

18-B PUBLIC DEFENSE PAYMENTS - 1172

The Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender's are the primary source of legal representation for the indigent in Albany County. However, there are instances when the two offices are unable to represent an individual because of legal conflicts of interest.

In those instances of conflict, Article 18-B, section 722-b of New York State County Law provides for payment of assigned private counsel for those individuals charged with a crime or appealing a criminal conviction that are financially unable to obtain their own legal representation. In addition, private counsel is also assigned in certain Family Court and Surrogate Court proceedings as ordered by the judge of that court.

Judges make the decisions to assign private counsel.

This account is administered jointly by the Departments of Law and Management and Budget. Within the Department of Management & Budget is newly created position to help manage these costs. The position is fully funded through grants.

APPROPRIATION HISTORY



1998:	\$0
1999:	\$0
2000:	\$0
2001:	\$0
2002:	\$0
2003:	\$0
2004:	\$0
2005:	\$0
2006:	\$0
2007:	\$0
2008:	\$830,000
2009:	\$415,000
2010:	\$710,000
2011:	\$1,100,000
2012:	\$900,000
2013:	\$1,250,000
2014:	\$1,250,000

	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2014	2014
A 1172 18-B Public Defense Payments	Count	Count	Expended	Adjusted	Requested	Proposed	Adopted
Contractual Expenses							
A 1172 44043 Legal Fees			\$1,151,258	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$0
<i>Contractual Expenses Subtotal</i>			\$1,151,258	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$0
Total Appropriations			\$654,822	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$0
Revenue							
A 1172 02702 Defense Contributions			(\$1,200)	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)	\$0
A 1172 03025 Indigent Funds			\$0	\$0	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	\$0
Total Revenue			(\$1,200)	(\$5,000)	(\$30,000)	(\$30,000)	\$0
County Share			\$653,622	\$1,245,000	\$1,220,000	\$1,220,000	\$0