

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

For Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029

Submitted to the Office of the Governor, Budget Division,
and the Legislative Budget Board

By

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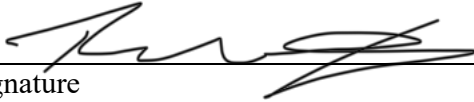
CERTIFICATE

Agency Name Fourth Court of Appeals

This is to certify that the information contained in the agency Legislative Appropriations Request 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.

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90TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION ADMINISTRATOR'S STATEMENT

For Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029
90th Legislature

ADMINISTRATOR'S STATEMENT

The core function of Texas' intermediate appellate courts is to process, review, and decide by written opinion every appeal that is filed with them from trial courts, in civil and criminal cases, across numerous counties. These appeals include every substantive area of civil and criminal law—except for death penalty cases—and many of them must be decided on an expedited basis as mandated by the Legislature and the rules of appellate procedure.

The courts of appeals must also resolve a large number of original proceedings each fiscal year seeking extraordinary relief—such as a writ of habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition, injunction, or quo warranto. Original proceedings, which are often filed during the pendency of litigation, commonly have voluminous records and must also be decided on an expedited basis. And many of them include a request for emergency temporary relief which must be addressed immediately.

Against this backdrop, Texas has gained more residents than any other state during the 21st century. Since 2000, the population of Texas has increased by more than 52%. More than 31 million people now live in Texas. And the vast majority are adults who look to the judiciary for resolution of their disputes as guaranteed by our Constitution. The Legislature has responded to this big increase population by creating nearly 200 new trial courts across Texas. And the Bench and the Bar have taken important steps to increase access to justice for all Texans.

New case filings in the courts of appeals began to return to their pre-COVID levels in fiscal year 2022. During the next three fiscal years (FY '23, FY '24, and FY '25), new case filings in the courts of appeals increased each fiscal year by between 4% to 8%. This is consistent with the increase in new cases experienced by the federal courts of appeals from 2022 to 2025 at nearly 4.4%.

This all changed for Texas' courts of appeals in fiscal year 2026. New case filings are increasing in FY '26 from FY '25 by 20%. And they are increasing by about 30% from FY '24—which was the last fiscal year before the 89th Legislative Session.

New Cases Filed by Fiscal Year

	FY 24	FY 25	Difference from FY 25 to			Difference from FY 24 to	
			FY 26 (Projected)	FY26	% Difference	FY26	% Difference
1st/Houston	952	1,042	1,293	251	24%	341	36%
2nd/Fort Worth	1,000	1,133	1,411	278	25%	411	41%
3rd/Austin	922	940	1,193	253	27%	271	29%
4th/San Antonio	861	864	951	87	10%	90	10%
5th/Dallas	1,451	1,629	1,896	267	16%	445	31%
6th/Texarkana	253	269	275	6	2%	22	9%
7th/Amarillo	308	287	311	24	8%	3	1%
8th/El Paso	337	221	283	62	28%	-54	-16%
9th/Beaumont	408	473	568	95	20%	160	39%
10th/Waco	444	443	567	124	28%	123	28%
11th/Eastland	300	290	358	68	23%	58	19%
12th/Tyler	320	290	351	61	21%	31	10%
13th/Corpus Christi	509	552	698	146	26%	189	37%
14th/Houston	923	1,073	1,328	255	24%	405	44%
15th/Statewide	N/A	135	120	-15	-11%	N/A	N/A
Total FYTD	8,988	9,641	11,603	1,962	20%	2,615	29%

Unusual, one-month spike occurred

When equalization transfers are taken into account, every court of appeals in Texas (except the 15th court which has different jurisdictional requirements) is experiencing these large increases in new case filings—which are anticipated to continue for the foreseeable future.

New Cases Filed by Fiscal Year - After Transfers

	FY 24	FY 25	Difference from FY 25 to			Difference from FY 24 to	
			FY 26 (Projected)	FY26	% Difference	FY26	% Difference
1st/Houston	981	1,060	1,305	245	23%	324	33%
2nd/Fort Worth	863	921	1,053	132	14%	190	22%
3rd/Austin	732	834	879	45	5%	147	20%
4th/San Antonio	644	782	931	149	19%	287	44%
5th/Dallas	1,490	1,614	1,817	203	13%	327	22%
6th/Texarkana	308	330	380	50	15%	72	23%
7th/Amarillo	431	399	545	146	37%	114	26%
8th/El Paso	453	319	428	109	34%	-25	-6%
9th/Beaumont	417	472	531	59	13%	114	27%
10th/Waco	322	374	461	87	23%	139	43%
11th/Eastland	325	330	411	81	25%	86	26%
12th/Tyler	363	299	427	128	43%	64	18%
13th/Corpus Christi	626	665	875	210	32%	249	40%
14th/Houston	950	1,079	1,315	236	22%	365	38%
15th/Statewide	N/A	254	244	-10	-4%	N/A	N/A
Total FYTD	8,905	9,732	11,602	1,870	19%	2,697	30%

Unusual, one-month spike occurred

Two important components of this big increase in new case filings are original proceedings and pro se appeals. Together, they constitute 54% of the new cases filed in the courts of appeals in FY '26.

Original proceedings are increasing in FY '26 from FY '25 by 49%. And they are increasing in FY '26 from FY '24 by 83%.

Original Proceedings						Difference from FY 25 to FY26		Difference from FY 24 to FY26	
Court	22	23	24	25	FY 26 (projected)		% Difference		% Difference
1	221	176	176	186	252	66	36%	76	43%
2	80	55	97	120	200	80	66%	103	106%
3	144	113	122	159	261	102	64%	139	114%
4	112	112	115	141	199	58	41%	84	73%
5	214	228	225	297	465	168	56%	240	106%
6	31	29	19	38	49	11	28%	30	157%
7	59	38	40	25	23	-2	-7%	-17	-42%
8	29	26	29	49	87	38	78%	58	201%
9	46	56	51	49	82	33	66%	31	60%
10	86	81	58	58	115	57	99%	57	99%
11	48	45	30	34	39	5	15%	9	30%
12	39	58	36	45	58	13	29%	22	61%
13	90	97	90	115	190	75	65%	100	111%
14	219	178	159	187	239	52	28%	80	50%
15	N/A	N/A	N/A	32	26	-6	-18%	N/A	N/A
Total original proceedings filed	1,418	1,292	1,247	1,535	2,286	751	49%	1,039	83%
New cases filed	8,034	8,668	8,988	9,641	11,603				
Orig proceedings as % of new cases filed	18%	15%	14%	16%	20%				

Meanwhile, pro se appeals are increasing in FY '26 from FY '25 by 36%. And they are increasing in FY '26 from FY '24 by 68%.

