

	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimated	FY 2024 Requested	FY 2024 Recommended
<u>Expenditure By Object</u>				
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	2,288,931	2,446,567	2,596,070	2,552,752
Travel	55,989	64,500	66,500	64,500
Contractual Services	391,016	500,000	458,000	433,768
Commodities	83,513	93,211	93,350	93,211
Capital Outlay - Equipment	9,431	10,000	10,000	10,000
Subsidies, Loans & Grants	312,250	334,000	2,704,000	334,000
Totals	3,141,130	3,448,278	5,927,920	3,488,231
<u>To Be Funded As Follows:</u>				
State Appropriations	3,141,130	3,448,278	5,927,920	3,488,231
Totals	3,141,130	3,448,278	5,927,920	3,488,231
General Fund Lapse	174,168	0	0	0
<u>Summary Of Headcounts</u>				
Permanent Full-Time	25	25	25	25
Part-Time	0			
Time-Limited Full-Time	0	0	0	0
Part-Time	0			
Totals	25	25	25	25
<u>Summary Of Funding</u>				
General Funds	3,141,130	3,448,278	5,927,920	3,488,231
State Support Funds	0	0	0	0
Special Funds	0	0	0	0
Totals	3,141,130	3,448,278	5,927,920	3,488,231

Agency Description and Programs

The Office of State Public Defender (OSPD) was established under Section 99-18-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, to provide legal representation to indigent persons. By combining the former Office of Capital Defense Counsel and Office of Indigent Appeals to centralize the administration of the existing programs - providing indigent defense in eligible death penalty cases at trial and appeal, non-death cases on appeal, and training of all public defenders. In 2016, it was expanded to include training for all youth court defenders and direct representation for parents in the child welfare system. In the 2016 Regular Legislative Session, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 2362, the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act of 2016, which changed the support for the Office of the State Public Defender to be provided by the General Fund.

1. Capital Defense

This program provides legal representation to indigent persons charged with death penalty-eligible offenses in the state courts of Mississippi and tracks all such cases.

2. Indigent Appeals

This program provides representation on appeal for indigent persons convicted of felonies but not under death sentences. This program shall provide advice, education, and support to attorneys representing persons under felony charges in the trial courts.

3. Public Defender Training

This program provides the Training Division of this Office with continuing professional legal education for Public Defenders in Mississippi.

4. Indigent Parental Representation

This program provides funding and training for attorneys to represent parents in Youth Court abuse and neglect cases and Termination of Parental Rights cases to ensure the fundamental rights of parents are respected and facilitate the expedient movement of children within the system.

5. State Defender

This program provides a statewide Public Defender system that administers capital defense, indigent appeals, and training divisions.

	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimated	FY 2024 Requested	FY 2024 Recommended
<u>Summary By Program</u>				
1. Capital Defense				
Total Funds	805,498	933,185	950,642	950,326
2. Indigent Appeals				
Total Funds	969,720	1,004,516	1,037,694	1,044,249
3. Public Defender Training				
Total Funds	480,015	500,898	505,947	484,209
4. Indigent Parental Representation				
Total Funds	517,376	578,968	992,036	575,744
5. State Defender				
Total Funds	368,521	430,711	2,441,601	433,703