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FY2023 Adopted Budget	FY2023 Projection	Request Type	Total
\$20,750,776		Operating	\$0
		Equipment/IT	\$138,792
		Personnel	\$3,274,564
		Total Funding Request	\$3,413,356



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Type	Request Name	Qty.	FTE	Amount	Request Description
New Position	Grant Researcher/Writer		1	126,501	Thousands of grants available each year that may fund aspects of indigent defense. The time, energy and expertise needed to research and write the available grants does not currently exist in the office. (Grade G)
New Position	Attorney VI		1	248,770	Assist the Chief Public Defender and First Assistant by overseeing and directing operations through subordinate managerial personnel. Work involves administrative/ managerial functions.
Grant Funded to General Fund	Caseworker III		1	89,111	Moving from SB7 grant (under Criminal Justice) to general fund. This position has become an essential part of the office and we are requesting to move to general fund in order to maintain current operations (Grade FF). Position #6833
Grant Funded to General Fund	Social Worker Supervisor		1	102,165	Moving from grant-funded position to general fund. This position has become an essential part of the office and we are requesting to move to general fund in order to maintain current operations (Grade G). Position #2032



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Grant Funded to General Fund	Social Worker		1	76,205	Moving from grant to general fund. This position has become an essential part of the office and we are requesting to move to general fund in order to maintain current operations (Grade EE). Position #2037
Grant Funded to General Fund	Social Worker		1	76,155	Moving from grant-funded position to general fund. This position has become an essential part of the office and we are requesting to move to general fund in order to maintain current operations (Grade EE). Position #2047
Grant Funded to General Fund	Senior Legal Secretary		1	70,492	Moving from grant-funded position to general fund. This position has become an essential part of the office and we are requesting to move to general fund in order to maintain current operations (Grade EE). Position #1696
Reclass	Legal Secretary to Legal Assistants		2	9,700	Will provide additional administrative relief to the attorneys as the duties and responsibilities are more complex and would expand on the current duties and responsibilities that are not listed under the grade 9. (Grade 9 to Grade 10) Position #3923 and #6816



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Type	Request Name	Qty.	FTE	Amount	Request Description
New Position	Social Worker		2	205,098	The goal of additional proposed Social Workers is to improve service delivery and client outcomes in the Engagement Team within Dallas County Public Defender's Office. The completion of a master's degree in social work reflects an individual's advanced knowledge and capacity to make larger impacts in each client's life. (Grade EE)
New Position	Attorney V		1	220,693	Create a succession plan for the Capital Unit. To make sure that we can fill those positions from within the organization.
New Position	Attorney III		1	161,951	To provide support and relief to the incumbent criminal immigration specialist/Padilla (position # 0513) whose workload has double in the past two years.
New Position	Attorney V		2	441,386	Expand the Competency unit. Given the lengthy waits for competency treatment beds, it is necessary to reduce any delay in case adjudication within the purview of the Criminal Justice system when a citizen accused is found incompetent to stand trial.



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New Position	Attorney VI		1	248,770	Serve as Problem Solving Programs Chief. Under the direction of the Special Programs Division Chief, this position's responsibilities include extensive planning, organizing, coordinating, and monitoring specialty court activities in accordance with policies and procedures, judicial standards, and standards established by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals.
New Position	Attorney VI		1	248,770	Serve in the Family Courts. This position would assume the docket for the Chief of the Family, CPS and Juvenile divisions. This would enable the Chief to focus on administrative and supervisory duties. Currently, the Chief is unable to adequately oversee the divisions which are spread across two separate locations.
New Position	Attorney V		1	220,693	This position would create an additional Mental Health Public Defender to handle cases involving non-forensic (competency) issues.



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Type	Request Name	Qty.	FTE	Amount	Request Description
New Position	Attorney IV		1	188,408	Represent clients entering Pretrial Intervention (PTI) agreements with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office. The current District Attorney's Office administration has created a PTI agreement process where offers follow a set process of assessment, financial qualifications, approval through a designated attorney, and monitoring progress toward completion of agreed conditions.
New Position	Attorney VI		1	248,770	This position would create a Mental Health Chief under the direction of the Special Programs Division Chief.
New Position	IT Desktop Support		1	132,553	This additional position will serve as the information technology point of contact for the Public Defender's Office. (Grade IT4)
New Position	Psychologist		1	158,373	Provide comprehensive psychological services including assessments, preliminary competency evaluations, supportive counseling and psychotherapy and crisis intervention for individuals represented by the Dallas County Public Defender's Office. (Grade JM)



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Type	Request Name	Qty.	FTE	Amount	Request Description
Equipment	Bottle Filler Water Fountain	1		3,000	To provide the members of the Dallas County Public Defender's Office with drinking water. The bottle filler style lends itself to be a safer, cleaner and greener option for water.
Equipment & IT	Evidence.com Subscription	1		99,792	5-year agreement at \$99, 792.00 annually beginning in December 2022
Equipment & IT	UpTrust Messaging Service	1		36,000	New Agreement to be briefed on May 16, 2023-36-month agreement @ \$3,000/month or \$36, 000 in lump sum (04/01/2023-04/01/2024)

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