New Cases Filed by Pro Se Litigants										
Court	22	23	24	25	FY 26 (projected)	Difference from FY 25 to FY26	% Difference	Difference from FY 24 to FY26	% Difference	
1	242	228	226	289	357	68	24%	131	58%	
2	198	221	267	334	439	105	31%	172	64%	
3	205	202	229	320	447	127	40%	218	95%	
4	144	151	141	201	265	64	32%	124	88%	
5	373	420	527	600	728	128	21%	201	38%	
6	42	50	39	67	95	28	41%	56	142%	
7	122	119	90	108	124	16	15%	34	37%	
8	61	66	70	62	158	96	154%	88	125%	
9	73	99	86	97	177	80	83%	91	106%	
10	144	120	118	125	191	66	53%	73	62%	
11	110	103	93	103	95	-9	-8%	2	2%	
12	77	56	77	72	92	20	28%	15	20%	
13	136	148	148	167	254	87	52%	106	72%	
14	252	246	236	321	429	108	34%	193	82%	
15	N/A	N/A	N/A	33	89	56	169%	N/A	N/A	
Total cases filed by pro se litigants										
New cases filed										
% of new cases filed by pro se litigants										
	2,179	2,229	2,347	2,899	3,939	1,040	36%	1,592	68%	
	8,034	8,668	8,988	9,641	11,603					
	27%	26%	26%	30%	34%					

Yet, in the face of this dramatic growth, the number of staff attorneys (and other staff) at the courts of appeals who assist the justices with their workload has remained largely the same.

A key factor in handling the increasing workload without additional justices is the employment of highly skilled and trained staff attorneys (and other staff). They maximize the productivity of justices by processing complex cases, researching and drafting preliminary drafts of orders and opinions, disposing of voluminous motions, and managing accelerated and emergency matters.

The large population growth across the State and the magnitude of new case filings, in concert with an ever-increasing number of case types requiring expedited review, make it clear that the courts of appeals require additional staff attorneys, and/or other staff, to manage their growing dockets and to efficiently provide the timely, high-quality justice to which all citizens of Texas are entitled.

In that regard, the courts of appeals, collectively, began in the 79th and 80th Legislative Sessions to work toward a zero-based budget model referred to as “Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts.” This model quantified the funding required to meet the personnel and operational needs of the courts, thus enabling the courts to accomplish their core function and meet their performance measures. The Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts initiative was fully funded for the first time in 2015,

and the courts had been operating under the same zero-based budget model and funding levels until the 88th Legislative Session when the Legislature increased the budgets for the intermediate appellate courts.

Based upon a template of same-size courts, the courts of appeals are now asking the Legislature for additional staff attorneys, and/or other staff, to match the nearly 30% increase in new case filings since FY '24—subject to the particularized request of each court of appeals.

COURT SIZE	NUMBER OF NEW STAFF ATTORNEYS AND/OR STAFF
13 JUSTICES	9
9 JUSTICES	8
6-7 JUSTICES	6
3-4 JUSTICES	4

Without a sufficient number of qualified staff attorneys, and/or other staff, the courts of appeals are largely unable to handle the increasing volume of new case filings each fiscal year and comply with Legislative mandates to give accelerated and preferential treatment to certain appeals (such as parental-termination and juvenile-certification appeals under the Family Code, mental-health appeals under the Health and Safety Code, and interlocutory appeals under the Civil Practice and Remedies Code) and also comply with the legislatively mandated Clearance Rate requirement.

The courts of appeals are appreciative of the increased funding for existing staff attorneys received last session. It is important and enables the courts of appeals to hire and retain qualified individuals for their existing staff attorney positions, and other staff. The courts of appeals are now faced with the need to increase the number of their staff attorney positions, and/or other staff, in order to keep pace with the growth of Texas and the large increase in new case filings. But they currently lack the funding to do so.

And now the courts of appeals have been instructed to reduce their base appropriation request for the 2028-29 biennium by 3%. Unlike other state agencies, 96.5% of each court of appeals' budget, on average, is dedicated to salaries and benefits. This budget reduction would thus result in a disproportionate and highly negative impact on the courts of appeals. The only way to absorb such a budget reduction is to cut court staff. This is counter-intuitive and unsustainable in light of the substantial increase in new case filings. Additionally, there is virtually no benefit to the State from a 3% budget cut on the courts of appeals. Indeed, funding for all of the courts of appeals comprises less than 0.04% of the State budget as a whole. And a 3% budget cut on the courts of appeals would approximately yield only a 0.002% reduction in the entire State budget.

Mindful of that, and of the critical role that the courts of appeals perform for all Texans, additional funding for additional staff attorneys, and/or other staff, as specifically requested by each court of appeals, is now necessary for the courts of appeals to ensure the efficient and timely administration of justice going forward.

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM #1: RESTORE THE 3% BUDGET CUT.

To address the highly negative and disproportionate impact of the required 3% reduction on the courts' funding, especially in light of the substantial increase in new case filings in Fiscal Year '26, the courts of appeals respectfully submit Exceptional Item #1 requesting the restoration of the 3% budget reduction so that their baseline funding will be the Fiscal Year 2027 budgeted levels. The Fourth Court of Appeals therefore respectfully requests a restoration to General Revenue funding in the amount of \$326,168.

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM #2: ADDITIONAL FULL TIME STAFF ATTORNEYS DUE TO THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN NEW CASE FILINGS.

Due to the substantial increase in new case filings that the courts of appeals are experiencing in FY '26, and which are expected to continue for the foreseeable future, and based on the template of same-size courts above, the Fourth Court of Appeals respectfully submits its Exceptional Item # 2 in which it requests funding for six (6) additional full time staff attorneys.

These additional staff positions are necessary because the Fourth Court of Appeals has experienced a 19% increase in new case filings from FY '25 to FY '26. And a 44% increase from FY '24 to FY '26. These increases are beyond the current capacity of the Fourth Court of Appeals to handle and comply with the Legislative mandates to give accelerated and preferential treatment to certain appeals (such as parental-termination and juvenile-certification appeals under the Family Code, mental-health appeals under the Health and Safety Code, and interlocutory appeals under the Civil Practice and Remedies Code) and also comply with the legislatively mandated Clearance Rate requirement.

The total anticipated expense for these requested FTEs in Biennium 2028-29 for the Fourth Court of Appeals is broken down as follows:

- 1) Salaries and Wages - \$1,704,000
- 2) Other Personnel Costs/Employee Related Costs - \$2,880
- 3) Professional Fees & Services - \$6,000
- 4) Consumable Costs/Office Supplies - \$1,800
- 5) Utilities/Mobile Communication Charges - \$15,270
- 6) Travel - \$ 33,000
- 7) Other Operating Expenses/Computer Equipment, Furniture - \$131,440

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM #3: REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN STAFF SALARIES.

