



Citizen Centric Report Fiscal Year 2013

PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION

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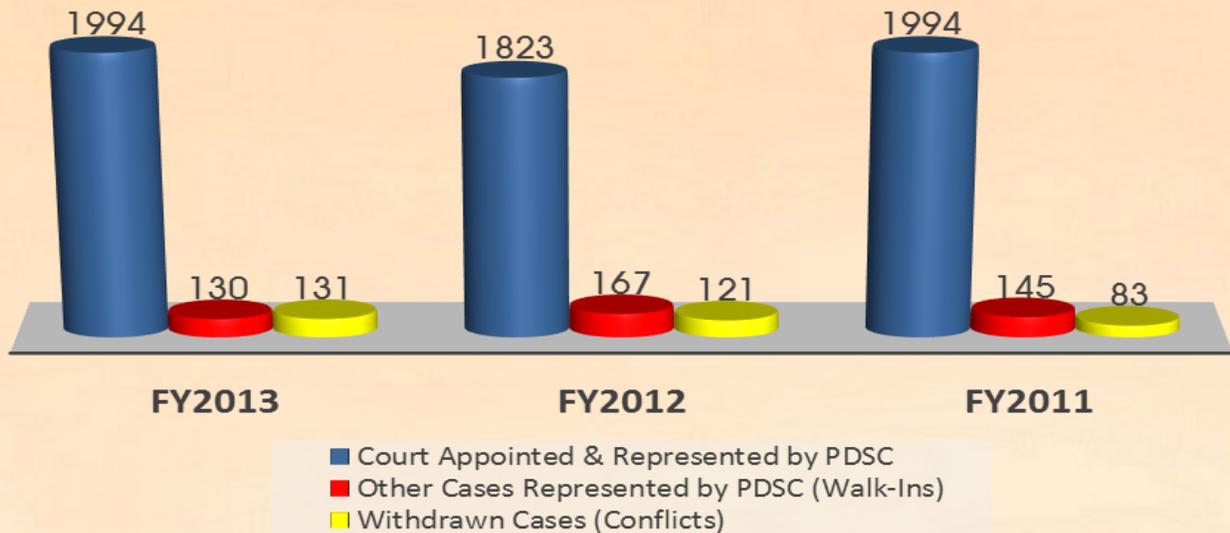


"There can be no equal justice where the kind of trial a man gets depends on the amount of money he has."

- Justice Hugo Black, 1964
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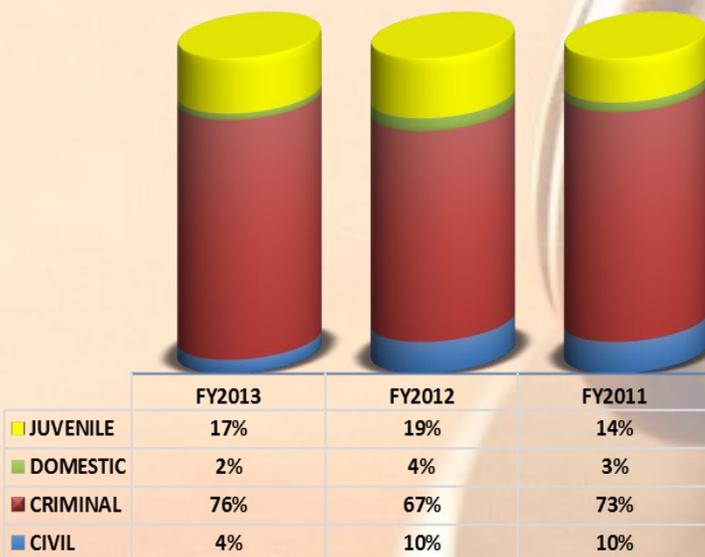
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CASES APPOINTED OR RECEIVED BY FISCAL YEAR

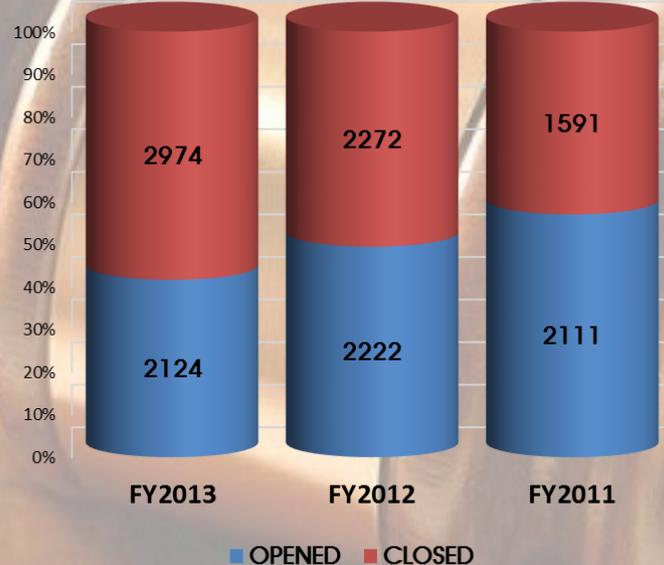


In Fiscal Year 2013, the PDSC received a total of 2,255 new cases, 144 cases more than the amount of cases received in FY2012. This indicates an increase in the amount of cases being represented by the PDSC by about 7% from the previous fiscal year. Court appointed cases to PDSC constitute approximately 88% of the case assignments while walk-in cases make up about 6% of the total case assignments. Out of the 2,255 new cases received in FY2013, approximately 6% of those were determined to have conflicting issues to where the PDSC was not able to represent the client and the case was forwarded to another source for legal representation.

