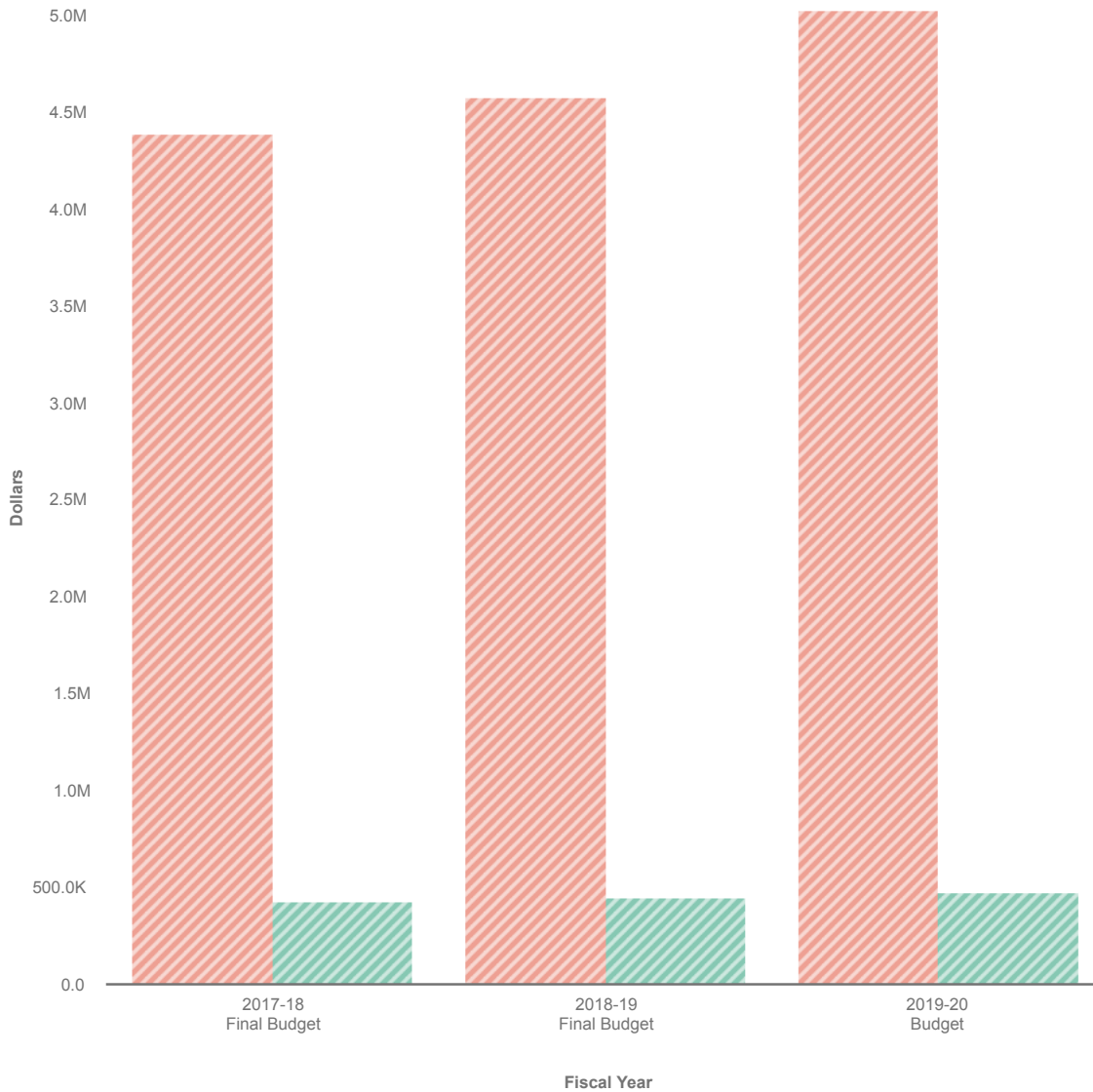


# 625 - Public Defender



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● EXPENSE  
● REVENUE



Collapse All	2017-18 Final Budget	2018-19 Final Budget	2019-20 Budget
<b>▼ EXPENSES</b>	\$ 4,390,947	\$ 4,583,453	\$ 5,023,398
<b>▼ PERSONAL SERVICES</b>	3,930,087	4,062,288	4,516,178
<b>▼ SALARIES &amp; WAGES</b>	2,915,536	3,083,517	3,413,185
(61210) Regular Salary	2,335,015	2,491,436	2,832,942
(61150) Deputy's Salary	423,264	431,729	415,496
(61110) Official's Salary	154,757	157,852	162,247
(61310) Overtime	2,500	2,500	2,500
<b>▼ EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	1,014,551	978,771	1,102,993
(61530) Group Health Insurance	476,942	469,718	525,499
(61520) Retirement Contributions	262,371	225,089	261,849
(61510) FICA Contributions	218,735	231,176	256,909
(61660) Post-Employmnt Health Program	29,373	23,779	25,650
(61540) Group Dental Insurance	17,800	19,142	22,164
(61650) Long-Term Disability	9,330	9,867	10,922
<b>▼ OTHER CHARGES &amp; SERVICES</b>	437,952	470,630	472,765

Collapse All	2017-18 Final Budget	2018-19 Final Budget	2019-20 Budget
▼ RENTALS	222,225	240,495	240,855
(66520) Building Rent	222,225	240,495	240,855
▼ OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES	92,676	104,838	101,451
(64285) City Information Services	78,624	59,640	59,654
(64286) VOIP Information Services	10,797	10,797	10,797
(64295) Other Misc Contracted Svs	255	18,255	13,500
(64175) Comput Softwr Maint/License	0	13,146	14,500
(64150) Consulting Services	3,000	3,000	3,000