Recruiting and retaining excellent judicial-branch staff is essential to the fair and efficient administration of justice in Texas. The rising cost of living combined with the draw of more lucrative employment at other government agencies and the private sector continue to create staffing challenges for the courts. A 3% annual increase in staff pay throughout the Article IV courts and agencies would help maintain the judicial branch's position in the competitive market for talented, qualified, and experienced lawyers and staff. The courts of appeals understand that the Supreme Court of Texas is requesting a 3% increase in staff salaries in Fiscal Year 28 and a 3% increase in staff salaries in Fiscal Year 29 for its judicial staff as an exceptional item. To the extent that the Legislature approves that exceptional item in whole or in part for the supreme court, then the court of appeals would respectfully request in this Exceptional Item #3 the same 3% increase in staff salaries in Fiscal Year 28 and a 3% increase in staff salaries in Fiscal Year 29, or such other increase as is approved for the supreme court and its judicial staff. This is necessary to keep the court of appeals' staff salaries within \$5,000 of the staff salaries at the supreme court.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS/RIDER EXCEPTION REQUESTS:

The courts of appeals also request the following with regard to the SPECIAL PROVISIONS – JUDICIARY found in Article IV (beginning at p. IV-42 of the General Appropriations Act for the 2026-27 Biennium) concerning across-the-board riders:

1. Retain Special Provisions – Judiciary, Sec. 3, Appellate Court Exemptions pertaining to the following Article IX riders: Section 6.10, Limitations on State Employment Levels, Section 6.13, Performance Standards, Section 14.03, Transfers – Capital Budget, and Section 3.04, Scheduled Exempt Positions.
2. Retain Special Provisions – Judiciary, Sec. 5, Interagency Contracts for Assigned Judges for Appellate Courts
3. Retain Special Provisions – Judiciary, Sec. 6, Appellate Court Transfer Authority

Historically, the Legislature has granted the courts' exemption from certain limitations in the General Appropriations Act. The Legislature has also granted the courts the authority to carry over unexpended budget balances between years within the biennium. The flexibility afforded by these measures enhances the courts' management ability, and we seek continuation of these budget features.

4. Add Special Provision – Traveling Justices and Judges and Mileage Reimbursement

Appellate court justices and judges that travel for official state business in a personal vehicle should be exempt from the requirement to complete a comparison worksheet showing that mileage reimbursement for travel in a personal vehicle is more cost-effective than the use of a rental car (as is currently the case for children's court and business court state who travel regularly for official state business). (See Article IV Appropriation for OCA, Texas Judicial Council – Item No. 7 entitled "Mileage Reimbursement for Children's Courts and Business Court Staff).

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT:

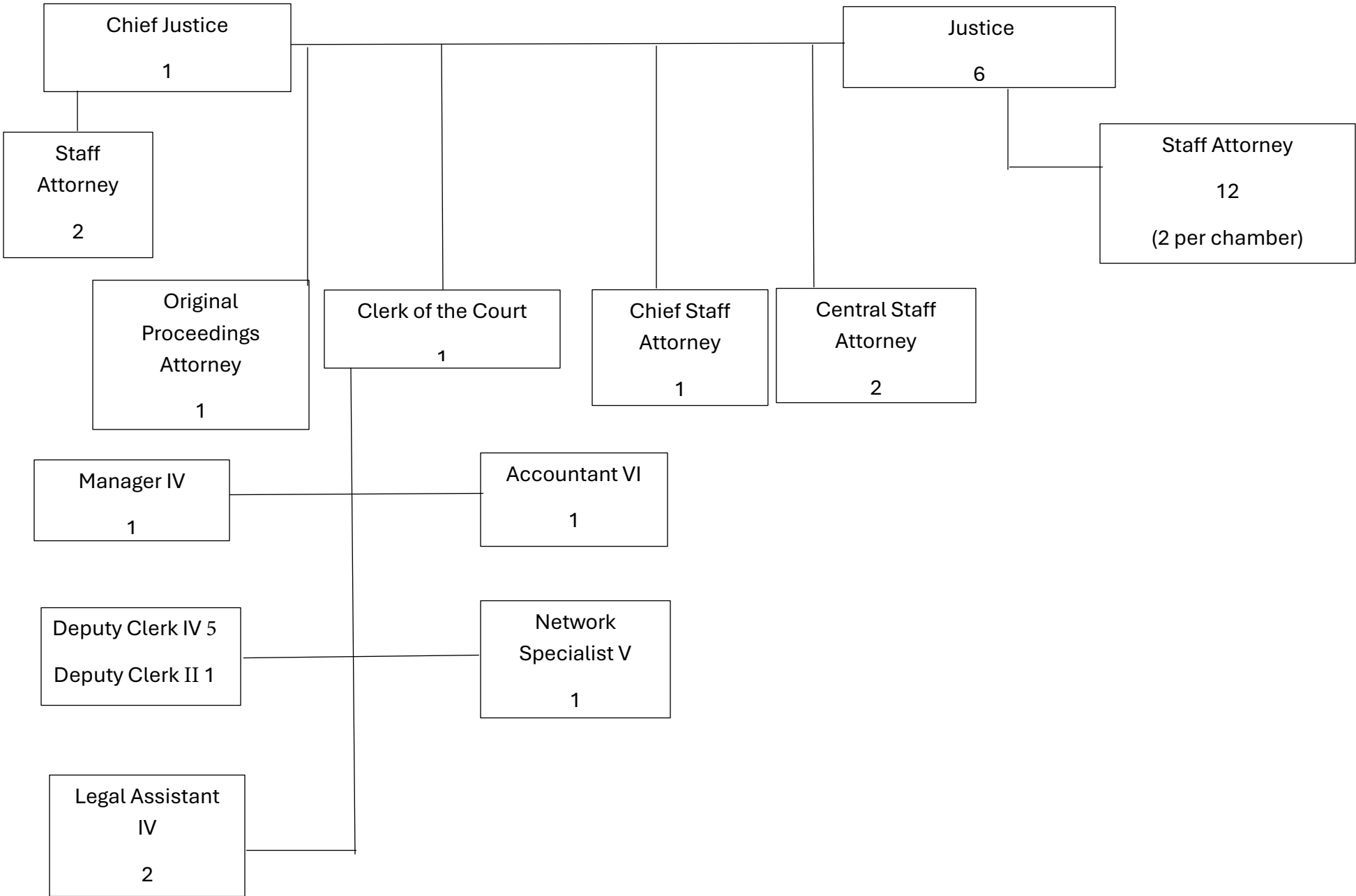
In order for the courts of appeals to function efficiently, it is vital that the Office of Court Administration (OCA) be adequately funded. The courts of appeals rely on many of the services provided by OCA and, therefore, the courts of appeals fully support the exceptional items the OCA requests as part of its funding. More specifically, the courts of appeals strongly support the request for funding related to the acquisition of a new appellate case management system to replace the current system known as TAMES as well as a case-level data system.

If the Legislature appropriates a cost-of-living increase to state employees, the courts of appeals request that all court employees be included in any such cost-of-living increase.

Finally, the courts of appeals wish to express appreciation to and support for the Judicial Compensation Commission and the Legislature's efforts to strengthen the justice system by increasing judicial salaries to attract and retain a strong judiciary. The courts of appeals request the Legislature implement the Judicial Compensation Commission's recommendations for an increase in judicial compensation.

Note: on Appropriated Receipts – At the direction of the LBB & Governor's Office, the Fourth Court of Appeals has included appropriated receipts in the amount of \$3,000 reflecting reimbursement for copies of opinions and other court documents. These amounts are merely an offset for additional expenses incurred by the Court and do not constitute additional funds available for general expenditures for the Court. The amount can vary significantly from year to year.

