

Office of The Public Defender Overview



Mission Statement

To provide highly skilled and competent legal representation to protect the fundamental rights of all individuals by vigorously and effectively representing indigent persons who have been determined by the Court to be eligible for our services.

Mary Trejo

Chief Public Defender

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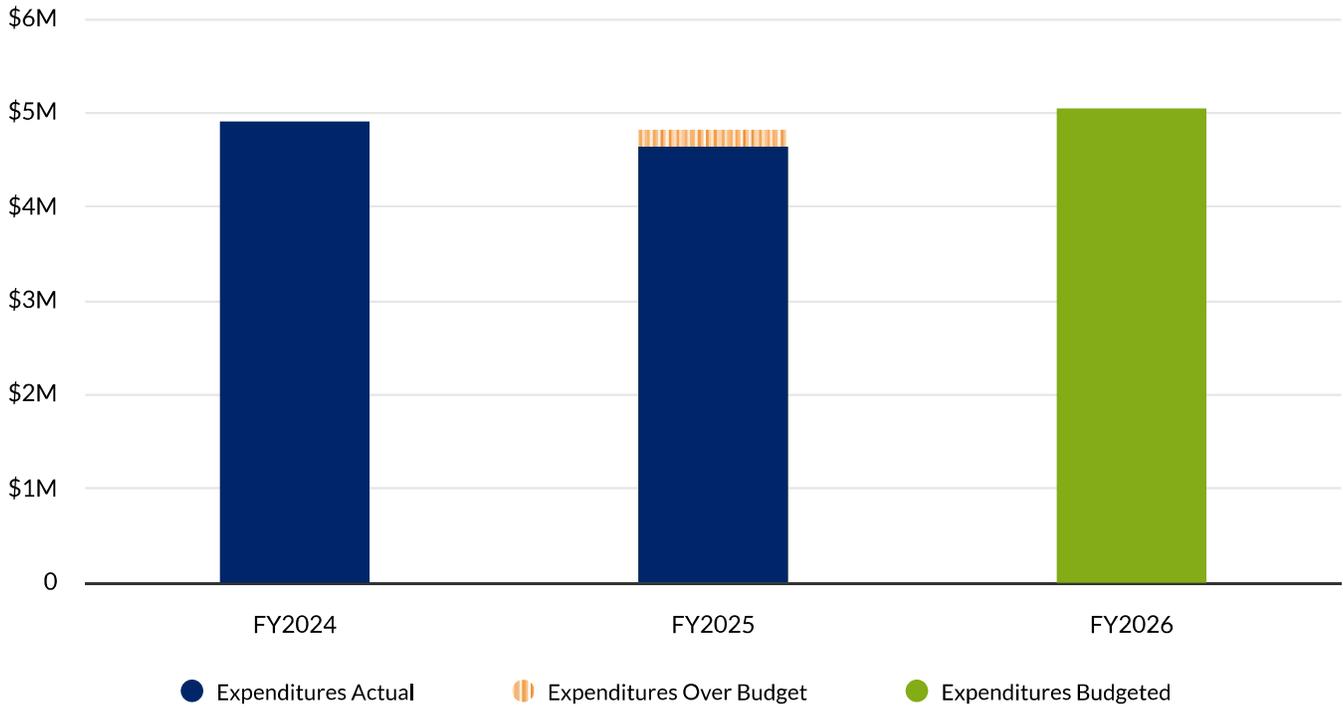
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Expenditure Summary

\$5,054,274

\$415,012/ 8.95% Higher Than the Prior Year's Budget

Historical Expenditures Across Department



Note: Amounts shown in the graphs are rounded up.

Significant Changes

For Fiscal Year 2026, the City of Tucson's City Public Defender's Office is budgeted at \$5 million, an 8.95% increase compared to the Fiscal Year 2025 budget of \$4.6 million.

Trends

The department continues to advance a holistic approach to Criminal Justice, focusing on individualized support for clients while also addressing their legal matters. This person-centered model aims to improve outcomes by considering the broader needs of each client, such as behavioral health, housing, and rehabilitation, alongside their criminal charges.