▼ MISC FEES & SERVICES	61,440	63,178	65,106
(65660) Memberships & Dues	15,190	16,538	18,651
(65817) Deposition Fees	12,525	12,500	10,000
(65670) Enrollment Fees & Tuition	8,500	9,300	16,000
(65740) Interpreter	10,500	10,000	9,000
(65815) Transcripts	5,500	5,500	3,000
(65665) Books & Subscriptions	3,920	4,110	3,500
(65845) Other Misc Fees & Services	3,575	3,500	3,000
(65745) Lab Fees	1,000	1,000	1,000
(65640) Witness fees	500	500	500
(65645) Court Costs	230	230	230
(65820) Sheriff's Fees	0	0	225
▼ TRANS, TRAVEL & SUBSISTANCE	23,250	23,250	29,250
(64725) Mileage	15,500	15,500	11,000
(64715) Lodging	3,500	3,500	8,500
(64720) Fares	3,000	3,000	7,500
(64710) Meals	900	900	1,500
(64735) Vehicle Rental	250	250	250
(64730) Parking & Tolls	100	100	500
▼ CONTRACTED HEALTH SERVICES	12,000	14,000	12,000
(65120) Psychologist/Psychiatrist	12,000	14,000	12,000
▼ PRINTING & ADVERTISING	8,800	8,800	8,500
(64915) Photocopying	7,000	7,000	7,000
(64910) Printing	1,800	1,800	1,500
▼ INSURANCE & SURETY BONDS	7,118	7,118	7,152
(65915) Liability Insurance	6,268	6,268	6,652
(65955) Employees' Bonds	500	500	500
(65950) Officials' Bonds	350	350	0
▼ POSTAGE, COURIER & FREIGHT	5,500	5,500	5,000
(64855) Postage	5,500	5,500	5,000
▼ COMMUNICATIONS	4,943	3,451	3,451
(64825) Cellular Phone Service	2,443	2,051	2,051
(64815) Telephone - Long Distance	1,800	900	900
(64810) Telephone - Local	700	500	500
▼ CAPITAL OUTLAY	9,908	37,535	19,455
▼ EQUIPMENT	9,908	37,535	19,455
(67465) Furniture & Fixtures	9,908	36,222	19,455
(67415) Office Equipment	0	1,313	0
▼ SUPPLIES	13,000	13,000	15,000