**Fourth Court of Appeals
Organizational Chart**



Budget Overview - Biennial Amounts
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Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

224 Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio
Appropriation Years: 2028-29

	GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS		GR DEDICATED		FEDERAL FUNDS		OTHER FUNDS		ALL FUNDS		EXCEPTIONAL ITEM FUNDS
	2026-27	2028-29	2026-27	2028-29	2026-27	2028-29	2026-27	2028-29	2026-27	2028-29	2028-29
Goal: 1. Appellate Court Operations											
1.1.1. Appellate Court Operations	8,079,620	7,753,453					284,234	90,000	8,363,854	7,843,453	2,653,332
1.1.2. Appellate Justice Salaries	2,792,622	2,792,622					426,100	426,100	3,218,722	3,218,722	
Total, Goal	10,872,242	10,546,075					710,334	516,100	11,582,576	11,062,175	2,653,332
Total, Agency	10,872,242	10,546,075					710,334	516,100	11,582,576	11,062,175	2,653,332
Total FTEs									36.0	37.0	7.0

2.A. Summary of Base Request by Strategy

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224 Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio

Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
1 Appellate Court Operations					
1 Appellate Court Operations					
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	3,627,290	4,285,631	4,078,223	3,921,726	3,921,727
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	1,286,435	1,609,361	1,609,361	1,609,361	1,609,361
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$4,913,725	\$5,894,992	\$5,687,584	\$5,531,087	\$5,531,088
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	\$4,913,725	\$5,894,992	\$5,687,584	\$5,531,087	\$5,531,088
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST*				\$0	\$0
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	\$4,913,725	\$5,894,992	\$5,687,584	\$5,531,087	\$5,531,088

2.A. Summary of Base Request by Strategy

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224 Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio

Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
<u>METHOD OF FINANCING:</u>					
General Revenue Funds:					
1 General Revenue Fund	4,302,494	5,450,708	5,421,534	5,273,037	5,273,038
SUBTOTAL	\$4,302,494	\$5,450,708	\$5,421,534	\$5,273,037	\$5,273,038
Other Funds:					
573 Judicial Fund	213,050	213,050	213,050	213,050	213,050
666 Appropriated Receipts	5,407	11,000	11,000	3,000	3,000
777 Interagency Contracts	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000
8000 Disaster/Deficiency/Emergency Grant	350,774	178,234	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL	\$611,231	\$444,284	\$266,050	\$258,050	\$258,050
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$4,913,725	\$5,894,992	\$5,687,584	\$5,531,087	\$5,531,088

*Rider appropriations for the historical years are included in the strategy amounts.

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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Agency code: 224	Agency name: Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio				
METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>					
<u>1</u> General Revenue Fund					
<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$4,426,718	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$4,999,433	\$4,970,259	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,273,037	\$5,273,038
<i>RIDER APPROPRIATION</i>					
Art. IX Sec. 18.83, Contingency for SB 293	\$0	\$311,275	\$311,275	\$0	\$0
<i>TRANSFERS</i>					
GAA, 89th R.S., SB1, Article IX, Section 17.15	\$0	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$0	\$0
<i>LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS</i>					

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

Agency code: 224		Agency name: Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio				
METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>						
LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS						
		\$(253,220)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: Lapsed Appropriations						
<i>UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY</i>						
UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY						
		\$128,996	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: Art. IV, Sec. 14.05, UB Authority within the same Biennium (2024-25 GAA)						
TOTAL,	General Revenue Fund	\$4,302,494	\$5,450,708	\$5,421,534	\$5,273,037	\$5,273,038
TOTAL, ALL	GENERAL REVENUE	\$4,302,494	\$5,450,708	\$5,421,534	\$5,273,037	\$5,273,038

OTHER FUNDS**573** Judicial Fund No. 573*REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS*

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)

\$213,050	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

Agency code: 224		Agency name: Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio				
METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
		\$0	\$213,050	\$213,050	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29 GAA)						
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$213,050	\$213,050
TOTAL,	Judicial Fund No. 573					
		\$213,050	\$213,050	\$213,050	\$213,050	\$213,050
<u>666</u>	Appropriated Receipts					
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)						
		\$11,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)						
		\$0	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29)						
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
<i>RIDER APPROPRIATION</i>						
Art IX, Sec 8.02, Reimbursements and Payments (2024-25 GAA)						

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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Agency code: 224		Agency name: Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio				
METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
		\$(5,593)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL,	Appropriated Receipts					
		\$5,407	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<u>777</u>	Interagency Contracts					
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>					
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)					
		\$42,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)					
		\$0	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$0	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29 GAA)					
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$42,000	\$42,000
TOTAL,	Interagency Contracts					
		\$42,000	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$42,000
<u>8000</u>	Governor's Disaster/Deficiency/Emergency Grant					
	<i>GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY/DEFICIENCY GRANT</i>					
	Art I, Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor, Rider 2, Disaster and Deficiency Grants					

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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Agency code: 224		Agency name: Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio				
METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
		\$350,774	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Art I, Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor, Rider 2, Disaster and Deficiency Grants						
		\$0	\$178,234	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL,	Governor's Disaster/Deficiency/Emergency Grant					
		\$350,774	\$178,234	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, ALL	OTHER FUNDS					
		\$611,231	\$444,284	\$266,050	\$258,050	\$258,050
GRAND TOTAL		\$4,913,725	\$5,894,992	\$5,687,584	\$5,531,087	\$5,531,088

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

Agency code: 224	Agency name: Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio				
METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS					
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	34.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	0.0	36.0	36.0	0.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2028-29 GAA)	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.0	37.0
UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP					
UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP	(0.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Comments: Unauthorized Number Over (Below) Cap					
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES	33.1	36.0	36.0	37.0	37.0
NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FTEs					
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

2.C. Summary of Base Request by Object of Expense

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Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)**224 Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio**

OBJECT OF EXPENSE	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$4,140,351	\$5,140,152	\$5,385,132	\$5,245,132	\$5,247,520
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$265,632	\$419,424	\$103,374	\$104,774	\$96,086
2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$9,975	\$3,490	\$0	\$0	\$0
2003 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$4,431	\$10,000	\$6,150	\$6,000	\$4,000
2004 UTILITIES	\$1,922	\$2,197	\$1,840	\$1,840	\$1,840
2005 TRAVEL	\$1,040	\$7,500	\$2,700	\$0	\$0
2006 RENT - BUILDING	\$20,794	\$20,845	\$20,873	\$20,873	\$20,873
2007 RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$1,931	\$1,947	\$0	\$0	\$0
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$353,612	\$289,437	\$167,515	\$152,468	\$160,769
5000 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$114,037	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OOE Total (Excluding Riders)	\$4,913,725	\$5,894,992	\$5,687,584	\$5,531,087	\$5,531,088
OOE Total (Riders)					
Grand Total	\$4,913,725	\$5,894,992	\$5,687,584	\$5,531,087	\$5,531,088

2.C.1. Operating Costs Detail ~ Base Request

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Agency Code: 224 Agency: Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio

