

**Washington State Judicial Branch
2025-2027 Biennial Budget
Reduce General Fund-Federal Appropriations**

Agency: Office of Public Defense

Decision Package Code/Title: A5 – GF-F Appropriation Adjustment

Agency Recommendation Summary Text:

The Office of Public Defense is requesting a technical adjustment to eliminate \$85,000 in General Fund-Federal appropriation authority from the budget. (General Fund – Federal)

Fiscal Summary:

	FY 2026	FY 2027	Biennial	FY 2028	FY 2029	Biennial
Staffing						
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 001-2	(\$85,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures						
	(\$85,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Package Description:

The Office of Public Defense (OPD) does not need federal appropriation authority in the 2025-27 biennium. OPD had a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Regional Juvenile Defense Initiative grant which expired September 30, 2024. The 2025-27 General Fund-Federal appropriation would be unfunded authority.

Fully describe and quantify expected impacts on state residents.

No impact.

Explain what alternatives were explored by the agency and why this was the best option chosen.

This is a technical correction with no alternatives to consider.

What are the consequences of not funding this request?

None.

Is this an expansion or alteration of a current program or service?

No.

Decision Package expenditure, FTE and revenue assumptions:

Not applicable.

How does the package relate to the Judicial Branch principal policy objectives?

Not applicable.

How does the package impact equity in the state?

Address any target populations or communities that will benefit from this proposal.

Not applicable.

Describe how the agency conducted community outreach and engagement.

Not applicable.

Consider which target populations or communities would be disproportionately impacted by this proposal.

Explain why and how these equity impacts will be mitigated.

Not applicable.

Are there impacts to other governmental entities?

No.

Stakeholder response:

Not applicable.

Are there legal or administrative mandates that require this package to be funded?

No.

Does current law need to be changed to successfully implement this package?

No.

Are there impacts to state facilities?

No.

Are there other supporting materials that strengthen the case for this request?

No.

Are there information technology impacts?

No.

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