<b>Collapse All</b>	<b>2017-18 Final Budget</b>	<b>2018-19 Final Budget</b>	<b>2019-20 Budget</b>
▼ <b>OFFICE SUPPLIES</b>	13,000	13,000	15,000
<b>(63110) Office Supplies</b>	13,000	13,000	15,000
▼ <b>REVENUES</b>	429,689	451,173	473,732
▼ <b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE</b>	429,689	451,173	473,732
▶ <b>OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL</b>	429,689	451,173	473,732
<b>Revenues Less Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -3,961,258</b>	<b>\$ -4,132,280</b>	<b>\$ -4,549,666</b>

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LANCASTER COUNTY  
 PERSONNEL SUMMARY FORM  
 FY 20 BUDGET

BUSINESS UNIT #: 6250

BUSINESS UNIT NAME Public Defender Administrative

CLASS	CLASS TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS			PAY RANGE	SALARY AMOUNTS	
		FY18-19 BUDGETED	FY19-20 REQUESTED	FY18-19 BUDGET		FY19-20 REQUEST	
8951	Public Defender	0.8	0.8	\$161,009	\$ 126,282	\$ 129,798	
0335	Exc. Admin. Officer	1	1	\$54,579 - \$69,911	\$ 69,205	\$ 71,457	
0743	Legal Secretary III	1	1	\$45,731 - \$58,579	\$ 58,150	\$ 60,038	
0730	Client Services Associate	3.95	3.95	\$35,705 - \$45,731	\$ 172,982	\$ 179,394	
BA1	TOTALS	6.75	6.75		\$ 426,619	\$ 440,687	

LANCASTER COUNTY  
 PERSONNEL SUMMARY FORM  
 FY 20 BUDGET

BUSINESS UNIT #: 6251

BUSINESS UNIT NAME Public Defender Felony

CLASS	CLASS TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS			PAY RANGE	SALARY AMOUNTS	
		FY18-19 BUDGETED	FY19-20 REQUESTED	FY18-19 BUDGET		FY19-20 REQUEST	
8951	Public Defender	0.2	0.2	\$161,009	\$ 31,570	\$ 32,449	
7355	Chief Deputy	1.8	1.8	\$148,933 - \$152,959	\$ 263,615	\$ 273,389	
0911	Law Clerk	1.25	1.25	\$39,701 - \$50,852	\$ 34,858	\$ 35,730	
0913	Investigator	2	2	\$52,682 - \$67,481	\$ 126,741	\$ 134,582	
0919	Paralegal II	2	2	\$50,852 - \$65,137	\$ 128,124	\$ 132,312	
7412	Attorney II	7.1	7.13	\$87,903 - \$124,201	\$ 709,946	\$ 774,050	
7410	Attorney I	2	3	\$66,242 - \$84,848	\$ 149,972	\$ 247,700	
0914	Social Worker	1	1	\$56,547 - \$72,430	\$ 59,287	\$ 63,460	
	Overtime				\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
BA1	TOTALS	17.35	18.38		\$ 1,506,613	\$ 1,696,172	

LANCASTER COUNTY  
 PERSONNEL SUMMARY FORM  
 FY 20 BUDGET

BUSINESS UNIT #: 6252

BUSINESS UNIT NAME Public Defender Juvenile/Misc.

CLASS	CLASS TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS			PAY RANGE	SALARY AMOUNTS	
		FY18-19 BUDGETED	FY19-20 REQUESTED	FY18-19 BUDGET		FY19-20 REQUEST	
7355	Chief Deputy	1	1	\$148,933 - \$152,959	\$ 138,122	\$ 111,280	
7410	Attorney I	3.2	3	\$66,242 - \$84,849	\$ 216,543	\$ 214,129	
7412	Attorney II	0.5	0.5	\$87,903 - \$124,201	\$ 45,271	\$ 48,887	
0919	Paralegal II	1	1	\$50,852 - \$65,137	\$ 63,935	\$ 66,028	
BA1	TOTALS		5.7	5.5	\$ 463,871	\$ 440,324	