BASE REQUEST STRATEGY: 1-1-1 Appellate Court Operations

Code	Type of Expense	Expended	Estimated	Budgeted	Requested	Requested
2	Postage	\$1,800	\$1,950	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
6	Registrations/Training	0	800	0	0	0
13	Furniture & Equipment (Expensed)	14,552	27,414	7,500	7,500	0
15	Printing & Reproduction	408	110	150	100	100
24	Freight/Delivery	11	45	110	100	100
27	Membership Dues	299	0	0	0	0
46	Communication Services	36,204	48,082	50,000	52,000	53,035
55	Computer Furn & Equip-Controlled	39,581	25,000	0	0	0
56	Computer Equipment - Expensed	15,549	10,000	5,000	7,893	22,088
64	SORM Assessment	4,218	5,284	5,500	6,000	6,500
74	Computer Software - Expensed	970	0	0	0	0
94	Awards	358	687	155	675	150
111	Purchased Contract Services	650	254	600	600	600
120	Interest Paid on Delay Payments	0	1	0	0	0
164	Books/Reference Materials	31,251	30,753	31,000	10,000	10,000
171	Insurance Premiums	6,531	8,838	8,900	9,000	9,500
173	Parts - Computer Equip/Exp	54	26	0	0	0
174	RP-Land/Maintenance Repair	155,515	75,000	0	0	0
193	Maintenance & Repair-Equipment	1,884	1,291	600	600	696
213	ERS 1% & .5%	40,336	48,947	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total, Operating Costs		\$350,171	\$284,482	\$161,515	\$146,468	\$154,769

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Agency Code: 224 Agency: Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio

BASE REQUEST STRATEGY: 1-1-2 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable

Code	Type of Expense	Expended	Estimated	Budgeted	Requested	Requested
195	Payroll Health Insurance Contrib.	\$3,441	\$4,955	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
	Total, Operating Costs	\$3,441	\$4,955	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000

2.D. Summary of Base Request Objective Outcomes
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224 Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio					
<i>Goal/ Objective / Outcome</i>	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
1 Appellate Court Operations					
1 Appellate Court Operations					
KEY 1 Clearance Rate					
	97.00%	101.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
KEY 2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year					
	97.00%	99.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
KEY 3 Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years					
	96.00%	99.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

2.E. Summary of Exceptional Items Request
90th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1
Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

DATE: 9/3/2026
TIME : 2:20:34PM

Agency code: 224

Agency name: **Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio**

Priority	Item	2028			2029			Biennium	
		GR and GR/GR Dedicated	All Funds	FTEs	GR and GR Dedicated	All Funds	FTEs	GR and GR Dedicated	All Funds
1	Restore Baseline Funding	\$163,084	\$163,084	1.0	\$163,084	\$163,084	1.0	\$326,168	\$326,168
2	Recruitment of Additional FTEs	\$975,890	\$975,890	6.0	\$918,500	\$918,500	6.0	\$1,894,390	\$1,894,390
3	Judiciary Staff Salary Increase	\$142,830	\$142,830	0.0	\$289,944	\$289,944	0.0	\$432,774	\$432,774
Total, Exceptional Items Request		\$1,281,804	\$1,281,804	7.0	\$1,371,528	\$1,371,528	7.0	\$2,653,332	\$2,653,332
Method of Financing									
	General Revenue	\$1,281,804	\$1,281,804		\$1,371,528	\$1,371,528		\$2,653,332	\$2,653,332
	General Revenue - Dedicated								
	Federal Funds								
	Other Funds								
		\$1,281,804	\$1,281,804		\$1,371,528	\$1,371,528		\$2,653,332	\$2,653,332
Full Time Equivalent Positions				7.0				7.0	
Number of 100% Federally Funded FTEs				0.0				0.0	

2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy
90th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1
Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

DATE : 9/3/2026
TIME : 2:20:35PM

Agency code: 224	Agency name: Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio					
Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	Base 2028	Base 2029	Exceptional 2028	Exceptional 2029	Total Request 2028	Total Request 2029
1 Appellate Court Operations						
1 Appellate Court Operations						
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$3,921,726	\$3,921,727	\$1,281,804	\$1,371,528	\$5,203,530	\$5,293,255
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	1,609,361	1,609,361	0	0	1,609,361	1,609,361
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$5,531,087	\$5,531,088	\$1,281,804	\$1,371,528	\$6,812,891	\$6,902,616
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	\$5,531,087	\$5,531,088	\$1,281,804	\$1,371,528	\$6,812,891	\$6,902,616
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST						
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	\$5,531,087	\$5,531,088	\$1,281,804	\$1,371,528	\$6,812,891	\$6,902,616

2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy
90th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1
Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

DATE : 9/3/2026
TIME : 2:20:35PM

Agency code: 224		Agency name: Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio					
Goal/Objective/STRATEGY		Base 2028	Base 2029	Exceptional 2028	Exceptional 2029	Total Request 2028	Total Request 2029
General Revenue Funds:							
1	General Revenue Fund	\$5,273,037	\$5,273,038	\$1,281,804	\$1,371,528	\$6,554,841	\$6,644,566
		\$5,273,037	\$5,273,038	\$1,281,804	\$1,371,528	\$6,554,841	\$6,644,566
Other Funds:							
573	Judicial Fund	213,050	213,050	0	0	213,050	213,050
666	Appropriated Receipts	3,000	3,000	0	0	3,000	3,000
777	Interagency Contracts	42,000	42,000	0	0	42,000	42,000
8000	Disaster/Deficiency/Emergency Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0
		\$258,050	\$258,050	\$0	\$0	\$258,050	\$258,050
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$5,531,087	\$5,531,088	\$1,281,804	\$1,371,528	\$6,812,891	\$6,902,616
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS		37.0	37.0	7.0	7.0	44.0	44.0

2.G. Summary of Total Request Objective Outcomes
 90th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1
 Automated Budget and Evaluation system of Texas (ABEST)

Date : 9/3/2026
 Time: 2:20:35PM

Agency code: **224** Agency name: **Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio**

Goal/ Objective / Outcome

		BL 2028	BL 2029	Excp 2028	Excp 2029	Total Request 2028	Total Request 2029
1	Appellate Court Operations						
1	Appellate Court Operations						
KEY	1 Clearance Rate						
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
KEY	2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year						
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
KEY	3 Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years						
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

224 Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio

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 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
Output Measures:						
1	Number of Civil Cases Disposed	429.00	527.00	553.00	581.00	581.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Disposed	371.00	359.00	370.00	381.00	381.00
Explanatory/Input Measures:						
1	Number of Civil Cases Filed	499.00	583.00	630.00	680.00	680.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Filed	408.00	374.00	409.00	442.00	442.00
3	Number of Cases Transferred in	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Number of Cases Transferred out	83.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Objects of Expense:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$2,872,857	\$3,559,520	\$3,815,545	\$3,675,545	\$3,675,545
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$250,132	\$395,650	\$69,600	\$71,000	\$64,700
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$9,975	\$3,490	\$0	\$0	\$0
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$4,431	\$10,000	\$6,150	\$6,000	\$4,000
2004	UTILITIES	\$1,922	\$2,197	\$1,840	\$1,840	\$1,840
2005	TRAVEL	\$1,040	\$7,500	\$2,700	\$0	\$0
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$20,794	\$20,845	\$20,873	\$20,873	\$20,873
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$1,931	\$1,947	\$0	\$0	\$0
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$350,171	\$284,482	\$161,515	\$146,468	\$154,769

