

Operating Budget
for Fiscal Year 2026

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

by
The Thirteenth Court of Appeals

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THIRTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS, CORPUS CHRISTI–EDINBURG, TEXAS
OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

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CERTIFICATE

Agency Name Thirteenth 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.

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Chief Executive Office or Presiding Judge

Signature

Jaime Tijerina

Printed Name

Chief Justice

Title

12/17/2025

Date

Board or Commission Chair

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

~~Chief Financial Officer~~ **Clerk of the Court**

Signature

Kathy S. Mills

Printed Name

Clerk of the Court

Title

12/17/2025

Date

Budget Overview

89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget

Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

233 Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg

	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	2,777,076	3,201,461			38,175	46,594	2,815,251	3,248,055
1.1.2. Appellate Justice Salaries	831,651	1,171,671			182,900	182,900	1,014,551	1,354,571
Total, Goal	3,608,727	4,373,132			221,075	229,494	3,829,802	4,602,626
Total, Agency	3,608,727	4,373,132			221,075	229,494	3,829,802	4,602,626
Total FTEs							27.8	32.0

2.A. Summary of Budget By Strategy

DATE : 12/16/2025
TIME : 3:26:29PM

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

Agency code: 233 Agency name: Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg

Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
1 Appellate Court Operations			
1 Appellate Court Operations			
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$2,692,265	\$2,815,251	\$3,248,055
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$1,079,332	\$1,014,551	\$1,354,571
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$3,771,597	\$3,829,802	\$4,602,626

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Agency code: 233

Agency name: Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg

Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
General Revenue Funds:			
1 General Revenue Fund	\$3,546,853	\$3,608,727	\$4,373,132
	\$3,546,853	\$3,608,727	\$4,373,132
Other Funds:			
573 Judicial Fund	\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900
666 Appropriated Receipts	\$5,844	\$2,175	\$10,594
777 Interagency Contracts	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
	\$224,744	\$221,075	\$229,494
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$3,771,597	\$3,829,802	\$4,602,626
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS	28.8	27.8	32.0

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: **12/16/2025**
TIME: **3:27:06PM**

Agency code: **233** Agency name: **Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg**

METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>			
<u>1</u> General Revenue Fund			
<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$3,721,145	\$3,831,326	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$4,020,107
<i>RIDER APPROPRIATION</i>			
Art IX Sec. 18.83, Contingency for SB 293	\$0	\$0	\$253,525
Comments: add'l allocation for judicial salary increases			
<i>TRANSFERS</i>			
Art. IX, Sec. 17.15, Appropriation for a Salary Increase for Licensed Attorneys in Certain Positions (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$99,500
Comments: Add'l allocation from Comptroller necessary to implement 6 percent salary increase for attorneys in certain positions.			
<i>LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$0	\$(286,543)	\$0
Comments: strategy 1-appellate court operations (employee turnover and leave without pay)			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$(21,714)	\$(86,494)	\$0
Comments: strategy 2-appellate justice salaries			
Salary adjustments ,per the Comptroller	\$(584)	\$(1,556)	\$0
<i>UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY</i>			
Art IX, Sec 14.05, UB Authority within the Same Biennium (2024-25 GAA)	\$(151,994)	\$151,994	\$0
Comments: strategy 1-appellate court operations (employee turnover and lwop)			

2.B. Summary of Budget By Method of Finance
89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
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Agency code: **233** Agency name: **Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg**

METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
TOTAL,	General Revenue Fund			
		\$3,546,853	\$3,608,727	\$4,373,132
TOTAL, ALL	GENERAL REVENUE			
		\$3,546,853	\$3,608,727	\$4,373,132

OTHER FUNDS

<u>573</u>	Judicial Fund No. 573			
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$182,900	\$182,900	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$182,900
TOTAL,	Judicial Fund No. 573			
		\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900
<u>666</u>	Appropriated Receipts			
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$10,594	\$10,594	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$10,594
	<i>LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$(4,750)	\$(8,419)	\$0
TOTAL,	Appropriated Receipts			
		\$5,844	\$2,175	\$10,594
<u>777</u>	Interagency Contracts			
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$0

