

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST
For Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027

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

by

SIXTH COURT OF APPEALS
Texarkana



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SIXTH COURT OF APPEALS, #226

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The core function of Texas intermediate appellate courts is to process, review, and decide by written opinion appeals from trial courts in civil and criminal cases. The courts of appeals are also tasked with resolving numerous original proceedings in the form of petitions seeking mandamus and habeas corpus relief, many of which involve voluminous records, that must be decided on an expedited basis.

Since 1983 until August 2024, the work of the courts of appeals has been accomplished by 80 justices statewide. Effective September 1, 2024, the Fifteenth Court of Appeals will become operational, increasing the total number of intermediate appellate court justices to 83 for the next biennium.

Since 1983, the population of Texas has nearly doubled. Population growth across the State and the magnitude of annual case filings, in concert with an ever-increasing number of case types requiring expedited review, make clear that the courts of appeals need sufficient resources to manage their busy dockets and provide the high quality of justice to which the citizens of Texas are entitled. In that regard, case filings in the Texas intermediate courts of appeals have returned to pre-pandemic levels. Adequate funding for the intermediate courts of appeals is essential for maintaining and providing cost-effective service to the citizens of Texas.

A key component to handling the ever-increasing workload without additional justices has been the employment of a highly skilled and trained professional workforce, including appellate lawyers and clerical staff, who assist the justices in processing complex cases, researching and drafting orders and opinions, disposing of voluminous motions, and managing accelerated and emergency matters. Appellate work requires specialized knowledge and significant experience, and the courts constantly face competition from higher-paying private practice and government legal jobs for skilled attorneys and staff. Specialized technological skills are also necessary to understand and operate the complex case management system currently used by the courts. Hiring and retaining qualified support staff is critical to the courts' ability to manage their dockets and efficiently resolve the cases before them.

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 budget 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. The intermediate appellate courts are appreciative of the increased funding received last session.

Even with the increase in funding for the intermediate appellate courts from the 88th Legislative Session, the courts continue to lag behind in funding. With the growth in Texas population and the expansion of the Texas business environment, the demands of the core function of the courts have required higher-skilled and higher-salary positions in order to adequately serve the citizens of Texas. Further, the intermediate appellate courts have seen an increase in case activity that is a direct result of Operation Lone Star. Additionally, operating costs for necessary resources such as Westlaw/LexisNexis and other administrative needs have increased dramatically.

Funding for all courts of appeals (including the new Fifteenth Court of Appeals) comprises less than 0.04% of the State budget as a whole. Yet, on average, 96.5% of each appellate court's budget is dedicated to salaries and benefits. 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. Without sufficient qualified staff, courts cannot 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.

Respectfully, additional funding is now necessary to ensure the efficient administration of justice going forward.

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EXCEPTIONAL ITEM #1:

ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION

Even after the increased funding received in the 88th 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 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 .

Respectfully, the intermediate appellate courts join with the Texas Supreme Court and the other Article IV Courts and Agencies in requesting a six percent (6%) increase in general revenue appropriations to help absorb the continuing impact of inflation and the increased demands placed on the courts, as well as maintaining and recruiting a strong, experienced, and efficient judicial workforce. Thus, the Sixth Court of Appeals requests this additional 6% to foster the business model adopted by the courts of appeals of equal funding for the same sized courts. Deviating from that model risks reversion to historic and potentially detrimental modes of individualized court funding focused less on the needs of Texas and the appellate judiciary as a whole.

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 2024-25 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.

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

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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.

