

February 15, 2002 - 35 responses (76%)

SOLICITOR/PUBLIC DEFENDER FUNDING

County	Budget Included	FY 2001/02 Budget Total		Conditions on Funding	Admin. County	Mechanism for Receiving Funds	Space Provided	
		Solicitor	Public Defender				Solicitor	Public Defender
Abbeville	Yes	\$40,000	\$27,500	No	No	Check sent to neighboring county treasurer.	None Provided	None Provided
Anderson		\$1,144,145	\$232,115	No. Both make annual budget requests. The finance office and the administrator review their cash balances during the budget process to validate the requests.	Yes	Checks are cut the first month of each quarter and go directly to the solicitor. The annual appropriation is divided into four equal installments.		
Bamberg	No	\$50,000	\$20,000		No	Check sent to neighboring county treasurer.	None Provided	None Provided
Barnwell		\$65,000	\$30,000	They present budget requests each year to the county.		Check sent to solicitor from finance department.	Half of the second floor of the County Annex Bldg. is provided. General Fund	The \$30,000 appropriation is used to rent office space not provided by the county.
Berkeley	Yes	General: \$455,469 Special Revenue: \$226,737	\$269,101	N/A	No	Paid from general fund.	Office space is provided. General Fund	During a trial office space is provided. General Fund
Beaufort	No	\$241,800	\$484,105	Solicitor receives \$12,500 for a drug court and \$20,000 for a victims assistance program. (Both are included in the listed budget totals.)	No	Check sent to solicitor.	About 2,500 sq. ft. of office space is provided. General Fund	About 3,000 sq. ft. of office space is provided. General Fund

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Calhoun	No	\$35,000	\$13,580	No	No	Check sent to Dorchester County.	During court sessions office space is provided. Local County Funds	None Provided
Charleston	Yes	\$3,129,683	\$1,194,527	Budget with intended use must be presented to council. Any budget transfers for solicitor are approved by budget office and/or the county administrator.	Yes	Budget is approved by council. County makes direct payment of expenses to solicitor.	All office space for Charleston County staff is provided. General Fund	All office space is provided.
Chesterfield	No	\$40,000	\$5,700	Solicitor's funding includes the availability of an assistant solicitor for cases in Chesterfield County.	No	Check sent to solicitor from county general fund for operating expenses of \$5,000; the assistant solicitor's salary of \$35,000 is paid through the regular county payroll.	None Provided	None Provided
Clarendon	No	\$120,994	\$60,000	Public defender is paid quarterly, per request. Solicitor retainage is paid at year end once operating costs are deducted.	No	Funds are disbursed to the solicitor's office.	Two offices that are county maintained are provided.	None Provided
Colleton	Yes	\$105,790	\$219,003	No	No	Funds are budgeted and paid through finance obligations. Check sent to solicitor from treasurer's office.	Courthouse offices (about 500 sq. ft.) are provided.	A small annex bldg. (about 2,000 sq. ft.) is provided.
Darlington	Yes	\$90,650	\$210,560	No	Yes	Check sent to solicitor from county treasurer for direct assistance and specific reimbursements for building costs.	Office for their use is provided. General Fund	Office for their use is provided. General Fund

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Dillon	Yes	\$5,909	\$102,988	The public defender budget includes an assistant public defender. The solicitor is also paid for an assistant solicitor (\$5,000).	No	Check sent to solicitor from county finance.	Two rooms in courthouse are provided; county also furnishes two phone lines.	One room in courthouse is provided; county also furnishes one phone line.
Dorchester	No	\$46,394	\$108,616	No	Yes	Maintain solicitor's bank account. Treasurer receives money from the county and from other counties and deposits into his account.	Help pay rent for solicitor's office. General Fund	Some office space in the courthouse is provided free of charge.
Edgefield	Yes	\$100,626	\$15,500	Submission of an annual budget is required.	Part of a tri-county office with McCormick & Saluda	Fund is operated as a special revenue fund through Edgefield County.		
Fairfield	Yes	\$23,454	\$30,000	No		Check paid from accounts payable.	One office in courthouse is provided.	None Provided
Florence	Yes	\$869,036 Solicitor's salary line item includes \$160,000 of supplements funded by the state. These are shown as revenue. They are shown as negative expenditures or expense reimbursements. Salaries are approx. \$490,000.	\$465,011	No	Yes	Specific Reimbursement	Office space in city/county complex is provided. General Fund	
Georgetown	No	\$585,000	\$84,100		No	Check sent to the neighboring county finance department.	Office space is included in the budget.	

