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 fund balance accrued between the effective date of the fund July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. The 2020 revenue is less than what may be expected in the future due to the COVID-19 closure of the courthouse, decrease in number of cases pleading and decrease in payments of costs and fees during the pandemic. The low revenue is expected to continue during the 2021 fiscal year. The low revenue is also a result of the passage of the CTAA allowing indigent defendants the ability to have court costs and fees waived.

FINANCIAL

		Fund 615 Dept 036	2020 Actual	2021 Original	2021 Projected	2022 Budget
341	20	PUBLIC DEFENDER FEES FEES AND FINES	\$529 \$529	\$400 \$400	\$650 \$650	\$650 \$650
		REVENUE TOTALS	\$529	\$400	\$650	\$650
		EXPENDITURE TOTALS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

FUND BALANCE

FY2020 Actual	FY2021 Projected	FY2022 Budgeted
\$937	\$1,587	\$2,237

The fund balance goal is to maintain an appropriate balance to enable the Public Defender to plan for the timely replacement of technology needs for the office. Increases in fund balance will occur year over year to build up a reserve for planned equipment and technology replacements.

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

Indicator	FY2020 Actual	FY2021 Projected	FY2022 Budgeted
Total funds collected	\$529	\$650	\$650
Allowable purchases made	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Appropriate adherence to statutory requirements for management of funds	Yes	Yes	Yes