LANCASTER COUNTY  
 PERSONNEL SUMMARY FORM  
 FY 20 BUDGET

BUSINESS UNIT #: 6253

BUSINESS UNIT NAME Public Defender Misdemeanor

CLASS	CLASS TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS			SALARY AMOUNTS	
		FY18-19 BUDGETED	FY19-20 REQUESTED	PAY RANGE	FY18-19 BUDGET	FY19-20 REQUEST
7355	Chief Deputy	0.2	0.2	\$148,933 - \$152,959	\$ 29,992	\$ 30,827
7412	Attorney II	0.55	0	\$87,903 - \$124,201	\$ 65,338	\$ -
7410	Attorney I	4.8	5.67	\$66,242 - \$84,849	\$ 349,358	\$ 446,596
0919	Paralegal II	1	1	\$50,852 - \$65,137	\$ 63,935	\$ 66,028
0917	Paralegal I	1	2	\$45,731 - \$58,579	\$ 46,737	\$ 97,767
BA1	TOTALS	7.55	8.87		\$ 555,360	\$ 641,218

LANCASTER COUNTY  
 PERSONNEL SUMMARY FORM  
 FY 20 BUDGET

BUSINESS UNIT #: 6255

BUSINESS UNIT NAME Public Defender Mental Health

CLASS	CLASS TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS			SALARY AMOUNTS			
		FY18-19 BUDGETED	FY19-20 REQUESTED	Pay RANGE	FY18-19 BUDGET		FY19-20 REQUEST	
7412	Attorney II	0.35	0.2	\$87,903 - \$124,201	\$	41,578	\$	25,031
911	Law Clerk	1.25	1.25	\$39,701 - \$50,852	\$	35,488	\$	37,269
TOTALS		1.6	1.45		\$	770,666	\$	62,300



Lancaster County Employee Information 2019-2020 Budget		
Department Name: Public Defender		
Identify the number of employees as of the beginning of the fiscal year	FY18-19	FY19-20
and use what was used for budget purposes	Budget	Request
Number of Full Time Equivalents		
Breakdown of FTE's:		
Full Time	35	37
Part Time	7	7
Temporary	0	0
On Call	0	0
Positions not filled	0	0
Breakdown of Employees:		
Number within pay steps of pay plan (merit plus COLA)	25	26
Number at final step or no pay plan (COLA only)	17	18
Health Insurance Breakdown by Numer of Employees:		
Single	20	21
2/4 Party	8	9
Family	7	7
Retirements:		
Number of Employees	0	1
Cost of Payouts (Include Vacation and PEHP)	\$0	\$77,487

**LANCASTER COUNTY REQUEST  
FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES & LEASES  
FY 20 BUDGET**

**Business Unit Name: Public Defender - Felony Division**

**Business Unit #: 6251**

Description	Future Impact	Description	Object #	Amount
<p>The bulk of the expenditures in this category are for the Major Felony cases, although other caseloads occasionally require such experts. As of the submission of this budget, our office has 2 Major Felony cases pending. This fund is used to pay professional fees to psychologists and psychiatrists retained by our office for specific client needs and to pay professional fees for such experts retained by the State of Nebraska for time spent taking depositions or interviewing the experts.</p>	Ongoing	Psychologist/Psychiatrist	65120	\$10,000
<p>This is used for consulting services for experts other than psychologists and psychiatrists, generally for testing purposes and testimony. We have and/or will use this for firearm testing, review of medical records by pathologists, drug/alcohol testing, and testing of other items submitted as evidence.</p>	Ongoing	Consulting Services	64150	\$300
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$13,000</b>

**LANCASTER COUNTY REQUEST  
FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES & LEASES  
FY 20 BUDGET**

**Business Unit Name: Public Defender - Juvenile Division**

**Business Unit #: 6252**

Description	Future Impact	Description	Object #	Amount
This fund is used to pay professional fees to psychologists and psychiatrists retained by our office for specific client needs and to pay professional fees for such experts retained by the State of Nebraska for time spent taking depositions or interviewing the expert.	Ongoing	Psychologist/Psychiatrist	65120	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$2,000</b>

**LANCASTER COUNTY REQUEST  
FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES & LEASES  
FY 20 BUDGET**

**Business Unit Name: Public Defender - Felony Division**

**Business Unit #: 6251**

Description	Future Impact	Description	Object #	Amount
This fund is used to pay Soval Solutions, L.L.C. to evaluate the Lancaster County Public Defender's Office Social Worker initiative. The length of the Agreement is one calendar year, to be compensated quarterly. The total is \$18,000 with 3 quarters to be paid in FY20.	Jan-19 through Dec-19	Other Contracts	64295	\$13,500
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$13,500</b>