224 Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio

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 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
5000	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$114,037	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$3,627,290	\$4,285,631	\$4,078,223	\$3,921,726	\$3,921,727
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$3,229,109	\$4,054,397	\$4,025,223	\$3,876,726	\$3,876,727
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$3,229,109	\$4,054,397	\$4,025,223	\$3,876,726	\$3,876,727
Method of Financing:						
666	Appropriated Receipts	\$5,407	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
777	Interagency Contracts	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$42,000
8000	Disaster/Deficiency/Emergency Grant	\$350,774	\$178,234	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$398,181	\$231,234	\$53,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$3,921,726	\$3,921,727
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$3,627,290	\$4,285,631	\$4,078,223	\$3,921,726	\$3,921,727
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		26.1	29.0	29.0	30.0	30.0

224 Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio

GOAL:	1	Appellate Court Operations	
OBJECTIVE:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service Categories:
STRATEGY:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
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STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Fourth Court of Appeals was created in 1893 by an amendment to Article 1822, V.T.C.S. pursuant to authority granted by Article V Section 1, Texas Constitution. This Court has intermediate appellate jurisdiction of civil and criminal cases appealed from lower courts in civil cases where judgments rendered exceed \$100, exclusive of costs and other civil proceedings as provided by law; and in criminal cases except in post-conviction writs of habeas corpus and where the death penalty has been imposed. This Court has jurisdiction in thirty-two counties.

The core function of the state courts of appeals is to provide justice for the thousands of litigants who seek review of trial court judgments that affect their lives and their businesses. The appellate courts of Texas process, review, and decide by written opinion or order appeals from criminal and civil trial courts. This requires a highly skilled and trained professional workforce, including appellate court lawyers and clerical staff, who assist the justices of the court in disposing of cases and researching and writing opinions.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

Courts of Appeals are relatively small entities with specialized staffing requirements. The core function of the court is to process and review appeals from civil and criminal trial courts. This requires a highly skilled and trained professional workforce of appellate court lawyers who assist the judges of the court in disposing of cases and research and writing opinions. Increasing current funding levels will allow the court to recruit and retain well qualified professional staff, which is a major factor in the court's ability to fulfill its core function of timely processing and disposing of appeals while maintaining the quality of justice to which the citizens of Texas are entitled.

224 Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio

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 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
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EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

<u>STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</u>		BIENNIAL CHANGE	<u>EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	
Base Spending (Est 2026 + Bud 2027)	Baseline Request (BL 2028 + BL 2029)		\$ Amount	Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)
\$8,363,854	\$7,843,453	\$(520,401)	\$(210,234)	This amount was added to the General Revenue Base to budget for the attorney salary increases given in fiscal year 26 and 27.
			\$(326,167)	This amount relates to the required 3% budget cut.
			\$16,000	Approp Receipts adjustment/reduced in 2028-29.
			\$(520,401)	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

224 Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio

GOAL:	1	Appellate Court Operations	
OBJECTIVE:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service Categories:
STRATEGY:	2	Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable	Service: NA Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
Objects of Expense:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,267,494	\$1,580,632	\$1,569,587	\$1,569,587	\$1,571,975
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$15,500	\$23,774	\$33,774	\$33,774	\$31,386
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$3,441	\$4,955	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$1,286,435	\$1,609,361	\$1,609,361	\$1,609,361	\$1,609,361
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$1,073,385	\$1,396,311	\$1,396,311	\$1,396,311	\$1,396,311
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$1,073,385	\$1,396,311	\$1,396,311	\$1,396,311	\$1,396,311
Method of Financing:						
573	Judicial Fund	\$213,050	\$213,050	\$213,050	\$213,050	\$213,050
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$213,050	\$213,050	\$213,050	\$213,050	\$213,050
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$1,609,361	\$1,609,361
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$1,286,435	\$1,609,361	\$1,609,361	\$1,609,361	\$1,609,361
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0

224 Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio

GOAL:	1	Appellate Court Operations	
OBJECTIVE:	1	Appellate Court Operations	Service Categories:
STRATEGY:	2	Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable	Service: NA Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	BL 2028	BL 2029
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STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

<u>STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	
<u>Base Spending (Est 2026 + Bud 2027)</u>	<u>Baseline Request (BL 2028 + BL 2029)</u>		<u>\$ Amount</u>	<u>Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)</u>
\$3,218,722	\$3,218,722	\$0		
			\$0	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

SUMMARY TOTALS:

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$4,913,725	\$5,894,992	\$5,687,584	\$5,531,087	\$5,531,088
METHODS OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS):				\$5,531,087	\$5,531,088
METHODS OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS):	\$4,913,725	\$5,894,992	\$5,687,584	\$5,531,087	\$5,531,088
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	33.1	36.0	36.0	37.0	37.0

3.B. Rider Revisions and Additions Request

Agency Code: 224	Agency Name: Fourth Court of Appeals, District	Prepared By: Jennifer Henry	Date: 07/17/2026	Request Level: Baseline
Current Rider Number	Page Number in 2026–2027 GAA	Proposed Rider Language		

2, 3, 4, 6,
7, 8

No changes recommended for Riders 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8

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Sec. 5. Interagency Contracts for Assigned Judges for Appellate Courts. Out of funds appropriated in this Article to Strategies A.1.1., Appellate Court Operations, the Supreme Court of Texas, the Court of Criminal Appeals, or any of the 15 Courts of Appeals may enter into a contract with the Office of the Comptroller for fiscal years ~~2026~~2028 and ~~2027~~2029, for the purpose of reimbursing the Comptroller for amounts expended for judges assigned under Chapter 74, Government Code to hear cases of the appellate courts. It is the intent of the Legislature that any amounts reimbursed under this contract for judges assigned to the appellate courts are in addition to amounts appropriated for the use of assigned judges in Strategy A.1.3. Visiting Judges – Appellate in the Judiciary Section, Comptroller’s Department.

Adjusting the years in the rider for the 2028-2029 biennium.

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Sec. 9. Unexpended Balance Authority. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining in non-estimated strategies at the Supreme Court of Texas, Court of Criminal Appeals, 15 Courts of Appeals, Office of Court Administration, Office of Capital and Forensic Writs, Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney, State Commission on Judicial Conduct, and State Law Library as of August 31, ~~2026~~2028, are appropriated to the respective court or agency for the fiscal year beginning September 1, ~~2026~~2028, for the same purpose.

Updating the rider to adjust the years for the 2028-2029 biennium.

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Mileage Reimbursement for Appellate Court Staff. Appellate court staff who travel regularly to hear case dockets may be reimbursed for mileage at the state-approved rate when they travel for official state business in a personal vehicle. These staff are also exempt from the requirement to complete a comparison worksheet showing that mileage reimbursement for travel in a personal vehicle is more cost-effective than the use of a rental car.

3.B. Rider Revisions and Additions Request (continued)

Requesting addition of the cost comparison exemption for the appellate courts that is afforded to the other court personnel within the judiciary.