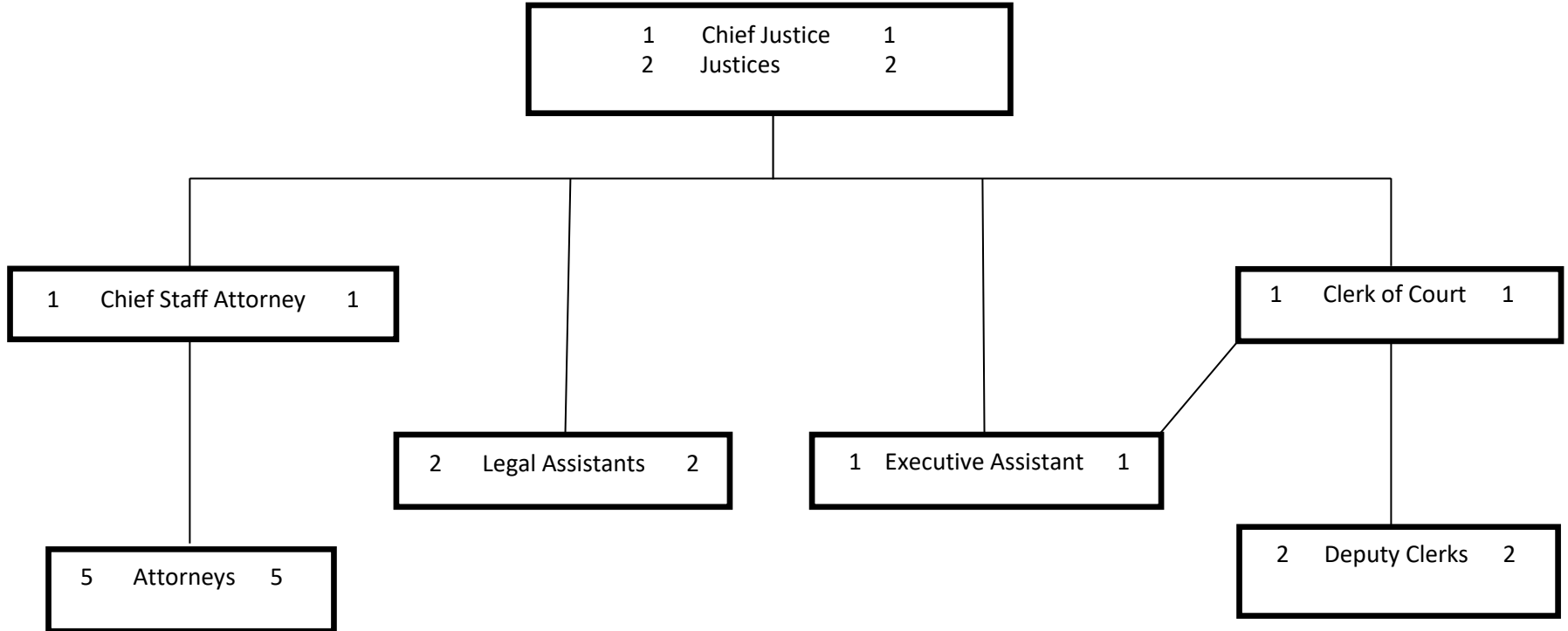
If the Legislature appropriates a cost-of-living increase to state employees, the courts of appeals request that all court employees be included in any such cost-of-living increase.

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, this Court has included appropriated receipts in the amount of \$2,000 per year 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.

Sixth Court of Appeals Organizational Chart

2025 (2026-27)





CERTIFICATE

Agency Name Sixth 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 House Bill 1, Article IX, Section 7.01, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023.

Chief Executive Office or Presiding Judge

Board or Commission Chair

Signature 

Signature _____

Scott E. Stevens
Printed Name

Printed Name _____

Chief Justice
Title

Title _____

August 16, 2024
Date

Date _____

Chief Financial Officer

Signature 

Debbie Autrey
Printed Name

Clerk of the Court
Title

August 16, 2024
Date

Budget Overview - Biennial Amounts
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Appropriation Years: 2026-27

	GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS		GR DEDICATED		FEDERAL FUNDS		OTHER FUNDS		ALL FUNDS		EXCEPTIONAL ITEM FUNDS
	2024-25	2026-27	2024-25	2026-27	2024-25	2026-27	2024-25	2026-27	2024-25	2026-27	2026-27
	Goal: 1. Appellate Court Operations										
1.1.1. Appellate Court Operations	3,002,478	3,065,428					4,000	4,000	3,006,478	3,069,428	183,926
1.1.2. Appellate Justice Salaries	850,548	850,548					184,900	184,900	1,035,448	1,035,448	
Total, Goal	3,853,026	3,915,976					188,900	188,900	4,041,926	4,104,876	183,926
Total, Agency	3,853,026	3,915,976					188,900	188,900	4,041,926	4,104,876	183,926
Total FTEs									15.0	15.0	0.0

2.A. Summary of Base Request by Strategy

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Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
1 Appellate Court Operations					
1 Appellate Court Operations					
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	1,194,200	1,436,764	1,569,714	1,534,714	1,534,714
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	493,094	484,952	550,496	495,186	540,262
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$1,687,294	\$1,921,716	\$2,120,210	\$2,029,900	\$2,074,976
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	\$1,687,294	\$1,921,716	\$2,120,210	\$2,029,900	\$2,074,976
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST*				\$0	\$0
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	\$1,687,294	\$1,921,716	\$2,120,210	\$2,029,900	\$2,074,976

2.A. Summary of Base Request by Strategy

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Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
<u>METHOD OF FINANCING:</u>					
General Revenue Funds:					
1 General Revenue Fund	1,592,242	1,827,266	2,025,760	1,935,450	1,980,526
SUBTOTAL	\$1,592,242	\$1,827,266	\$2,025,760	\$1,935,450	\$1,980,526
Other Funds:					
573 Judicial Fund	92,450	92,450	92,450	92,450	92,450
666 Appropriated Receipts	2,602	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
SUBTOTAL	\$95,052	\$94,450	\$94,450	\$94,450	\$94,450
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$1,687,294	\$1,921,716	\$2,120,210	\$2,029,900	\$2,074,976

*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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GENERAL REVENUE

1 General Revenue Fund

REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)

\$1,640,232	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)

\$0	\$1,927,810	\$1,985,353	\$0	\$0
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Regular Appropriations from MOF Table

\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,935,450	\$1,980,526
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TRANSFERS

SB 30, 88th Leg, Regular Session 2023

\$8,876	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Comments: 5 percent salary increase effective July 1, 2023

Art. IX, Sec. 17.16, Appropriation for a Salary Increase for General State Employees
 (2024-25-GAA)

\$0	\$0	\$5,407	\$0	\$0
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LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance
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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
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GENERAL REVENUE

Strategy A.1.2. Appellate Justice Salaries, Estimated and Nontransferable	\$ (57,403)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
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Comments: Lapse of estimated and nontransferable Strategy A.1.2. funds due to changes in judicial personnel

Strategy A.1.2. Appellate Justice Salaries, Estimated and Nontransferable	\$ 0	\$ (65,544)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
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Comments: Lapse of estimated and nontransferable Strategy A.1.2. funds due to changes in judicial personnel

UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY

A.1.1. Appellate Court Operations (2022-23 GAA)	\$ 537	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
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Comments: Transfer of unexpended and unobligated Strategy A.1.1. funds to the next fiscal year within the same biennium

Art IV, Special Provisions - Judiciary Section, Unexpended Balances Authority (2024-25 GAA)	\$ 0	\$ (35,000)	\$ 35,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
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Comments: Transfer of unexpended and unobligated Strategy A.1.1. funds to the next fiscal year within the same biennium

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance
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METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>						
TOTAL,	General Revenue Fund	\$1,592,242	\$1,827,266	\$2,025,760	\$1,935,450	\$1,980,526
TOTAL, ALL	GENERAL REVENUE	\$1,592,242	\$1,827,266	\$2,025,760	\$1,935,450	\$1,980,526
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
<u>573</u>	Judicial Fund No. 573					
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>					
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)	\$92,450	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$0	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$0	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$92,450	\$92,450
TOTAL,	Judicial Fund No. 573	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450
<u>666</u>	Appropriated Receipts					
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>					

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance
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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
<i>LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS</i>					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)	\$(1,398)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: Collections less than the Regular Appropriations amount.					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$0	\$(2,000)	\$(2,000)	\$0	\$0
Comments: Collections anticipated to be less than the Regular Appropriations amount.					
TOTAL, Appropriated Receipts	\$2,602	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000

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

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METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
TOTAL, ALL OTHER FUNDS		\$95,052	\$94,450	\$94,450	\$94,450	\$94,450
GRAND TOTAL		\$1,687,294	\$1,921,716	\$2,120,210	\$2,029,900	\$2,074,976
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS						
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS						
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)		15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)		0.0	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table		0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	15.0
UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP						
Unauthorized Number Over (Below) Cap		(0.3)	(0.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES		14.7	14.9	15.0	15.0	15.0
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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OBJECT OF EXPENSE	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,549,940	\$1,699,350	\$1,892,346	\$1,837,583	\$1,882,213
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$85,398	\$118,473	\$90,000	\$67,040	\$64,840
2005 TRAVEL	\$0	\$5,500	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$23,000
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$51,956	\$98,393	\$117,864	\$103,277	\$104,923
OOE Total (Excluding Riders)	\$1,687,294	\$1,921,716	\$2,120,210	\$2,029,900	\$2,074,976
OOE Total (Riders)					
Grand Total	\$1,687,294	\$1,921,716	\$2,120,210	\$2,029,900	\$2,074,976

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

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

Code	Type of Expense	Expended	Estimated	Budgeted	Requested	Requested
5	Westlaw/Lexis	\$310	\$26,050	\$30,000	\$31,000	\$32,500
26	Books (expensed)	29,707	30,060	33,000	35,000	36,000
27	Membership Dues	0	1,975	2,000	2,000	2,000
51	Other Operating Expenses	18	15,876	25,404	8,264	6,964
64	SORM Assessment	1,439	1,669	1,800	1,900	1,900
213	ERS 1% & .5%	15,885	17,961	20,210	20,210	20,210
	Total, Operating Costs	\$47,359	\$93,591	\$112,414	\$98,374	\$99,574

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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.	\$4,597	\$4,802	\$5,450	\$4,903	\$5,349
	Total, Operating Costs	\$4,597	\$4,802	\$5,450	\$4,903	\$5,349

2.D. Summary of Base Request Objective Outcomes
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Goal/ Objective / Outcome	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
1 Appellate Court Operations					
1 Appellate Court Operations					
KEY 1 Clearance Rate					
	96.39%	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%
KEY 3 Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years					
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

2.E. Summary of Exceptional Items Request
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Priority	Item	2026			2027			Biennium	
		GR and GR/GR Dedicated	All Funds	FTEs	GR and GR Dedicated	All Funds	FTEs	GR and GR Dedicated	All Funds
1	Adjustment for Inflation	\$91,963	\$91,963	0.0	\$91,963	\$91,963	0.0	\$183,926	\$183,926
Total, Exceptional Items Request		\$91,963	\$91,963	0.0	\$91,963	\$91,963	0.0	\$183,926	\$183,926
Method of Financing									
	General Revenue	\$91,963	\$91,963		\$91,963	\$91,963		\$183,926	\$183,926
	General Revenue - Dedicated								
	Federal Funds								
	Other Funds								
		\$91,963	\$91,963		\$91,963	\$91,963		\$183,926	\$183,926
Full Time Equivalent Positions				0.0				0.0	
Number of 100% Federally Funded FTEs				0.0				0.0	

2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy
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Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	Base 2026	Base 2027	Exceptional 2026	Exceptional 2027	Total Request 2026	Total Request 2027
1 Appellate Court Operations						
1 <i>Appellate Court Operations</i>						
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$1,534,714	\$1,534,714	\$91,963	\$91,963	\$1,626,677	\$1,626,677
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	495,186	540,262	0	0	495,186	540,262
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$2,029,900	\$2,074,976	\$91,963	\$91,963	\$2,121,863	\$2,166,939
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	\$2,029,900	\$2,074,976	\$91,963	\$91,963	\$2,121,863	\$2,166,939
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST						
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	\$2,029,900	\$2,074,976	\$91,963	\$91,963	\$2,121,863	\$2,166,939

2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy
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Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	Base 2026	Base 2027	Exceptional 2026	Exceptional 2027	Total Request 2026	Total Request 2027
General Revenue Funds:						
1 General Revenue Fund	\$1,935,450	\$1,980,526	\$91,963	\$91,963	\$2,027,413	\$2,072,489
	\$1,935,450	\$1,980,526	\$91,963	\$91,963	\$2,027,413	\$2,072,489
Other Funds:						
573 Judicial Fund	92,450	92,450	0	0	92,450	92,450
666 Appropriated Receipts	2,000	2,000	0	0	2,000	2,000
	\$94,450	\$94,450	\$0	\$0	\$94,450	\$94,450
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$2,029,900	\$2,074,976	\$91,963	\$91,963	\$2,121,863	\$2,166,939
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	15.0

2.G. Summary of Total Request Objective Outcomes
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Agency code: 226 Agency name: Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana

Goal/ Objective / Outcome

	BL 2026	BL 2027	Excp 2026	Excp 2027	Total Request 2026	Total Request 2027
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%

226 Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana

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 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
Output Measures:						
1	Number of Civil Cases Disposed	121.00	97.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Disposed	226.00	248.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Explanatory/Input Measures:						
1	Number of Civil Cases Filed	70.00	83.00	85.00	90.00	90.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Filed	195.00	177.00	185.00	185.00	185.00
3	Number of Cases Transferred in	67.00	54.00	60.00	50.00	50.00
4	Number of Cases Transferred out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Objects of Expense:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,064,573	\$1,219,200	\$1,347,300	\$1,347,300	\$1,347,300
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$82,268	\$118,473	\$90,000	\$67,040	\$64,840
2005	TRAVEL	\$0	\$5,500	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$23,000
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$47,359	\$93,591	\$112,414	\$98,374	\$99,574
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$1,194,200	\$1,436,764	\$1,569,714	\$1,534,714	\$1,534,714
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$1,191,598	\$1,434,764	\$1,567,714	\$1,532,714	\$1,532,714

226 Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana

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 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$1,191,598	\$1,434,764	\$1,567,714	\$1,532,714	\$1,532,714
Method of Financing:						
666	Appropriated Receipts	\$2,602	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$2,602	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$1,534,714	\$1,534,714
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$1,194,200	\$1,436,764	\$1,569,714	\$1,534,714	\$1,534,714
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		11.7	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Sixth Court of Appeals was created in 1907 by amendment to Article 1817, V.T.C.S., pursuant to authority granted by Article 5, Section 1, of the Texas Constitution. The Court has intermediate appellate jurisdiction in civil cases where the judgment rendered exceeds \$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. The Court has jurisdiction in nineteen counties.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

Courts of Appeals are, by nature, small entities with highly specialized staff. The main factor which drives this strategy is the need to attract and retain, over the long term, highly trained and knowledgeable staff to work on an increasingly complex and accelerated caseload and dispense justice in a fair and efficient manner.

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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	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
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EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

<u>STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</u>		BIENNIAL	<u>EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	
Base Spending (Est 2024 + Bud 2025)	Baseline Request (BL 2026 + BL 2027)	CHANGE	\$ Amount	Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)
\$3,006,478	\$3,069,428	\$62,950	\$62,950	To biennialize FY24-25 salary adjustments in FY26-27. GR 0001.
			\$62,950	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

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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 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
Objects of Expense:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$485,367	\$480,150	\$545,046	\$490,283	\$534,913
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$3,130	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$4,597	\$4,802	\$5,450	\$4,903	\$5,349
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$493,094	\$484,952	\$550,496	\$495,186	\$540,262
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$400,644	\$392,502	\$458,046	\$402,736	\$447,812
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$400,644	\$392,502	\$458,046	\$402,736	\$447,812
Method of Financing:						
573	Judicial Fund	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$495,186	\$540,262
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$493,094	\$484,952	\$550,496	\$495,186	\$540,262
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

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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 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
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STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The 86th Legislature established current levels of judicial compensation that are fixed by statute and added Strategy A.1.2., Appellate Justice Salaries, which holds estimated and nontransferable funds that are dedicated to judicial salaries and cannot be spent on any other category of appellate court operations.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

Judicial salaries are established by statute and cannot be reduced by the court. The court cannot predict with certainty the exact funding needs for judicial salaries in the future due to unforeseeable changes to the composition of the court that may arise as a result of elections, resignations, retirements, or deaths. The estimated and nontransferable funds in Strategy A.1.2. are expected to fluctuate throughout the biennium due to changes in the makeup of the court.

EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

<u>STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>BIENNIAL</u>	<u>EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	
Base Spending (Est 2024 + Bud 2025)	Baseline Request (BL 2026 + BL 2027)	CHANGE	\$ Amount	Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)
\$1,035,448	\$1,035,448	\$0	\$0	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

SUMMARY TOTALS:

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$1,687,294	\$1,921,716	\$2,120,210	\$2,029,900	\$2,074,976
METHODS OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS):				\$2,029,900	\$2,074,976
METHODS OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS):	\$1,687,294	\$1,921,716	\$2,120,210	\$2,029,900	\$2,074,976
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	14.7	14.9	15.0	15.0	15.0

3.B. Rider Revisions and Additions Request

Agency Code: 226	Agency Name: Sixth Court of Appeals, Texarkana	Prepared By: Debbie Autrey	Date: 8/16/2024	Request Level: Baseline
Current Rider Number	Page Number in 2024-25 GAA	Proposed Rider Language		

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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 ~~2024~~2026 and ~~2025~~2027, 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.

Updating rider to include the 15th Court of Appeals and adjust the years for the 2026-2027 biennium.

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

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Sec. 7. Schedule of Exempt Positions ^{1, 2, 3, 4}

No change to sections (a), (b), and (c).

(d) **Information Listing – Judicial and Prosecutor Compensation.** Government Code §659.012, Judicial Salaries, and Section 46.003, Compensation of State Prosecutors, establish a tiered, tenure-based compensation structure for certain judges and professional prosecutor positions that is linked to the base salary of a district judge as set by the General Appropriations Act and adjusts depending on the judge's or professional prosecutor's tenure. Consistent with Government Code Section 46.003 and Section 659.012, for their first four years of service, district judges earn a base salary set by the General Appropriations Act and certain other judges or the and professional prosecutor's earns a base salary that is a certain percentage of the base salary of a district judge, subject to certain other statutory limitations. The base salary for justices on the 1st through the 14th Court of Appeals is 110% of a district judge's base salary and the base salary for a justice on the 15th Court of Appeals is \$5,000 less than 120% of the state base salary of a district judge. The base salary for justices on the Supreme Court and judges on the Court of Criminal Appeals is 120% of the base salary of a district judge. When their tenure is between 4-8 years of service, the judge or professional prosecutor earns 110 percent of the judge or prosecutor's base salary. With 8 or more years of tenure, the judge or professional prosecutor's salary is 120 percent of the judge or professional prosecutor's base salary. County prosecutors receive a supplement from the state that is provided to the county in an amount based on a formula that includes the base salary of a district judge with comparable years of service and the number of counties served by the state prosecutor in the county. The table below shows the base salary amounts for each state judge and prosecutor position that are dependent on years of service within each tier.

Amending language to provide clarification on judicial and prosecutor compensation.

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Judge / Prosecutor	Court / Judicial District / State Agency	Base Salary (0-4 years)	(4-8 years)	(8+ years)
Chief Justice Presiding Judge	Supreme Court Court of Criminal Appeals	\$170,500	\$187,300	\$204,100
Justice Judge	Supreme Court Court of Criminal Appeals	\$168,000	\$184,800	\$201,600
Chief Justice	1st – 14th Court of Appeals	\$156,500	\$172,150	\$187,800
Justice Judge	1st – 14th Court of Appeals	\$154,000	\$169,400	\$184,800
<u>Chief Justice</u>	<u>15th Court of Appeals</u>	<u>\$165,500</u>	<u>\$181,800</u>	<u>\$198,100</u>
<u>Justice Judge</u>	<u>15th Court of Appeals</u>	<u>\$163,000</u>	<u>\$179,300</u>	<u>\$195,600</u>
Associate Judge	Child Protection Court Child Support Court	\$126,000	\$138,600	\$151,200
Business Court Judge	Business Court	\$140,000	\$154,000	\$168,000
District Judge	District Court	\$140,000	\$154,000	\$168,000
State Prosecuting Attorney	Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney	\$140,000	\$154,000	\$168,000
Professional Prosecutors	Judicial Districts	\$140,000	\$154,000	\$168,000
District Attorneys	Judicial Districts	\$112,000	\$123,200	\$134,400
County Prosecutors	Constitutional County Court	\$23,334 to \$70,000	\$25,667 to \$77,000	\$28,001 to \$84,000

The schedule in Rider 7. Schedule of Exempt Positions needs to be amended to break out the judge salaries for the 15th Court of Appeals, which differs from the other intermediate appellate courts.