**LANCASTER COUNTY****REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIPS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, SCHOOLS,  
CONFERENCES, TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE****FY 20 BUDGET****Business Unit Name: Public Defender****Business Unit #: 6250**

<b>NAME &amp; POSITION</b>	<b>EXPLANATION &amp; JUSTIFICATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>OBJECT CODE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Joe Nigro, Public Defender Paul Cooney, Chief Deputy Robert Hays, Chief Deputy Margene Timm, Chief Deputy Brittani Lewit, Deputy Webb Bancroft, Deputy Kristi Egger, Deputy Shawn Elliott, Deputy Jennifer Houlden, Deputy Tim Eppler, Deputy Yohance Christie, Deputy Todd Molvar, Deputy	MEMBERSHIPS: 1. The Nebraska Supreme Court has set Mandatory Dues for membership at \$98 per year per attorney. Voluntary Dues of \$240 for active regular members and \$120 for Junior Active members are paid to support the NSBA in order to provide a wide range of professional development opportunities for attorneys, an anticipated greater emphasis on continuing legal education at a reduced cost, and support for indigent defense reform both within the organization and in the legislative process.	NSBA	65660	\$ 7,870
John Jorgensen, Deputy Sarah Safarik, Deputy Matthew Meyerle, Deputy Chelsie Goetz, Deputy Teresa Nutzman, Deputy George Dungan, Deputy	2. National Legal Aid & Defender Association. The low cost of the group professional liability insurance justifies the cost of this membership. Membership keeps us informed on issues and continuing education opportunities.	NLADA	65660	\$ 3,675
Amanda Baskin, Deputy Nathan Sohriakoff, Deputy James Sieben, Deputy Mark Carraher, Deputy Amy Peters, Deputy Megan Theesen, Deputy Replacement Att, Deputy	3. Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association's by-laws require payment of a like amount of dues as paid by the Lancaster County Attorney's Association. Benefits include low cost continuing education, their publication, and keeps us informed on issues and continuing education opportunities.	NCDAA	65660	\$ 4,375

<p>4. National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers One individual membership is purchased for the office in order to receive their publication to maintain awareness of issues and to keep informed of continuing education requirements.</p>	NACDL	65660	\$	145
<p>5. American Bar Association. One membership is purchased in order to receive their publication, to maintain awareness of issues, and to keep informed of continuing education requirements.</p>	ABA	65660	\$	386
<p>6. NDIA Association (Investigator). This organization helps our investigators keep up on developments in their field.</p>	NDIA	65660	\$	100
<p>7. Lincoln Bar Association. This organization provides continuing education programs.</p>	LBA	65660	\$	490
<p>8. National Association for Public Defense. This organization is dedicated to providing resources to those who provide public defense services. The membership fee is very low (\$25 per person) and it covers and provides services to all public defender employees (investigators, paralegals, support, law clerks, etc.), not just attorneys. They are providing relevant documents, webinars and other materials, and valuable training programs.</p>	NAPD	65660	\$	950

<p>9. National Association for Social Workers.</p> <p>Benefits of a NASW membership includes social work practice updates, free consultation regarding practice/ethics issues, free/reduced continuing education courses, access to legal counsel, and access to ground-breaking research related to advocacy/practice.</p>	NASW	65660	\$	265
<p>10. Inns of Court</p> <p>The American Inns of Court focuses on promoting justice and civility through mentorship and education. While this is a national organization, our local Inn is an association devoted to legal excellence, civility, professionalism and ethics within our local legal community. There is also the opportunity to network. The Inn members are judges, lawyers with varying levels of experience, law students and law professors. Every meeting has presentations that are eligible for Nebraska CLE program credits including ethics credits.</p>	INN	65660	\$	175
<p>11. National Association of Drug Court Professionals.</p> <p>This organization puts on the national drug court conference, a valuable conference on latest research on problem solving courts and providing continuing education. They provide information throughout the year.</p>	NADCP	65660	\$	220
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$	<b>18,651</b>

**LANCASTER COUNTY****REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIPS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, SCHOOLS,  
CONFERENCES, TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE****FY 20 BUDGET****Business Unit Name: Public Defender****Business Unit: 6250**