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
Item Name: Maintain Funding at FY2027 Budgeted Levels Item Priority: 1 IT Component: No Anticipated Out-year Costs: Yes Involve Contracts > \$50,000: No Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-01-01 Appellate Court Operations			
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	163,084	163,084
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$163,084	\$163,084
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	163,084	163,084
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$163,084	\$163,084
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):		1.00	1.00

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

To continue meeting performance goals and dispose of more cases in less time, the courts of appeals believe it is critical to continue working toward the guideline budgets developed prior to the 90th Legislature, i.e., continue to enhance the career ladder for attorneys, to add more permanent staff attorneys, and to continue to make appropriate salary adjustments for non-legal staff to reflect increasing levels of responsibility. However, in light of the continuing economic challenges in Texas, the courts of appeals are asking the 90th Legislature that the budgets for FY 2028-29 not be reduced by 3% and that the funding previously provided for the addition of staff positions and for salary adjustments for the 2026-27 biennium be sustained into the 2028-29 biennium; thus, allowing the courts of appeals be able to offer competitive salaries in order to recruit and retain the most qualified staff.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

The restoration of the 3% reduction is necessary to maintain the courts' current level of operations and ensure the continued administration of justice. The reduction in General Revenue funding decreases the resources available to support essential appellate court functions at a time when the courts continue to manage complex and time-sensitive caseloads. Without restoration of these funds, the court will face increasing challenges in maintaining the experienced legal and administrative staff necessary to efficiently process and resolve appeals. The loss of these resources will adversely affect the court's ability to meet statutory and constitutional obligations. Restoration of the 3% reduction will allow the court to preserve current operational capacity and continue providing the timely and efficient resolution of appeals expected by the Legislature and the public.

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DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS :

Anticipated out-year costs include salaries and employee related costs.

ESTIMATED ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS FOR ITEM:

	<u>2030</u>	<u>2031</u>	<u>2032</u>
OUT-YEAR ALL FUNDS:	\$163,084	\$163,084	\$163,084

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
Item Name: Recruitment of Additional FTEs Item Priority: 2 IT Component: No Anticipated Out-year Costs: Yes Involve Contracts > \$50,000: No Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-01-01 Appellate Court Operations			
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	852,000	852,000
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	1,440	1,440
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	3,000	3,000
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	900	900
2004	UTILITIES	8,430	6,840
2005	TRAVEL	16,500	16,500
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	93,620	37,820
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$975,890	\$918,500
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	975,890	918,500
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$975,890	\$918,500
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):		6.00	6.00

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Due to the substantial increase in new case filings that the Courts of Appeals are experiencing in FY 2026, and which are expected to continue for the foreseeable future, the Fourth Court is requesting funding for six additional full-time staff positions. The Fourth Court encompasses 32-counties, including most of the Texas border and the Texas Hill Country. To assist the Justices with their prompt resolution of pending matters, the Fourth Court requests six additional full-time staff positions to meet the court's demands, achieve more efficient performance measures and reach 100% clearance rates with timely disposition of all appeals.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

Increased case filings are impacting the current capacity of the Fourth Court of Appeals to handle and comply with Legislative mandates to give accelerated and preferential treatment to certain appeals, such as parental-termination and juvenile-certification appeals under the Family Code, mental-health appeals under the Health and Safety Code, and interlocutory appeals under the Civil Practice and Remedies Code. Without additional funding, appellate courts will be unable to attract and retain the highly trained and skilled support staff with the specialized knowledge and relevant experience critical to the courts' function.

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DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS :

Anticipated out-year costs include salaries and employee related costs.

ESTIMATED ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS FOR ITEM:

	2030	2031	2032
OUT-YEAR ALL FUNDS:	\$917,060	\$936,860	\$917,060

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CODE	DESCRIPTION		Excp 2028	Excp 2029
	Item Name:	Judiciary Request for Increase in Staff Salaries		
	Item Priority:	3		
	IT Component:	No		
	Anticipated Out-year Costs:	Yes		
	Involve Contracts > \$50,000:	No		
	Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies:	01-01-01 Appellate Court Operations		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES		140,719	285,659
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE		2,111	4,285
	TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$142,830	\$289,944
METHOD OF FINANCING:				
1	General Revenue Fund		142,830	289,944
	TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$142,830	\$289,944

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Even after the increased funding received in the 89th Legislative Session, attorneys and staff of the intermediate appellate courts remain impacted in many ways by increasing costs due to inflation. Their buying power for goods and services has diminished and, at some courts, has resulted in attrition by those seeking higher-paying jobs that are often paid by other governmental entities that can pay more than the intermediate appellate courts. If salaries are not increased, the courts risk losing more skilled personnel that will be costly to replace. Training takes time and will impact the ability of the courts to meet the current and expected demands as we navigate continued population growth and increased case filings attributed to a booming business environment and state efforts to secure the Texas border .

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

Recruiting and retaining excellent judicial-branch staff is essential to the fair and efficient administration of justice in Texas. The rising cost of living combined with the draw of more lucrative employment at other government agencies and the private sector continue to create staffing challenges for the courts. A 3% annual increase in staff pay throughout the Article IV courts and agencies would help maintain the judicial branch's position in the competitive market for talented, qualified, and experienced lawyers and staff. The courts of appeals understand that the Supreme Court of Texas is requesting a 3% increase in staff salaries in Fiscal Year 28 and a 3% increase in staff salaries in Fiscal Year 29 for its judicial staff as an exceptional item. To the extent that the Legislature approves that exceptional item in whole or in part for the supreme court, then the court of appeals would respectfully request in this Exceptional Item #3 the same 3% increase in staff salaries in Fiscal Year 28 and a 3% increase in staff salaries in Fiscal Year 29, or such other increase as is approved for the supreme court and its judicial staff. This is necessary to keep the court of appeals' staff salaries within \$5,000 of the staff salaries at the supreme court.

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DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS :

Funding to continue salary increases in future years.

ESTIMATED ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS FOR ITEM:

	<u>2030</u>	<u>2031</u>	<u>2032</u>
OUT-YEAR ALL FUNDS:	\$289,944	\$289,944	\$289,944

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule

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Code	Description	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
Item Name:			
Maintain Funding at FY2027 Budgeted Levels			
Allocation to Strategy:			
1-1-1 Appellate Court Operations			
STRATEGY IMPACT ON OUTCOME MEASURES:			
<u>1</u>	Clearance Rate	100.00%	100.00%
<u>2</u>	Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100.00%	100.00%
<u>3</u>	Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100.00%	100.00%
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	163,084	163,084
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$163,084	\$163,084
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	163,084	163,084
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$163,084	\$163,084
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):		1.0	1.0

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule

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Agency code:	224	Agency name:	Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio		
Code	Description		Excp 2028	Excp 2029	
Item Name:	Recruitment of Additional FTEs				
Allocation to Strategy:	1-1-1	Appellate Court Operations			
STRATEGY IMPACT ON OUTCOME MEASURES:					
1	Clearance Rate		100.00%	100.00%	
2	Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year		100.00%	100.00%	
3	Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years		100.00%	100.00%	
OUTPUT MEASURES:					
1	Number of Civil Cases Disposed		99.00	99.00	
2	Number of Criminal Cases Disposed		61.00	61.00	
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:					
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES		852,000	852,000	
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS		1,440	1,440	
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES		3,000	3,000	
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES		900	900	
2004	UTILITIES		8,430	6,840	
2005	TRAVEL		16,500	16,500	
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE		93,620	37,820	
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE			\$975,890	\$918,500	
METHOD OF FINANCING:					
1	General Revenue Fund		975,890	918,500	
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING			\$975,890	\$918,500	
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):			6.0	6.0	

