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CERTIFICATE

Agency Name Eighth Court of Appeals

This is to certify that the information contained in the agency operating budget filed with the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Office of the Governor, Budget and Policy Division, is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the electronic submission to the LBB via the Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) and the PDF file submitted via the LBB Document Submission application are identical.

Additionally, should it become likely at any time that unexpended balances will accrue for any account, the LBB and the Office of the Governor will be notified in writing in accordance with Senate Bill 1, Article IX, Section 7.01, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025.

Chief Executive Office or Presiding Judge

Signature

Maria Salas Mendoza

Printed Name

Chief Justice

Title

December 1, 2025

Date

Board or Commission Chair

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

Chief Financial Officer

Signature

Elizabeth G. Flores

Printed Name

Clerk of the Court

Title

December 1, 2025

Date

Budget Overview
89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

228 Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso

	GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS				OTHER FUNDS		ALL FUNDS	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
Goal: 1. Appellate Court Operations								
1.1.1. Appellate Court Operations	1,559,714	1,803,869			3,383	6,000	1,563,097	1,809,869
	435,223	565,737			92,450	92,450	527,673	658,187
1.1.2. Appellate Justice Salaries	1,994,937	2,369,606			95,833	98,450	2,090,770	2,468,056
Total, Goal	1,994,937	2,369,606			95,833	98,450	2,090,770	2,468,056
Total Agency	1,994,937	2,369,606			95,833	98,450	2,090,770	2,468,056
Total FTEs							16.8	19.0

2.A. Summary of Budget By Strategy

DATE : 12/2/2025
TIME : 11:52:23AM

89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

Agency code: **228** Agency name: **Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso**

Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
1 Appellate Court Operations			
1 <i>Appellate Court Operations</i>			
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$1,465,602	\$1,563,097	\$1,809,869
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$484,157	\$527,673	\$658,187
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$1,949,759	\$2,090,770	\$2,468,056

2.A. Summary of Budget By Strategy

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89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

Agency code: **228** Agency name: **Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso**

Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
General Revenue Funds:			
1 General Revenue Fund	\$1,851,453	\$1,994,937	\$2,369,606
	\$1,851,453	\$1,994,937	\$2,369,606
Other Funds:			
573 Judicial Fund	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450
666 Appropriated Receipts	\$5,856	\$3,383	\$6,000
	\$98,306	\$95,833	\$98,450
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$1,949,759	\$2,090,770	\$2,468,056
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS	17.5	16.8	19.0

2.B. Summary of Budget By Method of Finance
 89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

DATE: 12/2/2025
 TIME: 11:52:55AM

Agency code: 228

Agency name: Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso

METHOD OF FINANCING

Exp 2024 Exp 2025 Bud 2026

GENERAL REVENUE

1 General Revenue Fund

REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$1,902,825	\$1,969,295	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$2,158,447
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$(4,936)	\$0	\$0

Comments: Reduced amount for strategy B.1.1 Salary Adjustments.

RIDER APPROPRIATION

Art. IX, Sec. 18.83, Contingency for SB 293	\$0	\$0	\$141,875
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Comments: Additional allocation from Comptroller necessary to implement judicial salary increase.

TRANSFERS

Art. IX, Sec. 17.15, Appropriation for a Salary Increase for Licensed Attorneys in Certain Positions (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$69,284
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Comments: Additional allocation from Comptroller necessary to implement 6 percent salary increase for attorneys in certain positions.

SUPPLEMENTAL, SPECIAL OR EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

Supplemental, Special or Emergency Appropriations	\$0	\$11,361	\$0
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Comments: Strategy A.1.2., Appellate Judicial Salaries (2024-25 GAA).

LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$(32,155)	\$0	\$0
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Comments: Strategy A.1.2 - unused Appellate Justice Salary amount.

UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY

2.B. Summary of Budget By Method of Finance
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Agency code: 228

Agency name: Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso

METHOD OF FINANCING

Art IX, Sec 14.05, UB Authority within the Same Biennium (2024-25 GAA)
 Comments: Strategy A.1.1 - Appellate Court Operations due to employee turnover.

TOTAL, General Revenue Fund

TOTAL, ALL GENERAL REVENUE

OTHER FUNDS

573 Judicial Fund No. 573

REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS
 Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)
 Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)

TOTAL, Judicial Fund No. 573

666 Appropriated Receipts

REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS
 Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)
 Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)

LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS
 Art IX, Sec 8.02, Reimbursements and Payments (2024-25 GAA)

Comments: Uncollected Appropriated Receipts.

TOTAL, Appropriated Receipts

	Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
	\$0	\$14,281	\$0
	\$(14,281)		
TOTAL, General Revenue Fund	\$1,851,453	\$1,994,937	\$2,369,606
TOTAL, ALL GENERAL REVENUE	\$1,851,453	\$1,994,937	\$2,369,606
OTHER FUNDS			
573 Judicial Fund No. 573			
<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$92,450
TOTAL, Judicial Fund No. 573	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450
666 Appropriated Receipts			
<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
<i>LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
Art IX, Sec 8.02, Reimbursements and Payments (2024-25 GAA)	\$(144)	\$(2,617)	\$0
Comments: Uncollected Appropriated Receipts.			
TOTAL, Appropriated Receipts	\$5,856	\$3,383	\$6,000

2.B. Summary of Budget By Method of Finance
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Agency code: 228 Agency name: Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso

METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2024		Exp 2025	Bud 2026
TOTAL, ALL OTHER FUNDS		\$98,306	\$95,833	\$98,450
GRAND TOTAL		\$1,949,759	\$2,090,770	\$2,468,056

FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS

REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	18.0	18.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	0.0	0.0	19.0
UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP			
Unauthorized Number Over (Below) Cap	(0.5)	(1.2)	0.0
Comments: FTEs were below cap in FY 2024 and FY 2025 due to position vacancies. We expect to be fully staffed in FY 2026.			
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTEs	17.5	16.8	19.0

NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FTEs

2.C. Summary of Budget By Object of Expense
 89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

DATE: 12/2/2025
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Agency code: 228

Agency name: Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso

OBJECT OF EXPENSE	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
	1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,708,762	\$1,849,315
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$103,308	\$80,227	\$50,356
2003 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$8,535	\$9,785	\$5,050
2004 UTILITIES	\$1,904	\$959	\$0
2005 TRAVEL	\$11,890	\$9,716	\$10,000
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$108,195	\$140,768	\$149,659
5000 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,165	\$0	\$0
Agency Total	\$1,949,759	\$2,090,770	\$2,468,056

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
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DATE: 12/2/2025
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Agency code: **228** Agency name: **Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso**

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations
OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations
STRATEGY: 1 Appellate Court Operations

Service Categories:

Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
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Output Measures:

1	Number of Civil Cases Disposed	227.00	220.00	250.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Disposed	182.00	231.00	200.00

Explanatory/Input Measures:

1	Number of Civil Cases Filed	195.00	216.00	200.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Filed	259.00	135.00	130.00
3	Number of Cases Transferred in	119.00	100.00	120.00
4	Number of Cases Transferred out	3.00	2.00	0.00

Objects of Expense:

1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,229,048	\$1,333,065	\$1,613,708
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$103,308	\$73,967	\$38,132
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$8,535	\$9,785	\$5,050
2004	UTILITIES	\$1,904	\$959	\$0
2005	TRAVEL	\$11,890	\$9,716	\$10,000
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$103,752	\$135,605	\$142,979
5000	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,165	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$1,465,602	\$1,563,097	\$1,809,869

Method of Financing:

1	General Revenue Fund	\$1,459,746	\$1,559,714	\$1,803,869
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$1,459,746	\$1,559,714	\$1,803,869

Method of Financing:

666	Appropriated Receipts	\$5,856	\$3,383	\$6,000
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$5,856	\$3,383	\$6,000

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

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Agency code: 228 Agency name: Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations

STRATEGY: 1 Appellate Court Operations

Service Categories:

Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
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TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE : \$1,465,602 \$1,563,097 \$1,809,869

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS: 14.5 13.8 16.0

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

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Agency code: **228** Agency name: **Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso**

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations
 OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations
 STRATEGY: 2 Appellate Justice Salaries, Estimated and Nontransferable

Service Categories:

Service: NA Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
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Objects of Expense:

1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$479,714	\$516,250	\$639,283
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$0	\$6,260	\$12,224
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$4,443	\$5,163	\$6,680
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$484,157	\$527,673	\$658,187

Method of Financing:

1 General Revenue Fund	\$391,707	\$435,223	\$565,737
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)	\$391,707	\$435,223	\$565,737

Method of Financing:

573 Judicial Fund	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450

TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	\$484,157	\$527,673	\$658,187
	3.0	3.0	3.0

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

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SUMMARY TOTALS:

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$1,949,759	\$2,090,770	\$2,468,056
METHODS OF FINANCE :	\$1,949,759	\$2,090,770	\$2,468,056
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	17.5	16.8	19.0