Expenditures by Fund

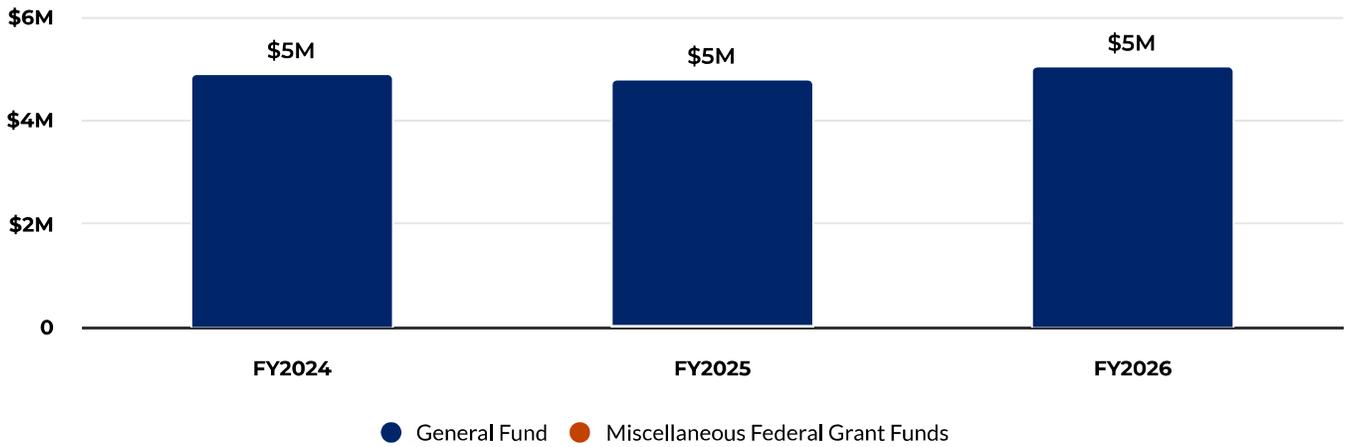
This chart shows a steady increase in General Fund spending over the past three fiscal years, reflecting continued investment in personnel, services, and program support.

Fiscal Year 2024: Expenditures were approximately \$5 million, supporting core operations and staff.

Fiscal Year 2025: Spending remained consistent, with the slightly same amount of \$5 million to maintain service levels and address inflation-related costs.

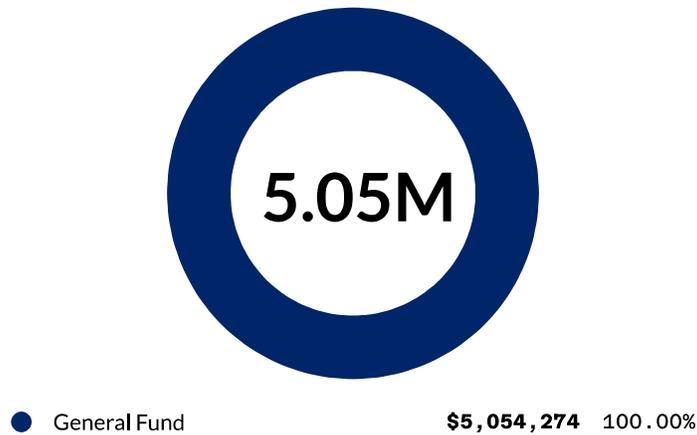
Fiscal Year 2026: Expenditures are projected to grow to \$5 million, reflecting a planned increase in staffing costs, program expansion, and other operational needs.