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Greenville	No	\$3,271,148	N/A	Subject to same conditions as county departments.	Yes	Specific Reimbursements	Office space/support in courthouse is provided.	Office space in courthouse is provided.
Hampton	No	\$66,029	\$27,500	No	Yes	Check sent to solicitor from treasurer.	Rented space is covered. General Fund	Office space and utilities are provided.
Jasper	Yes	\$55,000	\$41,000	No	No	Check sent to solicitor by county finance department.		
Kershaw	Yes	\$60,272	\$19,273	No	Yes	Check paid to solicitor from accounts payable.	Office space in courthouse is provided. Maintenance covered in general fund.	None Provided
Lancaster	No	\$4,000	\$17,000		No			
Laurens	Yes	\$140,000	\$30,000	No. The county makes the payment to the solicitor and public defender quarterly.	No	Greenwood County administers the funds from the Eighth Circuit.	Suite of offices in the courthouse is provided. General Fund	Suite of offices in the courthouse is provided. General Fund
Lee	No	\$63,000	\$32,000		No	Check sent to neighboring county.	Taxes	Taxes
Lexington	Yes	\$1,639,110	\$281,250	Budgets have to be presented to council and approved.	No	Expenses are appropriated in the general fund budget and paid through the county financial accounting system.	Courthouse space is provided. General Fund	General Fund Budget Allocation
McCormick	Yes	\$50,514	\$18,500	No	Part of a tri-county office with Edgefield & Saluda	Check sent to solicitor.	None Provided	None Provided

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Newberry	No	\$86,000	\$47,279	Solicitor must request funds second month of each quarter and show how funds have been used. Public defender paid salary and fringe, plus \$2,000 for office expenses, postage, and training.	No	Check paid to Greenwood County treasurer.	Space is provided only during court.	Space is provided only during court.
Pickens	No	\$490,672	\$35,255	No	No	Specific reimbursements are made for designated items.	Courthouse space is provided. General Fund	Courthouse space is provided. General Fund
Richland	No	\$2,652,225	\$915,000	These agencies go through the normal budget process.	Yes		Offices at the County Judicial Ctr. are provided.	Offices at the County Judicial Ctr. are provided.
Saluda	No	\$281,822 Saluda's share is 36% or \$101,456	\$8,217		Part of a tri-county office with Edgefield & McCormick	Check sent to Edgefield County.	Office space for assistant solicitor and staff is provided.	None Provided
Sumter	Yes	\$329,134	\$152,000	No	Yes	Funds transferred monthly to the solicitor from the general fund.	Office space in courthouse is provided.	None Provided
Union	Yes	\$120,712	\$44,905	Must submit a budget request to county council.	No	County makes payments to vendors from invoices submitted by the solicitor's office; salaries are handled through the payroll department.	Office space in courthouse is provided.	None Provided
Williamsburg	Yes	\$48,594	\$23,870	Must submit a budget request with proper documentation.	No	Via purchasing and accounts payable system.		

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York	No	\$1,646,552	\$443,000	No	Yes	Solicitor has line item budget and uses county purchasing process/procedures (like other departments).	Office space (about 8,000 sq. ft.) is provided.	Office space (about 2,700 sq. ft.) is provided.