<b>NAME &amp; POSITION</b>	<b>EXPLANATION &amp; JUSTIFICATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>OBJECT CODE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Public Defender and 22.5 Chief Deputies and Deputies	This line item includes costs for travel, lodging and meals for witnesses in public defender cases. It also includes funds for out of state training programs for staff.	Meals	64710	\$ 1,500
		Lodging	64715	\$ 8,500
		Airfare	64720	\$ 7,500
	We have continuing legal education requirements. Some necessary programs are only offered out of state. The number of new attorneys in our office has increased in the past five years due to turnover and growth. Historically, the office has provided each new attorney with trial advocacy training in their first three years. These are intense, specialized programs. There are no public defender trial advocacy training programs in Nebraska, requiring us to send our attorneys elsewhere. We are sending attorneys to a program called Gideon's Promise. This program not only teaches trial training, but is designed specifically for public defenders. Gideon's Promise has follow-up sessions to not only continue to build courtroom skills, but also help retain public defenders. There is an added cost that is spread over three years, but we feel that Gideon's Promise has proven its value. There is an acclaimed HBO documentary about some of the participants called Gideon's Army, which I recommend viewing. This program helps young attorneys overcome some of the stress of working as a public defender while improving courtroom performance. Sending our attorneys to these programs is critical as we have replaced some of our most experienced attorneys. It is essential that we find, train, and retain quality attorneys to keep providing the strong representation for which the Lancaster County Public Defender's Office is known.	Enrollment Fees & Tuition	65670	\$ 16,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 33,500</b>



LANCASTER COUNTY  
 REQUEST FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY  
 FY 20 BUDGET

BUSINESS UNIT NAME Public Defender

Business Unit #: 6250

Object	Item Description	# Requested	NEW =N REP=R	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED	JUSTIFICATION
67465	Furniture & Fixtures Office desk/chairs/labor	2	N	\$ 6,682	\$ 13,364	\$ 13,364	2 new attorney offices
67465	Attorney Chairs	2	N	\$ 584	\$ 1,168	\$ 1,168	2 new attorney offices
67465	Guest Chairs	4	N	\$ 412	\$ 1,648	\$ 1,648	2 new attorney offices
The above furniture is needed for the additional 2 attorneys we have requested.							
67465	Stand up desks	2	N	\$ 623	\$ 1,246	\$ 1,246	Several staff members have requested stand up desks because of health reasons such as back problems. This is a necessary expenditure, and it will help reduce health issues and increase productivity.
67465	Reconfigure space	1	N	1102	1102	\$1,102	These 3 spaces are not large enough to accommodate the necessary office machines on their desk with space to work, so we are re-configuring them.
67465	Reconfigure space	3	N	309	927	\$927	
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>						\$ 19,455	

**LANCASTER COUNTY****Business Unit # 6251****REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN PERSONNEL OR SERVICES****FISCAL YEAR 20****Business Unit Name: Public Defender Felony Division**

<b>Object Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>JUSTIFICATION OF NEED TO INCREASE PERSONNEL</b>
61210	Attorney I Salary	66,242	
61510	FICA	5,068	See Attached
61520	Pension	5,299	
61530	Health Insurance -Family	21,954	
61540	Dental Insurance - Family	969	
61650	Long Term Disability	212	
61660	PEHP	650	
	Sub Total	100,394	
	Request is for 2	100,394	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 200,788</b>	

I am asking the County Board to authorize me to add two felony attorneys to our staff. We have seen a significant increase in our felony caseload over the last four years. Our office has workload standards. We must maintain those standards to be able to effectively represent our clients. When we reach a certain number of cases opened in a month in a particular docket, such as felonies, we file an overload motion. The court then appoints outside counsel who bill by the hour.

