

Office of the Public Defender

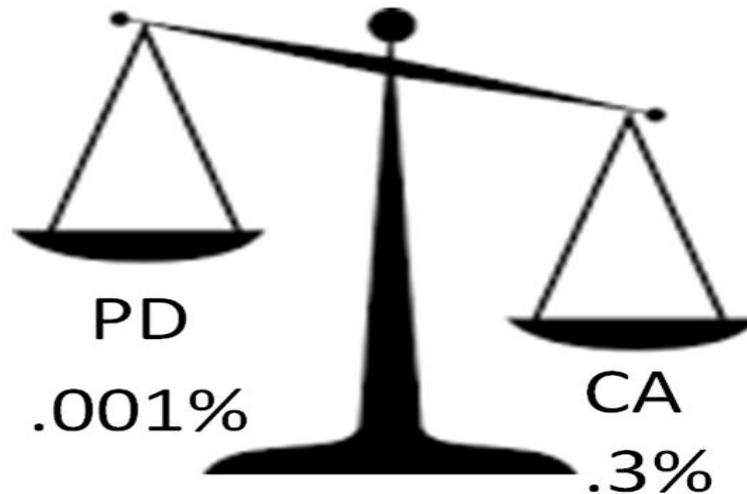
Proposed FY 2018 Budget Highlights

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- Proposed budget totals \$185K
 - A 12% increase from FY 2017 due to:
 - Increases due to supplement increase based on state salary increases and adjustments for payroll taxes.

Department Highlights

- Advocate for rehabilitative sentencing, bond and reentry plans tailored to individual client.
- Reduce local jail costs and recidivism.
- On average, prosecutors in Arlington County are **paid over 40% more** than their counterparts in the public defender office.
- Parity = Justice



- **Spearheaded Drug Court Program**
- **Behavioral Health Docket**
 - Hosts monthly stakeholders meeting, which includes a judge from the General District Court to explore the possibility of a Behavioral Health Docket in Arlington
 - Data collection and analysis re county's need for a behavioral health docket
- **Bond Program Initiative**
 - Collaborates to create safe court-approved diversion plans for Seriously Mentally Ill (SMI) offenders into the community with wrap-around mental health services in (FY 2016 over 300 eligible participants).
 - Tracks offenders found incompetent to stand trial (56 persons)
 - Partners: General District Court, CSB, Sheriff's Office, Community Corrections Unit, Probation, Jail Mental Health

Bond Program Initiative (cont.)

- Cost Savings: Focuses on seriously mentally ill (SMI) misdemeanor defendants who can spend 2 to 3 times longer in jail than healthy counterpart

Number of SMI in Arlington County Detention Facility

2013	723
2014	716
2015	723

- Cost: \$182.43 per day per person with an annual cost of \$66,586.95 per person

- **Holistic Defense**

- *Innovation*: Zealous legal advocacy & social support advocacy
- *Planning*: Bond, sentencing, and reentry plans to reduce the risk of re-offending
- *Partnership*: Client & community to address causes of crime and recidivism
- *Connection*: Fields & services in hypothetical silos
- *Cost Saving*: Target limited resources to present safe and fair alternatives to incarceration.

- **Holistic Defense (cont.)**

- Gap-Filling: Address needs and plan for ‘non-county residents’ safe return to their home jurisdictions that saves resources (i.e forensics team, emergency services, outpatient and residential treatment).
- Best Practice: caseloads of 1:50 to ensure fidelity to the model.