Historical Expenditures by Fund



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Fiscal Year 2026 Expenditures by Fund



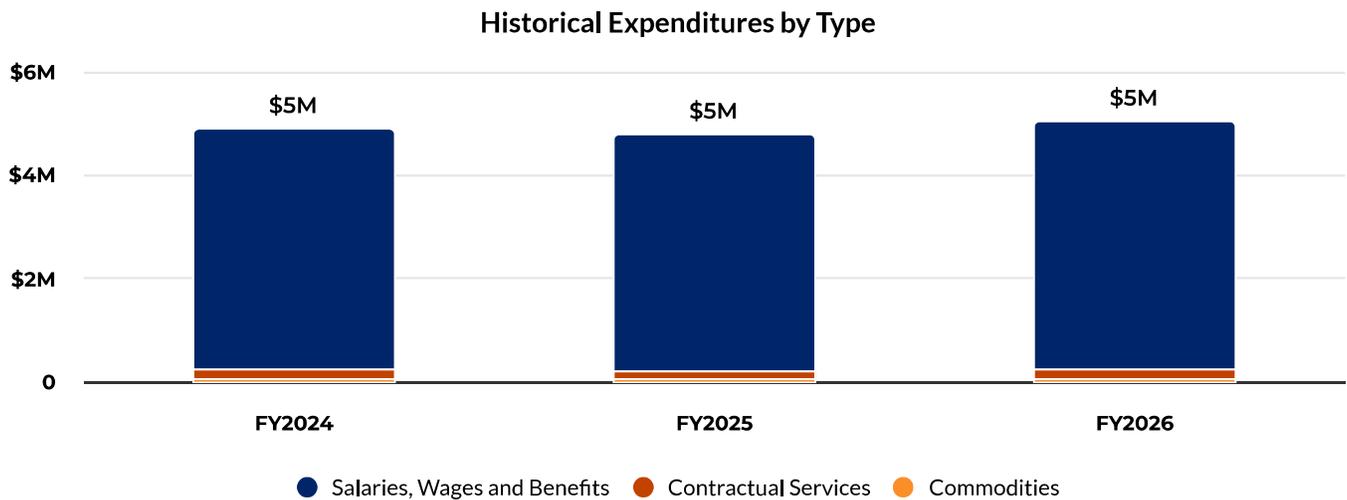
Expenditures by Type

This chart illustrates how the City of Tucson’s City Public Defender’s Office spending has been allocated across key expense categories over the last three fiscal years, with a consistent emphasis on personnel costs.

Fiscal Year 2024: Total expenditures were \$5 million, with the majority spent on Salaries, Wages, and Benefits. Smaller portions supported Contractual Services and Commodities.

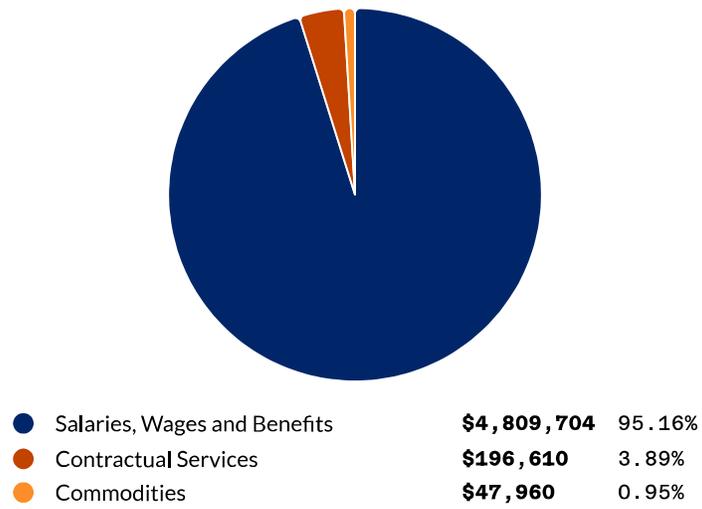
Fiscal Year 2025: Spending remained consistent at \$5 million, maintaining the same proportional distribution, with most funding dedicated to staff compensation.

Fiscal Year 2026: Expenditures are projected to rise to \$5 million, primarily due to increased costs in Salaries and Benefits, reflecting investments in workforce retention, recruitment, and adjustments for inflation. Contractual Services and Commodities remain a minor share of total expenses.



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Fiscal Year 2026 Expenditures by Type



Notes: Charts may not total 100% due to rounding.

Position Resources

Fiscal Year 2026 Adopted FTE Count

