



PUBLIC DEFENDER

FY 2022-23

BUDGET WORKSHOP

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Public Defender

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The mission of the Monterey County Public Defender's Office is to effectively, efficiently, and zealously defend the Constitutional and statutory rights of indigent defendants, juveniles, and community members in criminal and limited civil proceedings, by developing strong attorney-client relationships, and by working with our Public Safety Partners, community members and organizations to insure our clients will thrive as members of Monterey County thereby promoting a thriving, safe and secure environment.



MANDATED SERVICES

The Public Defender is the primary defense attorney for indigent individuals facing potential incarceration or loss of liberty as mandated by:

- ✓ US CONSTITUTION
- ✓ CA CONSTITUTION
- ✓ COUNTY REGULATIONS



SERVICE AREAS

- ✓ DEATH PENALTY CASES
- ✓ FELONIES
- ✓ MISDEMEANORS
- ✓ JUVENILE
- ✓ RE-SENTENCING / NEW LEGISLATION
- ✓ APPEALS
- ✓ PROP 47
- ✓ POST SENTENCE RELIEF
- ✓ PRCS VIOLATIONS / PAROLE REVOCATION HEARINGS

COST DRIVERS

WAGE ADJUSTMENTS



\$798K

PERS



\$240K

SALARY & BENEFITS



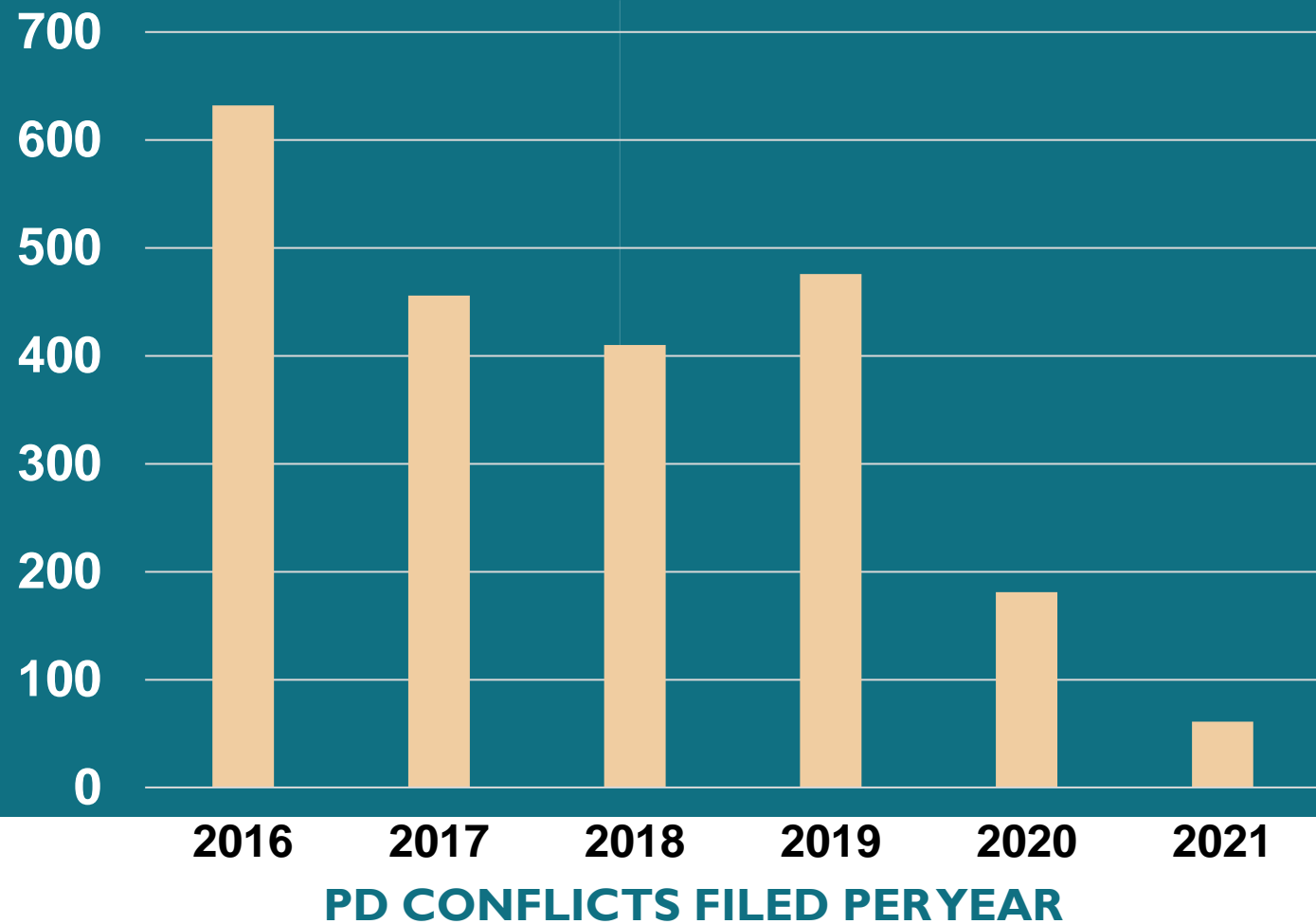
\$200K

POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF FUNDING REDUCTION



- ✓ **Wrongful Convictions**
- ✓ **Increased Custody Time**
- ✓ **Increased Pretrial Population**
- ✓ **Reduced Access to Rehab Services**
- ✓ **Increased Deportations**
- ✓ **Unnecessary Separation of Families**
- ✓ **Reduced Access to Post Sentence Relief**
- ✓ **Reduced Employee Hire & Retention**