The number of felony cases in which we have filed overload motions has exploded over the last four years. From July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, we filed overload motions in 103 felonies. From July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, we filed overload motions in 297 felonies. From July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, we filed overload motions in 574 felonies. From July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, we filed overload motions in 719 felonies. From July 1, 2018, through February 28, 2019, a total of eight months or 2/3 of a year, we filed 475 overload motions in felony cases, putting us on track to file overload motions in 713 cases in the current fiscal year. This was largely driven by an increase in felony drug cases, primarily possession of controlled substance charges. I do not believe drug use in our community has increased. About 70% of our drug cases are possession cases. Many of these cases involve nothing more than residue in a piece of paraphernalia. Whether or not I agree with the policy of filing these charges as felonies doesn't matter. Felony cases take more time and resources. If we get appointed, and we haven't reached our caseload limits, we must handle them. The number of felony drug cases we opened increased from 771 in 2015, to 1059 in 2016, to 1157 in 2017, to 1299 in 2018. Drug cases now constitute a majority of our felony cases, and possession cases make up more than 36% of our felony cases.

From July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, we filed overload motions in 208 misdemeanors. From July 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019, we filed overload motions in 380 misdemeanors, putting us on track to file 570 overload motions in misdemeanors in the current fiscal year. We already shifted a felony attorney to the City misdemeanor docket to reduce overload motions on that docket. Since the City reimburses the County for our representation, we try to minimize overloads on that docket. However, our County filed misdemeanor numbers are going way up. An attorney in County Courtroom #23, where most County filed misdemeanors are handled, can take 360 cases in a year.

When we file an overload motion, outside counsel who bill by the hour are appointed. District Court pays \$75 an hour. The average cost per felony case with assigned counsel is \$1055.27. An attorney at entry level in our office makes \$100,394 in salary and benefits. (This figure is based upon the cost for family insurance.) The cost of 95 felonies with assigned counsel is \$100,250.65. This is the tipping point where it makes more sense to add to our staff instead of paying outside counsel by the hour. We currently assign a maximum of 120 felony cases a year to an attorney. For outside counsel to handle 120 felonies would cost around \$126,622.40. Each attorney added to our staff would save the county approximately \$26,238.40 in a year.

The numbers from 2016, 2017, and 2018 suggest we should add seven attorneys. We have added one attorney each of the last two years, or the situation would be worse. County Court increased the rate for outside counsel, so the savings if the County increases our staff will only grow. We could add seven more attorneys and save the County money compared to the cost of assigned counsel. I recommend that the County Board authorize our office to add two attorneys. It would be hard for our office to absorb a bigger increase than that. We can assess in a year whether more attorneys are still needed. Adding attorneys to our staff will save the county money. Also, we cannot expect our attorneys to constantly handle the maximum number of cases and not burn out. Relief is essential to retaining staff.

**LANCASTER COUNTY  
REQUEST FOR MICROCOMPUTER  
FY 20 BUDGET**

Item	No.	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Amount Approved
Desktop Computer	11	\$ 982	\$ 10,802	
Docking Laptop	1	1,507	1,507	
Ipads	7	344	2,408	

Because we use our computers every minute of our day as we attempt to move towards a paperless office, we must keep this equipment current if we hope to succeed. These computers are used for everything, including legal research, file management, scanning, creating and accessing documents, communications including telephone, video visitation with incarcerated clients, email and dictation and the overall operation of the office. For these reasons, we replace approximately 1/4 of our computers every year. Last year we also started replacing 1/4 of our Ipads.

We would request 2 computers for additional attorneys.

Desktop Computer	2	982	1,964	
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**GRAND TOTAL** **\$ 16,681**

LANCASTER COUNTY  
 FY 20  
 REVENUE BUDGET BY REVENUE SOURCE  
 AGENCY 6250: PUBLIC DEFENDER

Object #	Revenue	FY17-18 Actual	Current Year Budget FY 18-19	Current Year YTD Actuals FY 18-19	Next Year Requested Budget FY 19-20	% Change in Budgets FY 18-19 to FY 19-20
54840	Joint Budget City of Lincoln	(\$429,688)	(\$451,173)	(\$451,173)	(\$473,732)	5%

This revenue item involves the City of Lincoln's Contribution to the cost of providing legal defense services to individuals charged with violations of the Lincoln Municipal Code. The 5% increase is based upon FY18-19 Actuals.

Lancaster County  
Non-Mandated County Services  
2019-2020 Budget

Department Name     Public Defender

Identify county services or programs that are not mandated by statute for your department.

