

Criminal Justice Contracted Services

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Department Overview

Criminal Justice Contracted Services (CJCS) provides funding for both public defense and jail services for individuals arrested, prosecuted, and/or convicted of misdemeanor crimes in Seattle. The City Budget Office manages the contracts for these services.

The City contracts with King County and Snohomish County to provide jail services. The City also contracts with King County to provide public defense services.

Budget Snapshot

Department Support	2016 Actuals	2017 Adopted	2018 Endorsed	2018 Adopted
General Fund Support	\$24,252,225	\$28,150,505	\$27,987,525	\$28,015,525
Total Operations	\$24,252,225	\$28,150,505	\$27,987,525	\$28,015,525
Total Appropriations	\$24,252,225	\$28,150,505	\$27,987,525	\$28,015,525
Full-time Equivalent Total*	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

* FTE totals are provided for information purposes only. Changes in FTEs resulting from City Council or Personnel Director actions outside of the budget process may not be detailed here.

Budget Overview

The 2018 Adopted Budget does not recommend significant changes to the Criminal Justice Contracted Services (CJCS) budget.

In 2017, a new pre-filing diversion effort led by the Law Department is anticipated to provide savings to jail and indigent defense legal services through fewer cases being filed and thereby reducing the jail population and indigent defendants requiring an attorney. Law Department staff are designing the program in 2017. The program is funded through reductions in the CJCS budget in 2017 and 2018 as detailed here:

- Jail Services was reduced by \$321,000 in 2017 and \$500,000 in 2018.
- Indigent Defense Services was reduced by \$87,000 in 2017 and \$165,000 in 2018.

City Council Changes to the Proposed Budget

The Council made no changes to the 2018 Proposed Budget.

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Incremental Budget Changes

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	2018 Budget	FTE
Total 2018 Endorsed Budget	\$ 27,987,525	0.00
Proposed Technical Changes		
Transfer Expert Witness Budget from Seattle Municipal Court (SMC)	\$ 28,000	0.00
Total Incremental Changes	\$ 28,000	0.00
2018 Adopted Budget	\$ 28,015,525	0.00

Descriptions of Incremental Budget Changes

Proposed Technical Changes

Transfer Expert Witness Budget from Seattle Municipal Court (SMC) - \$28,000

This technical adjustment is to transfer the Expert Witness Account and the associated funding of \$28,000 from SMC to Criminal Justice Contracted Services (CJCS) Indigent Defense Services BCL. The purpose of the Expert Witness Account is to pay for expert witnesses at the request of Defense Attorneys to testify before court hearings and court trials. SMC judges will still determine the Defense Attorney's requests for expert witnesses and associated expense. SMC will manage the payment processes and invoice CJCS on a quarterly basis for reimbursement.

City Council Provisos

There are no Council provisos.

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Expenditure Overview

Appropriations	Summit Code	2016 Actuals	2017 Adopted	2018 Endorsed	2018 Adopted
Indigent Defense Services Budget Control Level	VJ500	7,340,426	8,233,171	8,168,647	8,196,647
Jail Services Budget Control Level	VJ100	16,911,800	19,917,334	19,818,878	19,818,878
Department Total		24,252,225	28,150,505	27,987,525	28,015,525
Department Full-time Equivalents Total*		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Appropriations By Budget Control Level (BCL) and Program

Indigent Defense Services Budget Control Level

The purpose of the Indigent Defense Services Budget Control Level is to secure legal defense services, as required by State law, for indigent people facing criminal charges in Seattle Municipal Court. Funding is also provided for a pilot program offering civil legal representation to indigent defendants.

Program Expenditures	2016 Actuals	2017 Adopted	2018 Endorsed	2018 Adopted
Indigent Defense Services	7,340,426	8,233,171	8,168,647	8,196,647
Total	7,340,426	8,233,171	8,168,647	8,196,647

Jail Services Budget Control Level

The purpose of the Jail Services Budget Control Level is to provide for the booking, housing, transporting, and guarding of City inmates. The jail population, for which the City pays, are adults charged with or convicted of misdemeanor crimes alleged to have been committed within the Seattle city limits.

Program Expenditures	2016 Actuals	2017 Adopted	2018 Endorsed	2018 Adopted
Jail Services	16,911,800	19,917,334	19,818,878	19,818,878
Total	16,911,800	19,917,334	19,818,878	19,818,878

