

Supplemental Package Requests

Department 1600000 - COUNTY ATTORNEY
 Package B - MISDEMEANOR/JUVENILE CASE MGMT Priority 2
 Program CRIMINAL PROSECUTION One Time Cost Continuing Cost

Type of Request

New Program Expanded Program Growth Related New Mandate
 Revenue Enhancement Capital Other (explain in description)

	FY2004/05 Recommended	FY2005/06 Annualized	FY2006/07 Annualized	FY2007/08 Annualized	FY2008/09 Annualized
Personal Services	0	0	0	0	0
Supplies & Services	0	0	0	0	0
Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenues	0	0	0	0	0
Fund Balance Support	0	0	0	0	0
General Fund Support	0	0	0	0	0

Description

The Case Weighting and Workload Assessment of the Pima County Attorney's Office conducted by the American Prosecutors Research Institute last year concluded that the felony, misdemeanor and juvenile functions of my office are significantly understaffed. The workload and caseload impacts to our employees are overwhelming with no relief in sight. For years I have compared the average caseload of our misdemeanor attorneys to the caseload of the prosecutors with the City of Tucson. During fiscal year 2003, 8 misdemeanor prosecutors handled 36,788 cases with an average of 4,599 cases per attorney. The City of Tucson, which has 29 misdemeanor prosecutors handled 76,202 cases or only 2,628 cases per prosecutor. The Juvenile unit continues to experience high numbers of cases that are presented by law enforcement resulting in high numbers of cases being filed. Therefore, in order to achieve a more manageable workload and caseload for the employees of these two functional areas, additional staffing is required.

Personal Services

Three Attorney positions, two Legal Assistant positions, two Legal Secretary positions and one Legal Processing Support position. The Attorney positions are necessary to relieve the extremely high caseload which has increased an average of 5% each year over the last four years. Support staff are necessary to assist in case processing and preparation.

Supplies & Services

None requested.

Capital Request

None requested.

Revenues

Misdemeanor cases can result in the imposition of fines and fees of which a portion can become revenue to the general fund when collected by the Courts.

Impact if not Funded

The workload and caseload impacts to employees are overwhelming with no relief in sight. The number of misdemeanor cases continue to increase annually. Potential loss of revenue to the general fund.

Source of Mandate

A.R.S. 11-532. et.al. Powers and Duties of the County Attorney.

Goals & Objectives

Reduce the misdemeanor attorney's caseload and improve case processing through Justice Court.

Performance Measure	FY2003/04 Estimated	FY2004/05 Planned	FY2005/06 Planned
Misdemeanor Attorney caseload	4,599	3,512	3,697

Supplemental Package Is Not Recommended.