

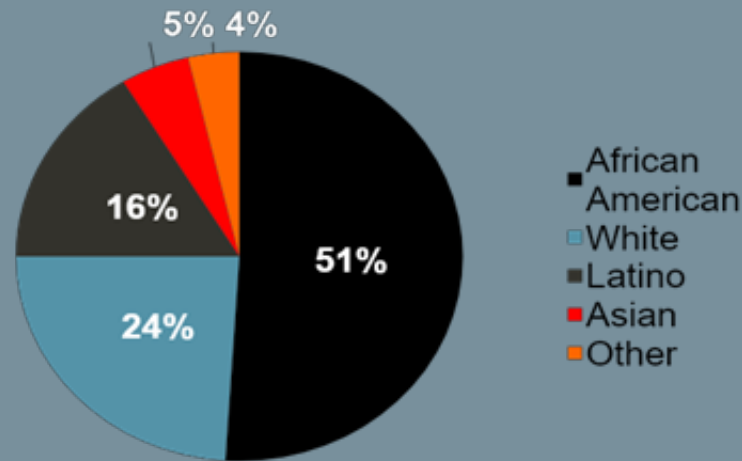
San Francisco Public Defender

FY 2021-2023 Budget



1921-2021: 100 Years of Fighting for Justice and Equity

We serve over 20,000 indigent clients annually. The vast majority are people of color.

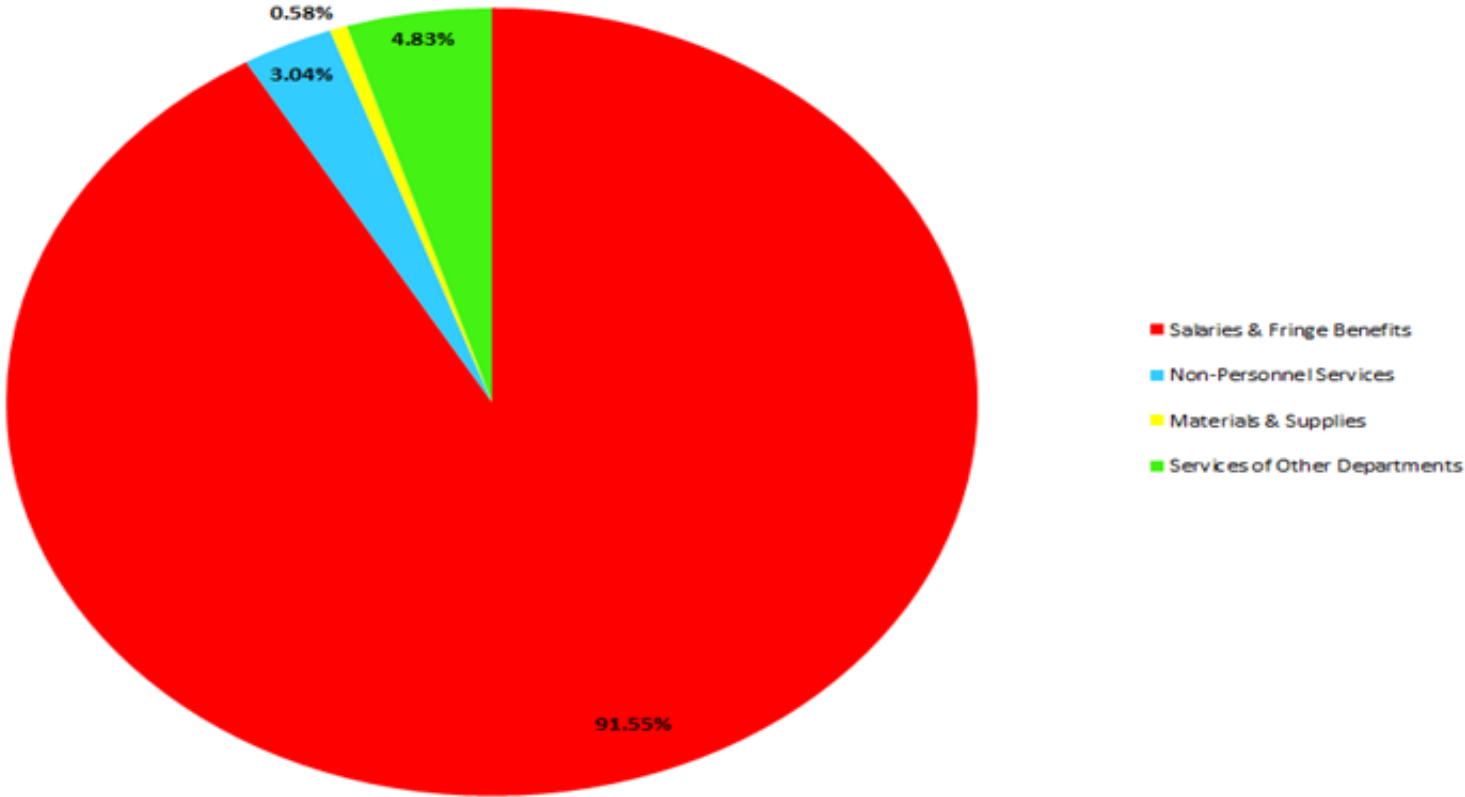


- Over 75% BIPOC
- Over 10% non-English speaking and/or immigrant
- Over 75% suffer from mental illness and/or substance use
- All low-income; most below poverty level, many are homeless