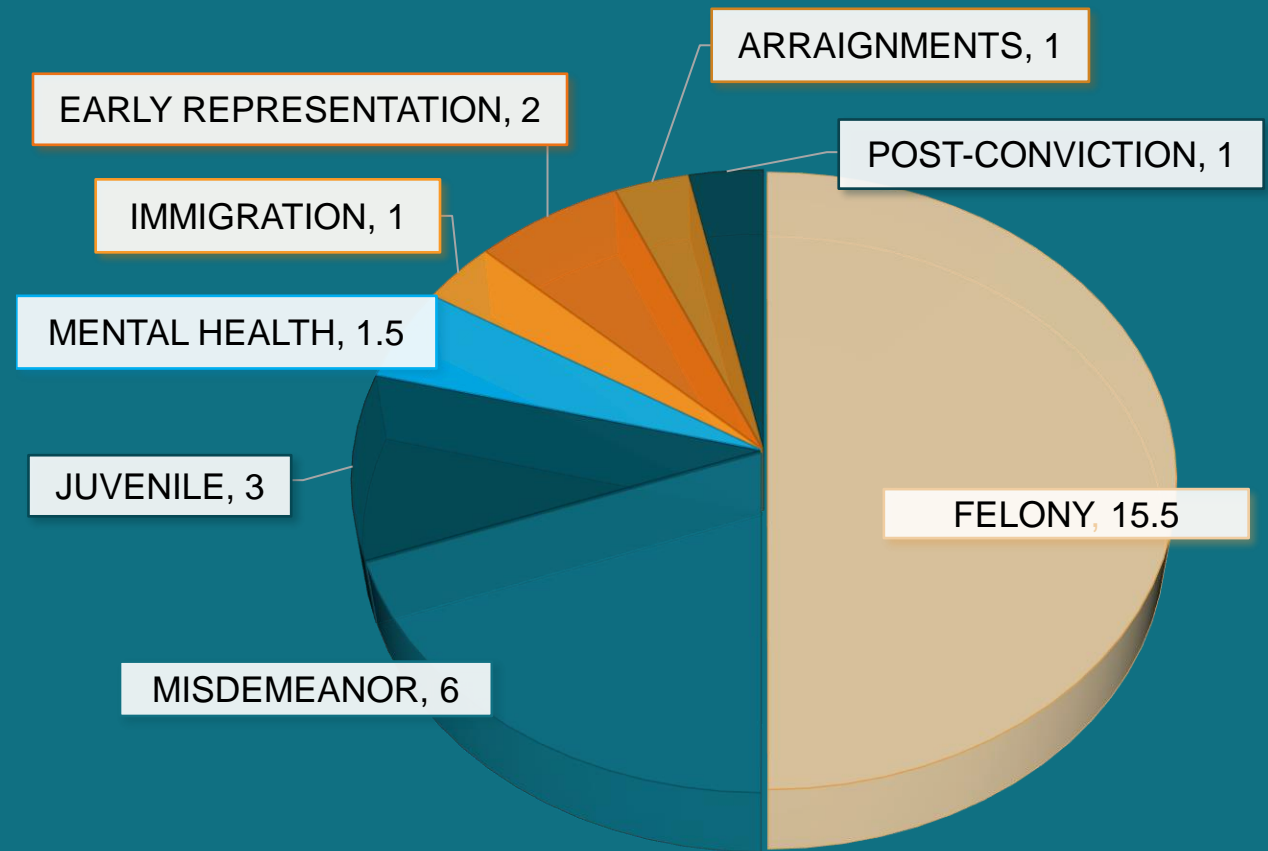
IMPROVING SERVICES-CONFLICT REDUCTION



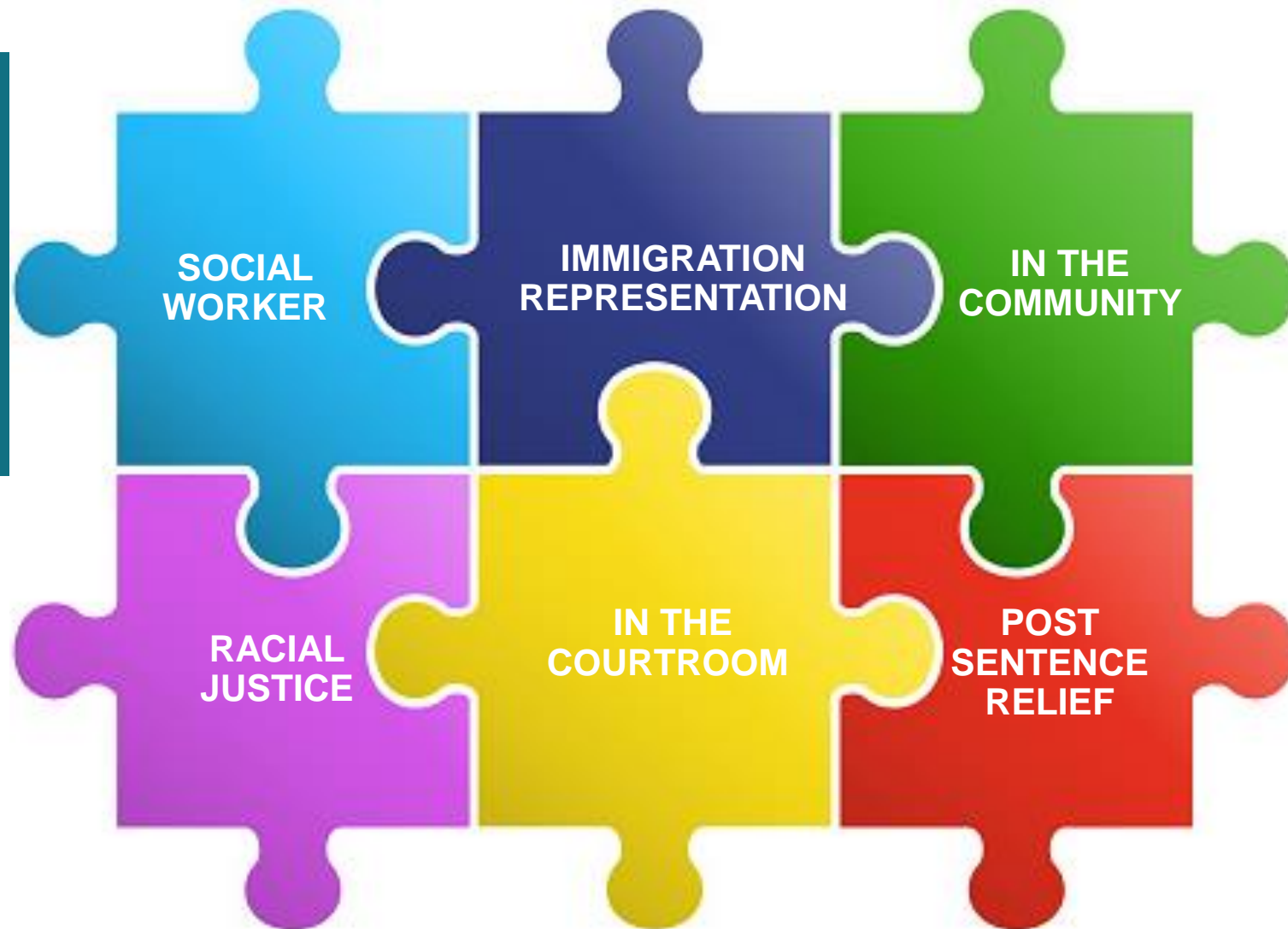
ATTORNEY STAFFING BY UNITS



31.0 FTE ATTORNEY



HOLISTIC DEFENSE

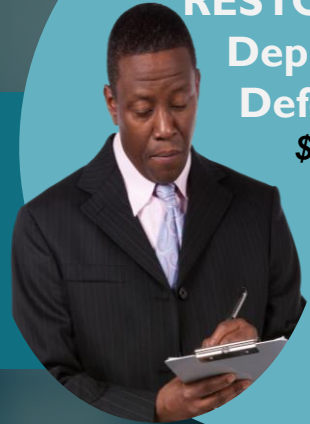


AUGMENTATIONS

REALLOCATE
.50 to 1.0FTE
Account Clerk
\$39,319



RESTORE 1.0FTE
Deputy Public
Defender IV
\$287,643



ADDITIONAL
GFC REQUESTED

\$559,549



NEW
Racial Justice
1.0FTE Deputy
Public Defender IV
\$276,576



NO IMPACT
TO GFC

\$276,576
Grant Funded



RESTORE 1.0FTE
Deputy Public
Defender IV
\$232,587



THANK YOU!



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