed Counsel Fees ordered by the Judiciary resulted in an increase in revenue for FY 2019. It is expected that the revenue for FY2020 will be substantially lower due to the COVID-19 closure of the Courthouse and delays in resolving cases.

**FINANCIAL**

Fund 080 Dept 036			2019 Actual	2020 Original	2020 Projected	2021 Budget
335	70	STATE SALARY REIMBURSMENT	\$94,479	\$104,248	\$104,248	\$104,248
		FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL SHARED REVENUE	\$94,479	\$104,248	\$104,248	\$104,248
341	10	COURT FEES AND CHARGES	\$48,007	\$53,000	\$45,000	\$53,000
		FEES AND FINES	\$48,007	\$53,000	\$45,000	\$53,000
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369	90	OTHER MISC. REVENUE	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0
		MISCELLANEOUS	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>			<b>\$142,586</b>	<b>\$157,248</b>	<b>\$149,248</b>	<b>\$157,248</b>
511	2	APPOINTED OFFICIAL SALARY	\$154,763	\$156,371	\$156,371	\$161,065
511	3	REG. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES PERSONNEL	\$992,203 \$1,146,966	\$1,035,457 \$1,191,828	\$1,035,457 \$1,191,828	\$1,057,305 \$1,218,370
522	1	STATIONERY & PRINTING	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500
522	2	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$5,997	\$4,407	\$4,407	\$4,407
522	3	BOOKS,PERIODICALS & MAN.	\$589	\$525	\$525	\$525
522	6	POSTAGE, UPS, FED EXPRESS	\$30	\$0	\$26	\$26
522	15	GASOLINE & OIL	\$220	\$350	\$350	\$350
522	44	EQUIPMENT LESS THAN \$5000 COMMODITIES	\$1,972 \$8,808	\$820 \$6,602	\$820 \$6,628	\$820 \$6,628
533	5	COURT REPORTING	\$883	\$900	\$900	\$900
533	7	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$6,300	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
533	12	JOB-REQUIRED TRAVEL EXP	\$64	\$82	\$82	\$82
533	29	COMPUTER/INF TCH SERVICES	\$46	\$0	\$0	\$0
533	33	TELEPHONE SERVICE	\$1,613	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,900
533	36	WASTE DISPOSAL & RECYCLNG	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0
533	40	AUTOMOBILE MAINTENANCE	\$152	\$330	\$330	\$330
533	42	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$0	\$60	\$60	\$60
533	51	EQUIPMENT RENTALS	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120
533	68	WITNESS EXPENSE	\$24	\$418	\$418	\$418
533	93	DUES AND LICENSES	\$4,467	\$5,187	\$5,187	\$5,187
533	94	INVESTIGATION EXPENSE	\$239	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
533	95	CONFERENCES & TRAINING	\$585	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$2,700
534	37	FINANCE CHARGES,BANK FEES SERVICES	\$124 \$14,817	\$0 \$18,197	\$0 \$18,197	\$0 \$18,197
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTALS</b>			<b>\$1,170,591</b>	<b>\$1,216,627</b>	<b>\$1,216,653</b>	<b>\$1,243,195</b>

***ALIGNMENT to STRATEGIC PLAN***

*County Board Goal 1 – Champaign County is committed to being a high performing, open and transparent local government organization*

- Provide flexibility in scheduling and communicating with clients to meet their needs
- Provide quality services delivered in a professional manner
- Comply with ethical and continuing legal education requirements established by the Illinois Supreme Court

*County Board Goal 3 –Champaign County promotes a safe, just and healthy community*

- To zealously defend the rights of indigent persons charged with crimes, and those persons for whom the Court appoints the Public Defender to represent
- Work with justice stakeholders to deal with issues of mutual concern such as technology in the courtroom and jail overcrowding.

**DESCRIPTION**

The Public Defender’s Office represents individuals who are indigent and cannot afford to hire counsel of their choosing. Cases assigned to the office involve criminal defendants in felony, misdemeanor, traffic, and juvenile delinquency cases. The office also represents parties in abuse and neglect cases, post-conviction matters, sexually dangerous person cases, and occasionally, in child support contempt cases. The Public Defender’s Office has fourteen full-time attorneys, three full-time support staff and one full-time investigator.

**OBJECTIVES**

To effectively represent indigent persons during all phases of a court case from arraignment through post-conviction proceedings.

**PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>2019 Actual</b>	<b>2020 Projected</b>	<b>2021 Budgeted</b>
<b>FELONY CASES</b> (criminal & felony traffic – filed as CF)			
Filed with the Circuit Clerk	1851	1800	1900
Opened by the Public Defender	1742	1700	1750
Closed by the Public Defender	1619	1600	1600
<b>MISDEMEANOR CASES</b> (criminal only – filed as CM)			
Filed with the Circuit Clerk	1182	1000	1200
Opened by the Public Defender	1129	950	1100
Closed by the Public Defender	1124	940	1100
<b>TRAFFIC CASES</b> (criminal only – filed as TR and DT) *			
Filed with the Circuit clerk	2998	2800	3000
Opened by the Public Defender (non petty TR and DT)	2885	2600	2900
Closed by the Public Defender	2758	2400	2700
<b>JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES</b> (filed as JD and J)			
Filed with the Circuit Clerk	159	160	172
Opened by the Public Defender	162	150	162
Closed by the Public Defender	173	150	170
<b>JUVENILE ABUSE/NEGLECT CASES</b> (filed as JA)			
Filed with the Circuit Clerk	81	100	100
Opened by the Public Defender	125	120	120
Closed by the Public Defender	93	90	90
<b>PROBATION VIOLATIONS</b> (filed as PTR in CF,CM,TR DUI)			
Opened by the Public Defender	332	300	300
Closed by the Public Defender	314	290	290
<b>POST CONVICTION CASES</b> (filed in CF cases)			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>2019 Actual</b>	<b>2020 Projected</b>	<b>2021 Budgeted</b>
Opened by the Public Defender	4	10	10
Closed by the Public Defender	4	8	8
<b>CONTEMPT CASES (filed as CC)</b>			
Opened by the Public Defender	29	30	30
Closed by the Public Defender	33	30	30

**NOTES**

- 1) Projected numbers for the Circuit Clerk are based on court filings from January to June 2020 (six months). Projected numbers for the Public Defender are based on reports filed with the County Board for January to June 2020 (six months).
  - 2) In abuse/neglect, two attorneys are appointed in the same case so numbers reflect multiple office “openings” in the same case, which is why there is a discrepancy in the number of cases filed by the Circuit Clerk vs. the number of cases opened by the Public Defender’s Office.
- \* Only misdemeanor DUI cases are reflected here since DUIs can be filed as DT or CF and are handled by multiple attorneys. Felony traffic and DUI’s are reflected in the felony statistics.

# PUBLIC DEFENDER AUTOMATION

## Fund 615-036

### MISSION STATEMENT

*The Public Defender’s Automation Fund was established in accordance with 705 ILCS 135/10-5, effective July 1, 2019. In keeping with the intent of this legislation, funds deposited into the Public Defender’s Automation Fund will be used to defray the expense of establishing and maintaining automated record keeping systems in the offices of the Public Defender for hardware, software and research and development related to automated record keeping systems.*

### BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

*Revenue generated by this fund is based upon number of convictions imposed on cases where fee waivers are not granted or only granted in part. Violations of the vehicle code and DUIs are exempt and not eligible for fee waivers.*

*The 2019 fund balance accrued between the effective date of the fund July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The 2020 projected revenue is substantially less than that accrued in 2019 due to the COVID-19 closure of the courthouse, decrease in number of cases pleading and likely decrease in payments of costs and fees.*

### FINANCIAL

Fund 615 Dept 036		2019 Actual	2020 Original	2020 Projected	2021 Budget
341	20 PUBLIC DEFENDER FEES	\$408	\$0	\$260	\$400
	FEES AND FINES	\$408	\$0	\$260	\$400
	<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$408</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$260</b>	<b>\$400</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### FUND BALANCE

FY2019 Actual	FY2020 Projected	FY2021 Budgeted
\$268	\$528	\$928

The fund balance goal will be to maintain an appropriate balance to enable the Public Defender to plan for the timely replacement of technology needs for the office.

### DESCRIPTION

The Public Defender’s Automation Fund receives payments of \$2.00 from defendants pursuant to statute, 705 ILCS 135/15-5 to 15/40, to defray the expenses of the Public Defender’s Office for establishing and maintaining automated record keeping systems.

**OBJECTIVES**

To collect, maintain, and disperse funds in accordance with statutory requirements.

**PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>FY2019 Actual</b>	<b>FY2020 Projected</b>	<b>FY2021 Budgeted</b>
Total funds collected	\$408	\$260.00	\$400.00
Allowable purchases made	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Appropriate adherence to statutory requirements for management of funds	Yes	Yes	Yes