Public Defender Budget and FTE Summary (FY2021 – FY2023)

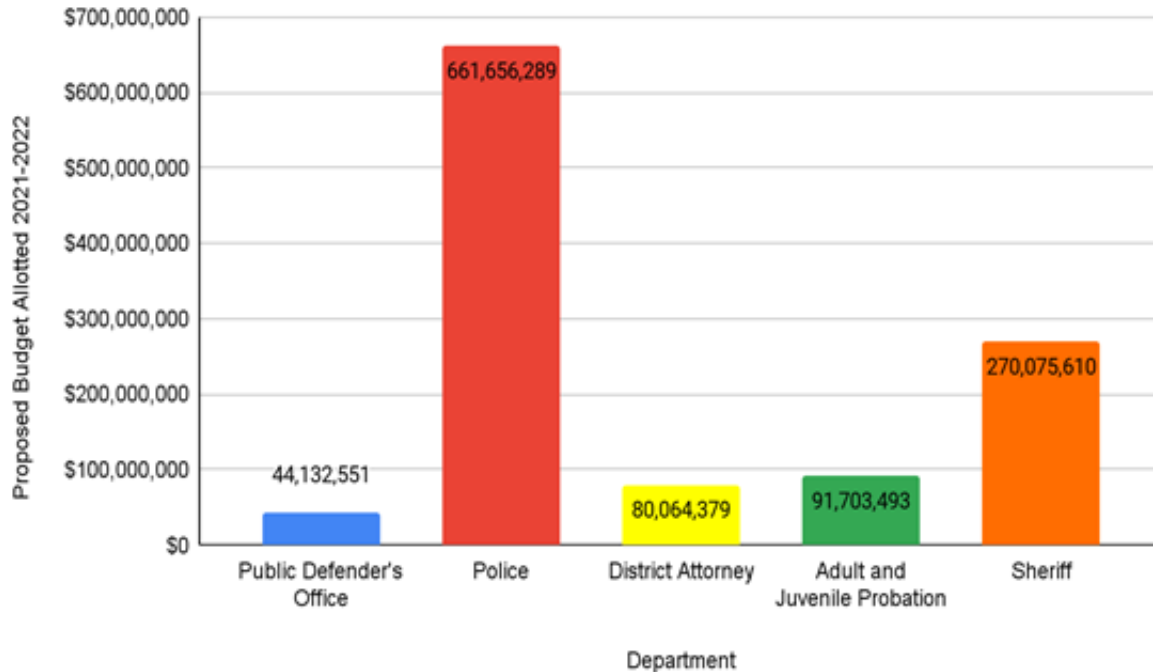
Fiscal Year	Budget	FTE
FY2020-21	42,256,703	188.44
FY2021-22	44,132,551	186.88
FY2022-23	45,231,821	186.87