Financial Impact on  
FY19-20 Request

We represent clients appointed from Juvenile Court. We currently have 4 full attorneys and 1 part time attorney in Juvenile Court, 1 paralegal and 1 support staff. In 2018, we opened 754 cases appointed by Juvenile Court. Juvenile Court representation is not mandated by the statutes regarding public defenders, but there is now a statute guaranteeing the right to counsel in juvenile cases. There is also a constitutional right to counsel. If our office didn't take these cases, outside counsel would have to be appointed. Since they bill by the hour, it would cost the county far more than if our office handles these cases.

\$583,988

**LANCASTER COUNTY  
REQUEST FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES & LEASES  
FY 20 BUDGET**

**Business Unit Name: Justice System Misc.**

**Business Unit#: 6280**

DESCRIPTION	FUTURE IMPACT	DESCRIPTION	OBJECT #	AMOUNT
1. Legal Aid of Nebraska. They accept up to 230 law violation and status cases per year and up to 220 abuse/neglect cases. This also includes Drug Court cases.	6 year contract 7/1/15 - 6/30/2021	Juvenile Court Contract	64120	\$ 672,192
2. Olson Zalewski Wynner.	3 year contract 2019-2021	Child Support/Paternity	64120	\$ 90,493
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 762,685</b>



## Service Based Budget

Department	Division	Mandated by	Service	Basis of Estimate	Total Est. Costs	Salaries Benefits	Operating Costs	Contracted Services	Capital Outlay	Additional Staffing	Unresolved Issues	Total with Additional Staff & Unresolved Issues	Total Estimated Revenue	Non-Mandated	Unfunded Mandates
Public Defender	Felony	Statute (Public Defender Statutes) US & NE Constitutions	We provide the essential components of effective representation in cases in which we are appointed to represent people charged with felonies.	This includes the personnel costs for all of the staff members who spend all or part of their time on felony cases. It also includes other necessary expenses for effective representation.	\$2,318,238	\$2,220,772	\$97,466			\$200,788		\$2,519,026			
Public Defender	Misdemeanor	Statute (Public Defender Statutes) US & NE Constitutions	We provide the essential components of effective representation in cases in which we are appointed to represent people charged with misdemeanors.	This includes the personnel costs for all of the staff members who spend all or part of their time on misdemeanor cases. It also includes other necessary expenses for effective representation.	\$889,292	\$864,092	\$25,200					\$889,292			
Public Defender	Juvenile	Statute (Right to Counsel) US & NE Constitutions	We provide the essential component of effective representation in cases in which we are appointed to represent juveniles charged with law violations and status offenses in Juvenile Court.	This includes the personnel costs for all of the staff members who spend all or part of their time on juvenile court cases. It also includes other necessary expenses for effective representation.	\$583,988	\$567,505	\$16,483					\$583,988		\$583,988	
Public Defender	Administration	Statute (Public Defender Statutes) US & NE Constitutions	We provide the necessary administration and leadership for the members of our staff to carry out their functions and responsibilities.	This includes the personnel costs for all of the staff members who spend all or part of their time on administration. It includes necessary expenses for administration.	\$4,822,610	\$591,901	\$344,100		19,455			\$4,822,610	(\$473,732)		
Public Defender	Mental Health	Statute (Right to Counsel in mental health commitment statutes)	We provide the essential components of effective representation in cases in which we are appointed to represent people against whom a mental health petition has been filed.	This includes the personnel costs for staff who spend part of their time on mental health cases. It also includes other necessary expenses for effective representation.	\$75,636	\$71,120	\$4,516					\$75,636			

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6280		Statute (Right to Counsel) US & NE Constitutions	Legal Aid provides representation for juveniles and parents facing proceedings in Juvenile Court	County Contract C19-0937	\$672,192	NA	\$672,192
6280		Statute	Representation is provided for individuals facing paternity cases and child support contempt proceedings.	County Contract C18-0750	\$90,493	NA	\$90,493

Contracted Services	Capital Outlay	Additional Staffing	Unresolved Issues	Total w/Additional Staffing and Unresolved Issues	Total Estimated Revenue	Non-Mandated	Unfunded Mandates
Juvenile Contract with Legal Aid of Nebraska	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Child Support Contract with Olson Zalewski & Wynner	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA