

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

Third Court of Appeals

August 16, 2024

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CERTIFICATE

Agency Name Third District Court of Appeals

This is to certify that the information contained in the agency Legislative Appropriation Request filed with the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor's Office Budget Division (Governor's Office) 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 Governor's Office will be notified in writing in accordance with Article IX, Section 7.01 (2024-25 GAA).

Chief Executive Office or Presiding Judge



Signature

Darlene Byrne
Printed Name

Chief Justice
Title

August 16, 2024
Date

Chief Financial Officer


Signature

Jeffrey D. Kyle
Printed Name

Clerk of the Court
Title

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Date

Administrator's Statement

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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 Third 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. This model, although equal among the courts, still does not address the high cost of living in Austin, Texas versus that of other cities in which other intermediate appellate courts reside. Regardless, 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:

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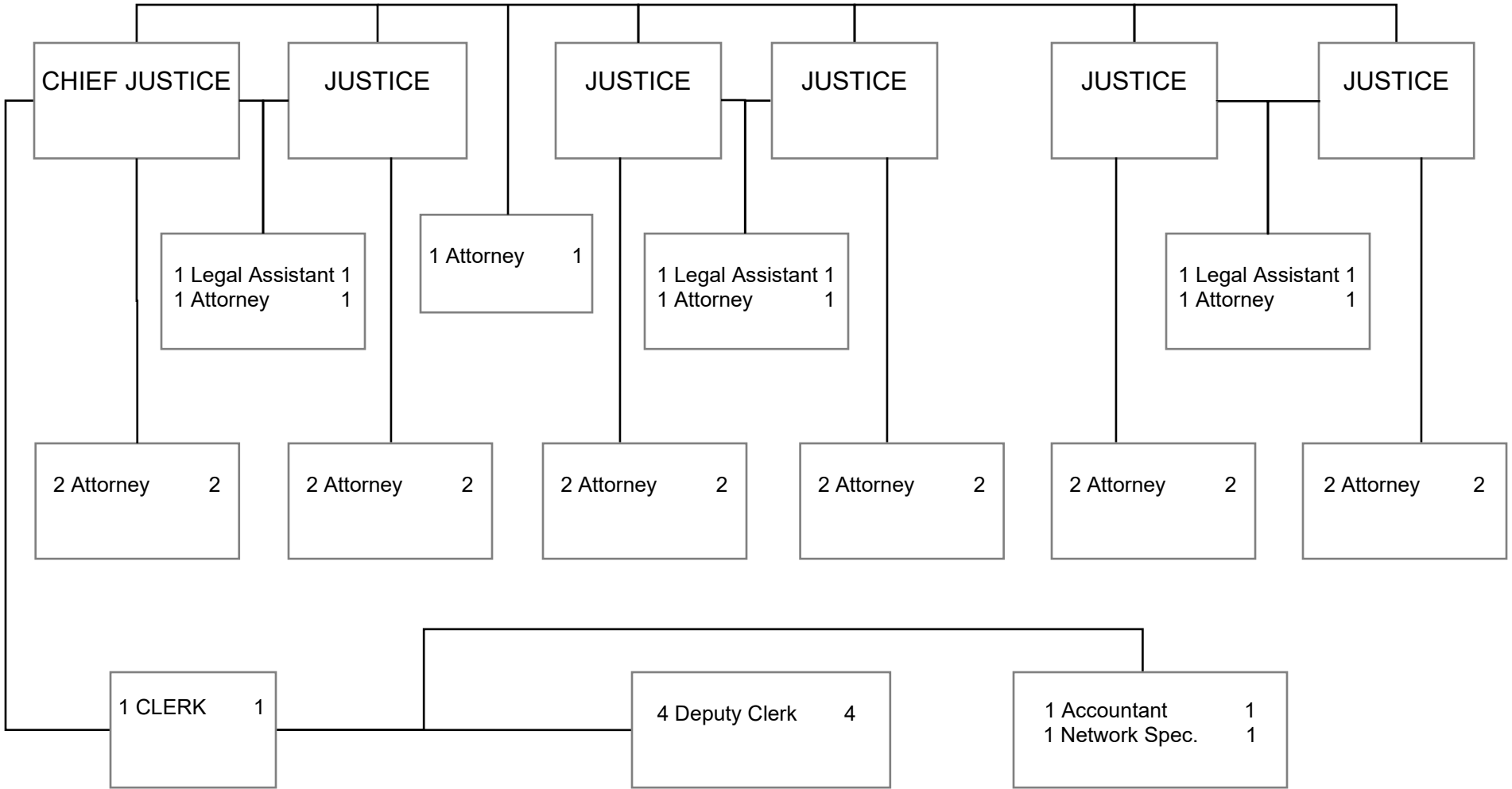
In order for the courts of appeals to function efficiently, it is vital that the Office of Court Administration (OCA) be adequately funded. The courts of appeals rely on many of the services provided by OCA and, therefore, the courts of appeals fully support the exceptional items the OCA requests as 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, this Court has included appropriated receipts in the amount of \$11,000 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.