FY 2020-2021 Operating Expenditures



Public Defender Budget Compared with other Criminal Justice Departments

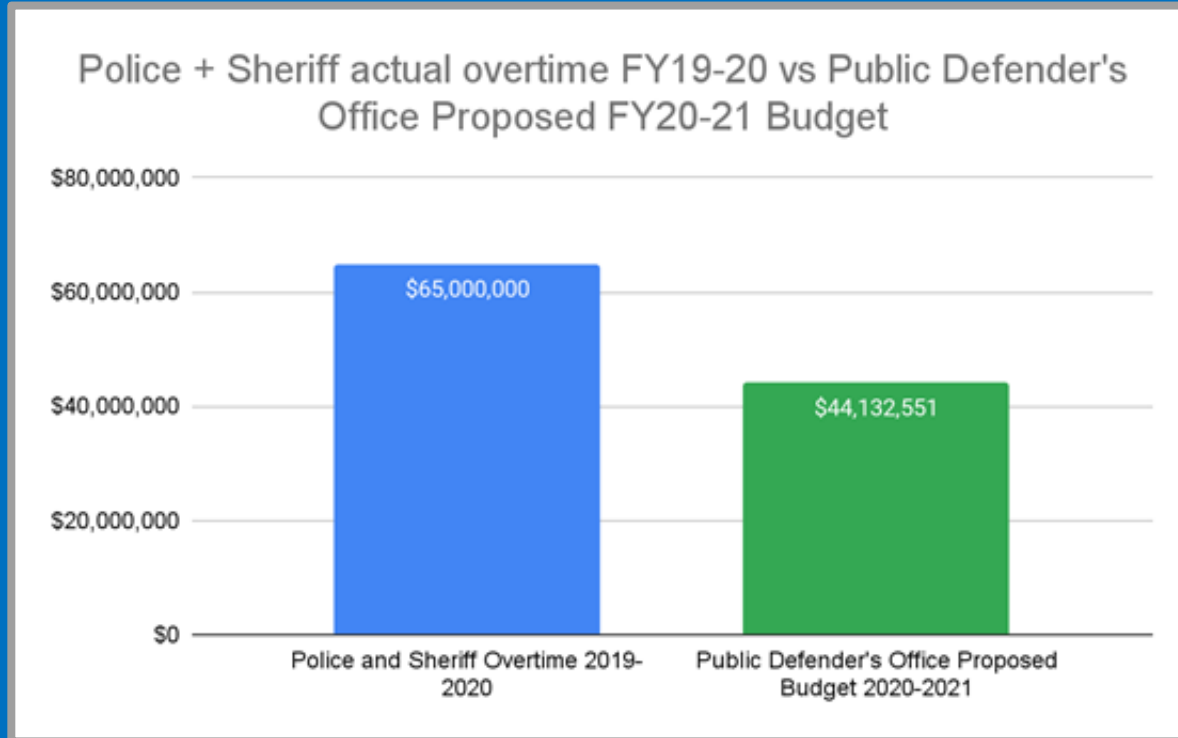
Proposed Budget Allotted FY2021-2022



Public Defender's budget is:

- **15x smaller** than SF Police Department
- **Almost 2x smaller** than District Attorney's Office
- **2x smaller** than Adult/Juvenile Probation Department
- **6x smaller** than Sheriff's Department
- **2x smaller** than City Attorney's Office (not pictured here)

Public Defender Budget Compared with Police and Sheriff Overtime Budgets



SUPPORTING SAN FRANCISCO'S MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

- Advocating inside and outside the courtroom for justice for our indigent clients using policy, litigation, and legal advocacy tools (e.g., we've co-sponsored several state bills to improve legal processes; we've co-counseled on litigation against San Quentin over COVID conditions.)
- Working to reduce the jail, prison, juvenile, and immigration jail populations during the pandemic. (e.g., our Immigration Unit fought to reduce the populations by 80% at two ICE detention centers)
- Secured foundation grants to double the capacity of our Clean Slate Unit to expunge criminal records, removing barriers to employment, housing, and education.

INNOVATING TO ENSURE MAXIMUM IMPACT & RACIAL EQUITY



- Ensuring changes in state law actually benefit PD clients (e.g., award-winning “CopMonitor” database to shine a light on police misconduct (SB 1421).
- Building a pipeline of diverse public defenders and interns through leadership of our Director of Equity.
- Creating a modern case management system to enable our advocacy team members to improve connectedness and efficiency.

INNOVATING TO ENSURE MAXIMUM IMPACT & RACIAL EQUITY cont.

Engaging & educating the public about the people most impacted by the criminal legal system - our clients & their communities - through **The Adachi Project**.

Recent short films include the story of 111 Taylor (a halfway house in the TL), experiences of people in SF Jail during COVID, and the first day out of prison for our client who was inside for 44 years.



The screenshot shows a webpage from DATEBOOK. The main headline is "The Adachi Project to honor late S.F. public defender with films about justice". Below the headline, it says "Sam Whiting · February 3, 2021 Updated: February 4, 2021, 2:44 pm". There are social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, Email, and Print. Below the text is a photograph of a man in a suit holding a framed portrait of another man. On the right side of the page, there is a sign-up form for a weekly guide to Bay Area arts & entertainment, with an "E-mail Address" field and a "SIGN UP" button. At the bottom right, there is a link for "More In Movies & TV".

INNOVATING TO ENSURE MAXIMUM IMPACT & RACIAL EQUITY: Pre-Trial Release Unit (PRU)

Meeting with and advocating for incarcerated clients hours after they are arrested in the crucial period between booking and arraignment:

IMPACT:

- Arrestees seen by a member of the PRU team are *twice* as likely to be released at arraignment
- 2018 UC Berkeley study: PRU saves SF 11,200 jail bed days (\$2 million annually)



OTHER RECENT DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Successfully fought and won several jury trials for our clients against great odds in the few courtrooms open during the pandemic
- Provided community support for youth & families through our MAGIC programs throughout the pandemic
- Successfully implemented year 1 of the Young Defenders Program
- Eliminated unaffordable cash bail through our historic victory in the California Supreme Court in the *Humphrey* case.

PREVENTING CORRUPTION & WASTE

- Utilize a 3-step process for approval of all spending, including final sign off by the Chief Attorney
- Maintain only one professional service contract (file storage)
- Minimize interim positions (New positions are always budgeted at 0.77 FTE with a projected hiring date of October 1st)

THANK YOU for Helping Us Make Justice Happen!



New, paid internship places high school students in SF Public Defender's office