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule

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Agency name: Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio

Code	Description	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
Item Name:		Judiciary Request for Increase in Staff Salaries	
Allocation to Strategy:		1-1-1	Appellate Court Operations
STRATEGY IMPACT ON OUTCOME MEASURES:			
<u>1</u>	Clearance Rate	100.00%	100.00%
<u>2</u>	Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100.00%	100.00%
<u>3</u>	Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100.00%	100.00%
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	140,719	285,659
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	2,111	4,285
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$142,830	\$289,944
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	142,830	289,944
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$142,830	\$289,944
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):		0.0	0.0

4.C. Exceptional Items Strategy Request
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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	Excp 2028	Excp 2029
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STRATEGY IMPACT ON OUTCOME MEASURES:

<u>1</u> Clearance Rate	100.00 %	100.00 %
<u>2</u> Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100.00 %	100.00 %
<u>3</u> Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100.00 %	100.00 %

OUTPUT MEASURES:

<u>1</u> Number of Civil Cases Disposed	99.00	99.00
<u>2</u> Number of Criminal Cases Disposed	61.00	61.00

EXPLANATORY/INPUT MEASURES:

<u>1</u> Number of Civil Cases Filed	680.00	680.00
<u>2</u> Number of Criminal Cases Filed	442.00	442.00

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:

1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	1,155,803	1,300,743
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	1,440	1,440
2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	3,000	3,000
2003 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	900	900
2004 UTILITIES	8,430	6,840
2005 TRAVEL	16,500	16,500
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	95,731	42,105

Total, Objects of Expense	\$1,281,804	\$1,371,528
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METHOD OF FINANCING:

1 General Revenue Fund	1,281,804	1,371,528
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Total, Method of Finance	\$1,281,804	\$1,371,528
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Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

6.A. Historically Underutilized Business Supporting Schedule
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COMPARISON TO STATEWIDE HUB PROCUREMENT GOALS

A. Fiscal Year - HUB Expenditure Information

Statewide HUB Goals	Procurement Category	% Goal	HUB Expenditures FY 2024			Total Expenditures FY 2024	% Goal	HUB Expenditures FY 2025			Total Expenditures FY 2025
			% Actual	Diff	Actual \$			% Actual	Diff	Actual \$	
11.2%	Heavy Construction	11.2 %	0.0%	-11.2%	\$0	\$0	11.2 %	0.0%	-11.2%	\$0	\$0
21.1%	Building Construction	21.1 %	0.0%	-21.1%	\$0	\$0	21.1 %	0.0%	-21.1%	\$0	\$0
32.9%	Special Trade	32.9 %	100.0%	67.1%	\$22,176	\$22,176	32.9 %	0.0%	-32.9%	\$0	\$0
23.7%	Professional Services	23.7 %	0.0%	-23.7%	\$0	\$0	23.7 %	0.0%	-23.7%	\$0	\$0
26.0%	Other Services	26.0 %	0.0%	-26.0%	\$0	\$39,974	26.0 %	1.2%	-24.8%	\$600	\$49,152
21.1%	Commodities	21.1 %	1.7%	-19.4%	\$1,076	\$65,034	21.1 %	0.7%	-20.4%	\$474	\$67,777
	Total Expenditures		18.3%		\$23,252	\$127,184		0.9%		\$1,074	\$116,929

B. Assessment of Attainment of HUB Procurement Goals

Attainment:

While the court did not attain applicable statewide HUB procurement goals in FY 2025, it attained or exceeded in one of the applicable HUB procurement goals in FY 2024.

Applicability:

The "Heavy Construction", "Building Construction", and "Professional Services" categories are not applicable to court operations in fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

Factors Affecting Attainment:

In both fiscal years 2024 and 2025 the goal of the "Other Services" was not met since the main expense of that category was for publications that are only available from sole source vendors. The restriction limits the court in contracting with non-HUB vendors.

C. Good-Faith Efforts to Increase HUB Participation

Outreach Efforts and Mentor-Protégé Programs:

The Fourth Appellate Court has no current Mentor Protégé program participants at this time.

HUB Program Staffing:

Current and Future Good-Faith Efforts:

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Attend future HUB forums to grow our HUB vendor base.

Attend the HUB Discussion Workgroup meetings to learn about other opportunities , rules and other HUB topics to increase our HUB outreach.

6.E. Estimated Revenue Collections Supporting Schedule
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FUND/ACCOUNT	Act 2025	Exp 2026	Est 2027	Est 2028	Est 2029
<u>666</u> Appropriated Receipts					
Beginning Balance (Unencumbered):	\$5,407	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Estimated Revenue:					
3802 Reimbursements-Third Party	5,407	11,000	11,000	3,000	3,000
Subtotal: Actual/Estimated Revenue	5,407	11,000	11,000	3,000	3,000
Total Available	\$10,814	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
DEDUCTIONS:					
MOF Budget Request Baseline	(5,407)	(11,000)	(11,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
Total, Deductions	\$(5,407)	\$(11,000)	\$(11,000)	\$(3,000)	\$(3,000)
Ending Fund/Account Balance	\$5,407	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$3,000	\$3,000

REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS:

Estimated amounts are based on the assumption that demand for services will continue at current levels adjusted to the new 2028-29 biennium. There are cyclical variations in revenue between years.

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6.H. Estimated Total of Agency Funds Outside the GAA

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Fund Name	2028-2029 Outside GAA Pattern Total	Estimated Beginning Balance in 2026	FY 2026 Revenue	FY 2027 Revenue	FY 2026 - 2027 Total	Estimated Beginning Balance in 2028	FY 2028 Revenue	FY 2029 Revenue	FY 2028 - 2029 Total
Appellate Judicial Fund	864,932	444,802	289,481	289,481	1,023,764	285,970	289,481	289,481	864,932
Total Sources:	\$864,932	\$444,802	\$289,481	\$289,481	\$1,023,764	\$285,970	\$289,481	\$289,481	\$864,932

6.H. Estimated Total of Agency Funds Outside the GAA

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Fund Name	Constitutional or Statutory Creation and Use of Funds	Method of Calculation and Revenue Assumption	FY 2028 - 2029 Total
Appellate Judicial Fund	Section 22.2051 of the Texas Government Code provides that the commissioners court of each county in the Fourth Court of Appeals District, by order entered in its minutes, shall establish an appellate judicial system to (1) assist the court of appeals for the county in the processing of appeals filed with the court of appeals from the county courts, county courts at law, probate courts, and district courts; and (2) defray costs and expenses incurred by the county under Section 22.205. The commissioners court shall fund the system by setting a court costs fee of not more than \$5 for each civil suit filed in county court, county court at law, probate court, or district court in the county. The fund may not be used for any other purpose.	Revenue assumptions are based on current year collections. The number of civil suits filed determines the actual revenue received.	\$864,932

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