2.B. Summary of Budget By Method of Finance
89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
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Agency code: **233** Agency name: **Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg**

METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$36,000
TOTAL,	Interagency Contracts	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
TOTAL, ALL	OTHER FUNDS	\$224,744	\$221,075	\$229,494
GRAND TOTAL		\$3,771,597	\$3,829,802	\$4,602,626
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS				
	REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS			
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	32.0	32.0	0.0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	0.0	0.0	32.0
	UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP			
	Unauthorized amount below	(3.2)	(4.2)	0.0
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES		28.8	27.8	32.0
NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FTES		0.0	0.0	0.0

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: 12/16/2025
TIME: 3:27:39PM

Agency code: 233

Agency name: Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg

OBJECT OF EXPENSE		EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$3,400,294	\$3,351,254	\$4,217,723
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$229,010	\$313,402	\$244,790
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$51	\$0	\$0
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$3,923	\$6,711	\$4,000
2004	UTILITIES	\$3,647	\$4,346	\$4,000
2005	TRAVEL	\$21,503	\$18,537	\$20,000
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$801	\$1,184	\$801
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$112,368	\$134,368	\$111,312
Agency Total		\$3,771,597	\$3,829,802	\$4,602,626

2.D. Summary of Budget By Objective Outcomes
89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
Automated Budget and Evaluation system of Texas (ABEST)

Date : 12/16/2025

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Agency code: 233

Agency name: Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg

Goal/ Objective / OUTCOME		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud2026
1	Appellate Court Operations			
	<i>1 Appellate Court Operations</i>			
KEY	1 Clearance Rate	102.00 %	96.00 %	100.00 %
KEY	2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100.00 %	100.00 %	100.00 %
KEY	3 Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	95.00 %	96.00 %	100.00 %

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

DATE: 12/16/2025

TIME: 3:28:50PM

89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)Agency code: **233** Agency name: **Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg**

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	386.00	452.00	410.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Disposed	399.00	325.00	330.00

Explanatory/Input Measures:

1	Number of Civil Cases Filed	309.00	359.00	330.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Filed	200.00	193.00	290.00
3	Number of Cases Transferred in	120.00	113.00	120.00
4	Number of Cases Transferred out	3.00	0.00	0.00

Objects of Expense:

1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$2,350,094	\$2,352,388	\$2,898,598
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$210,380	\$307,192	\$220,000
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$51	\$0	\$0
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$3,923	\$6,711	\$4,000
2004	UTILITIES	\$3,647	\$4,346	\$4,000
2005	TRAVEL	\$21,503	\$18,537	\$20,000
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$801	\$1,184	\$801
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$101,866	\$124,893	\$100,656
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$2,692,265	\$2,815,251	\$3,248,055

Method of Financing:

1	General Revenue Fund	\$2,650,421	\$2,777,076	\$3,201,461
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SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$2,650,421	\$2,777,076	\$3,201,461
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Method of Financing:

666	Appropriated Receipts	\$5,844	\$2,175	\$10,594
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Agency code: **233** Agency name: **Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg**

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
777	Interagency Contracts	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$41,844	\$38,175	\$46,594
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :		\$2,692,265	\$2,815,251	\$3,248,055
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		22.8	21.8	26.0

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Agency code: 233 Agency name: Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg

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
Objects of Expense:				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,050,200	\$998,866	\$1,319,125
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$18,630	\$6,210	\$24,790
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$10,502	\$9,475	\$10,656
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$1,079,332	\$1,014,551	\$1,354,571
Method of Financing:				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$896,432	\$831,651	\$1,171,671
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$896,432	\$831,651	\$1,171,671
Method of Financing:				
573	Judicial Fund	\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :		\$1,079,332	\$1,014,551	\$1,354,571
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		6.0	6.0	6.0

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

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SUMMARY TOTALS:

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$3,771,597	\$3,829,802	\$4,602,626
METHODS OF FINANCE :	\$3,771,597	\$3,829,802	\$4,602,626
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	28.8	27.8	32.0