TYPES OF CASES CLOSED BY PDSC



CLOSED VS. OPENED COMPARISON



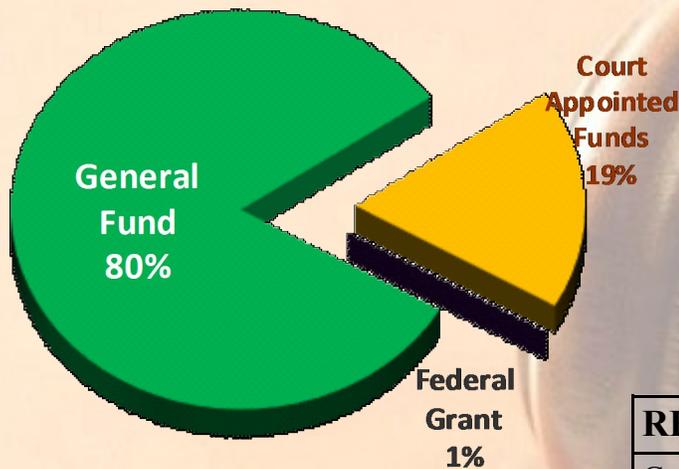
OUR VISION:

TO MAINTAIN A DYNAMIC, EFFICIENT, CLIENT-FOCUSED ENVIRONMENT FOR BOTH OUR CLIENTS AND EMPLOYEES WHILE DEFENDING JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM.

In Fiscal Year 2013, 2012, and 2011, 87%, 88%, 86% respectively, of funds were spent on personnel costs. Also in Fiscal Year 2013, 48 employees were paid from General Fund appropriations, 9 from Court Appointed Indigent Defense funds and 1 from Federal funds.

EXPENDITURES	FY 2013	FY 2012	FY 2011
Salaries and Wages	\$2,722,221	\$2,969,151	\$2,761,944
Benefits	1,041,965	1,064,883	903,814
Off-Island Travel/Mileage Reimbursement	-	-	4,346
Contractual	110,778	115,475	130,479
Office Space Rental	335,698	335,698	318,901
Supplies	19,411	24,547	29,655
Equipment < \$5,000	13,607	24,115	37,965
Communications	10,105	10,319	18,751
Miscellaneous	21,220	23,100	26,042
Power	28,800	9,504	14,400
Capital Outlay >\$5,000	6,471	-	5,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,310,276	\$4,605,592	\$4,251,397

FY 2013 REVENUES



The PDSC relies solely on the General Fund for its operations. FY2013's appropriation decreased by 3% from FY2012. The decrease is mainly attributed to a decrease of expenditures in Salaries and Wages as well as benefits for employees who have retired.

The Alternate Public Defender, established as a separate division of the PDSC receives funding from the Judiciary of Guam—Indigent Defense Fund. Funding increased by \$68,819 or 9% over FY2011.

The Domestic Violence Program receives Stop VAW (Violence Against Women) funds from the Governor's Community Outreach—Federal Program Office.

REVENUES	FY 2013	FY 2012	FY 2011
General Fund	\$3,601,222	\$3,796,755	\$3,699,971
Court Appointed	846,896	835,670	778,077
Federal Grant	34,761	34,350	25,848
TOTAL	\$4,482,879	\$4,622,700	\$4,503,896

OUR MISSION:

AS PUBLIC SERVANTS, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION EXISTS TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO THOSE UNABLE TO AFFORD PRIVATE COUNSEL, THEREBY ENSURING EQUAL PROTECTION OF THEIR LAWFUL RIGHTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESCRIBED ETHICS, LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS.



Historically, the PDSC has exercised frugality and sound, fiscal responsibility in carrying out its mission of providing quality legal representation to its indigent clients. Although our financial resources remain limited, our caseload has consistently increased, forcing current personnel to take on more duties and responsibilities. Additional staff positions (one Attorney and one Legal Secretary) were requested, but due to reduced appropriation levels, they could not be filled. We will diligently continue to seek funding for this purpose, in order to ensure the safety and morale of our current personnel, as well as the quality legal representation that our clientele deserves.

Another issue that is of growing concern for our agency is the rise in the number of clients from the Freely Associated States (FAS). Although we continue to submit our annual Compact-Impact Statistical Reports as to the cost of providing our services to these individuals, the PDSC has yet to be reimbursed for these costs.

Thus, as with other government organizations, funding remains a big challenge for us. However, we remain committed to our PDSC mission of serving the less fortunate residents of Guam who require assistance as they maneuver their way through the justice process. Our loyal, dedicated and most committed employees will carry on despite the budgetary constraints our island continues to face. It is this commitment to our roles as true "public servants" that gratifies and satisfies us at the end of each work day.



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