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

9 IV-44 **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, 44¹⁵ Courts of Appeals, Office of Court Administration, Office of Capital and Forensic Writs, Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney, and State Commission on Judicial Conduct as of August 31, 2024²⁶, are appropriated to the respective court or agency for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024²⁶, for the same purpose.

Updating the rider to include the 15th Court of Appeals and to adjust the year for the 2026-2027 biennium.

10 IV-44 **~~Sec. 10. Contingency for SB 1045~~^{5,6}**

~~(a) Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 1045, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, or similar legislation, relating to the creation of the Fifteenth Court of Appeals with jurisdiction over certain civil cases, the compensation of the justices of that court, and the jurisdiction of the courts of appeals in this state, General Revenue funds in the amount of \$2,397,807 and 17.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,327,569 and 17.0 FTEs in the fiscal year 2025 are appropriated for the purpose of implementing the legislation.~~

~~(b) Upon the enactment of Senate Bill 1045, appropriations and FTEs identified above in subsection (a) shall be provided to the Fifteenth Court of Appeals in a new bill pattern for that purpose in Article IV, The Judiciary, of this Act. The bill pattern shall include:~~

- ~~(1) a Method of Financing with General Revenue appropriations in fiscal year 2025;~~
- ~~(2) a Number of Full-Time Equivalentents (FTE) in fiscal year 2025;~~
- ~~(3) a Schedule of Exempt Positions including one Chief Justice and two Justices with salary caps in fiscal year 2025;~~
- ~~(4) a strategy for Appellate Court Operations with amounts for that purpose in fiscal year 2025;~~
- ~~(5) a strategy for Appellate Justice Salaries with amounts for that purpose that are estimated and nontransferable in fiscal year 2025;~~

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

~~(6) a Performance Measure Targets rider including the following performance measures with targets of 100% attainment in fiscal year 2025;~~

~~(A) Clearance Rate;~~

~~(B) Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year; and~~

~~(C) Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years.~~

Rider is no longer needed. Bill pattern for the 15th Court of Appeals is in place in the 2024-2025 GAA.

4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule
 89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1
 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

DATE: **8/16/2024**
 TIME: **1:51:11PM**

Agency code: **226** Agency name: **Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2026	Excp 2027
	Item Name: Adjustment for Inflation 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	91,963	91,963
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		91,963	91,963
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	91,963	91,963
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		91,963	91,963

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Even after the increased funding received in the 88th 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 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:

Respectfully, the intermediate appellate courts join with the Texas Supreme Court and the other Article IV Courts and Agencies in requesting a six percent (6%) increase in general revenue appropriations to help absorb the continuing impact of inflation and the increased demands placed on the courts, as well as maintaining and recruiting a strong, experienced, and efficient judicial workforce. Thus, the Sixth Court of Appeals requests this additional 6% to foster the business model adopted by the courts of appeals of equal funding for the same sized courts. Deviating from that model risks reversion to historic and potentially detrimental modes of individualized court funding focused less on the needs of Texas and the appellate judiciary as a whole.

PCLS TRACKING KEY:

4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule
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CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2026	Excp 2027
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DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS :

Out-year costs necessary to continue funding for inflationary adjustments to salaries.

ESTIMATED ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS FOR ITEM:

2028	2029	2030
\$91,963	\$91,963	\$91,963

Agency code: 226 Agency name: Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana

Code	Description	Excp 2026	Excp 2027
Item Name: Adjustment for Inflation			
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	91,963	91,963
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$91,963	\$91,963
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	91,963	91,963
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$91,963	\$91,963
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):		0.0	0.0

4.C. Exceptional Items Strategy Request
 89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1
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DATE: 8/16/2024
TIME: 1:51:12PM

Agency Code: **226** Agency name: **Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana**

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 2026	Exp 2027
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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 %

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:

1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	91,963	91,963
Total, Objects of Expense	\$91,963	\$91,963

METHOD OF FINANCING:

1 General Revenue Fund	91,963	91,963
Total, Method of Finance	\$91,963	\$91,963

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM(S) INCLUDED IN STRATEGY:

Adjustment for Inflation

6.A. Historically Underutilized Business Supporting Schedule
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Date: 8/16/2024
 Time: 1:51:13PM

Agency Code: 226 Agency: Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana

COMPARISON TO STATEWIDE HUB PROCUREMENT GOALS

A. Fiscal Year - HUB Expenditure Information

Statewide HUB Goals	Procurement Category	% Goal	HUB Expenditures FY 2022			Total Expenditures FY 2022		HUB Expenditures FY 2023			Total Expenditures FY 2023	
			% Actual	Diff	Actual \$	Actual \$	% Goal	% Actual	Diff	Actual \$	Actual \$	
11.2%	Heavy Construction	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	\$0	\$0	
21.1%	Building Construction	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	\$0	\$0	
32.9%	Special Trade	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	\$0	\$0	
23.7%	Professional Services	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0.0 %	0.0%	0.0%	\$0	\$0	
26.0%	Other Services	26.0 %	0.0%	-26.0%	\$0	\$0	26.0 %	0.0%	-26.0%	\$0	\$0	
21.1%	Commodities	21.1 %	100.0%	78.9%	\$85	\$85	21.0 %	0.0%	-21.0%	\$0	\$0	
	Total Expenditures		100.0%		\$85	\$85		0.0%		\$0	\$0	

B. Assessment of Attainment of HUB Procurement Goals

Attainment:

The Court did not attain either of the applicable statewide HUB procurement goals for FY23. The Court did attain the applicable statewide HUB goal for "Commodities" in FY22.

Applicability:

The "Heavy Construction," "Building Construction," "Special Trade," and "Professional Services" categories were not applicable to Court operation in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 since the Court did not have any strategies or programs related to those categories.

Factors Affecting Attainment:

In fiscal years 2022 and 2023, the goal for "Other Services" was not met since there were no HUB vendors for the court's legal research purchases. Library maintenance and legal research are sole source purchases and represent the bulk of the court's expenditures in this category.

The "Commodities" category was not met in 2023 as we had no expenditures in this category during that year.

C. Good-Faith Efforts to Increase HUB Participation

Outreach Efforts and Mentor-Protégé Programs:

With limited personnel and minimal spending outside state contract items or sole source purchases, the Court does not participate in outreach efforts. However, the Court makes efforts to identify HUB vendors when feasible.

6.A. Historically Underutilized Business Supporting Schedule
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HUB Program Staffing:

With only 15 employees, the Court has no FTE staffing dedicated to increasing HUB participation.

Current and Future Good-Faith Efforts:

The Court continues to make a good faith effort in giving HUB vendors preference when possible.

6.H. Estimated Total of All Agency Funds Outside the GAA Bill Pattern
Sixth Court of Appeals

ESTIMATED GRAND TOTAL OF AGENCY FUNDS OUTSIDE THE 2026-27 GAA BILL PATTERN	\$ 159,000
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Appellate Judicial System Funds

Estimated Beginning Balance in FY 2024	\$ 66,048
Estimated Revenues FY 2024	\$ 49,000
Estimated Revenues FY 2025	\$ 42,000
FY 2024-25 Total	\$ 157,048
Estimated Beginning Balance in FY 2026	\$ 75,000
Estimated Revenues FY 2026	\$ 42,000
Estimated Revenues FY 2027	\$ 42,000
FY 2026-27 Total	\$ 159,000

Constitutional or Statutory Creation and Use of Funds:

Texas Government Code Sec. 22.229 --Appellate Judicial System Fund. An appellate judicial system fund is established for each court of appeals. To fund the appellate judicial system, each county treasurer shall allocate to the fund the percentage of the local consolidated filing fee provided by Section 135.101(b)(1) or 135.102(b)(1), Local Government Code. Funds received from such fees shall be used to assist the court of appeals in the processing of appeals and to defray costs and expenses incurred in the operation of the court of appeals.

Method of Calculation and Revenue Assumptions:

In accordance with the above referenced statute, the district and county clerks of the various courts in the 19 counties that make up the Sixth Court of Appeals District are to collect and remit a percentage of the filing fee on each civil suit filed in a county court, statutory county court, probate court, or district court. Each county in two appellate districts splits its funds between the two appellate courts. The number of civil suits filed determines the actual revenue received.