ORGANIZATION CHART
THIRD COURT OF APPEALS
AGENCY 223
FY 2026-2027



Budget Overview - Biennial Amounts
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223 Third Court of Appeals District, Austin
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	5,757,989	5,898,626					94,000	94,000	5,851,989	5,992,626	359,558
1.1.2. Appellate Justice Salaries	1,761,756	1,761,756					365,800	365,800	2,127,556	2,127,556	
Total, Goal	7,519,745	7,660,382					459,800	459,800	7,979,545	8,120,182	359,558
Total, Agency	7,519,745	7,660,382					459,800	459,800	7,979,545	8,120,182	359,558
Total FTEs									32.0	32.0	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	2,167,136	2,855,676	2,996,313	2,996,313	2,996,313
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	1,061,416	1,063,778	1,063,778	1,063,778	1,063,778
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$3,228,552	\$3,919,454	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	\$3,228,552	\$3,919,454	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST*				\$0	\$0
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	\$3,228,552	\$3,919,454	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091

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	3,004,099	3,689,554	3,830,191	3,830,191	3,830,191
SUBTOTAL	\$3,004,099	\$3,689,554	\$3,830,191	\$3,830,191	\$3,830,191
Other Funds:					
573 Judicial Fund	182,900	182,900	182,900	182,900	182,900
666 Appropriated Receipts	5,553	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
777 Interagency Contracts	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
SUBTOTAL	\$224,453	\$229,900	\$229,900	\$229,900	\$229,900
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$3,228,552	\$3,919,454	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091

*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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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
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GENERAL REVENUE

1 General Revenue Fund

REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)

\$2,942,788	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)

\$22,582	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Comments: A.1.2, Judicial Salaries Estimated

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)

\$0	\$3,687,836	\$3,799,851	\$0	\$0
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Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)

\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,830,191	\$3,830,191
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TRANSFERS

SB 30, 88th Leg, Regular Session

\$18,236	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Comments: 5% Salary Increase

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

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

\$0	\$1,718	\$30,340	\$0	\$0
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Comments: Additional funding for 5% Salary Increase

LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS

Strategy A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations (2022-23 GAA)

\$(28)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Comments: Lapsed Appropriations

UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY

Strategy A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations (2022-23 GAA)

\$20,521	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Comments: Transfer of unexpended and unobligated Strategy A.1.1 funds from
 the previous fiscal year within the same biennium.

TOTAL, General Revenue Fund	\$3,004,099	\$3,689,554	\$3,830,191	\$3,830,191	\$3,830,191
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TOTAL, ALL GENERAL REVENUE	\$3,004,099	\$3,689,554	\$3,830,191	\$3,830,191	\$3,830,191
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OTHER FUNDS

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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OTHER FUNDS

573 Judicial Fund No. 573

REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)

\$182,900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)

\$0	\$182,900	\$182,900	\$0	\$0
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Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)

\$0	\$0	\$0	\$182,900	\$182,900
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TOTAL, Judicial Fund No. 573

\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900
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666 Appropriated Receipts

REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)

\$11,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)

\$0	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$0	\$0
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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 (2026-27 GAA)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,000	\$11,000
<i>LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS</i>						
Lapsed Appropriations		\$(5,447)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, Appropriated Receipts		\$5,553	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
<u>777</u> Interagency Contracts						
<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>						
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)		\$36,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)		\$0	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,000	\$36,000

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
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>						
TOTAL,	Interagency Contracts	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
TOTAL, ALL	OTHER FUNDS	\$224,453	\$229,900	\$229,900	\$229,900	\$229,900
GRAND TOTAL		\$3,228,552	\$3,919,454	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS						
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS						
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)	32.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	0.0	32.0	32.0	0.0	0.0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	0.0	0.0	0.0	32.0	32.0
UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP						
	Unauthorized number Over (Below)Cap	(0.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES		31.1	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0

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

NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED

FTEs

0.0

0.0

0.0

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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	\$3,012,501	\$3,794,349	\$3,928,882	\$3,928,882	\$3,928,882
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$210,190	\$120,041	\$123,676	\$123,676	\$123,676
2003 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$233	\$1,241	\$153	\$153	\$153
2006 RENT - BUILDING	\$1,080	\$270	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,080
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$4,548	\$3,553	\$6,300	\$6,300	\$6,300
OOE Total (Excluding Riders)	\$3,228,552	\$3,919,454	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091
OOE Total (Riders)					
Grand Total	\$3,228,552	\$3,919,454	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091

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
2	Postage	\$550	\$450	\$500	\$500	\$500
24	Freight/Delivery	0	0	500	500	500
56	Computer Equipment - Expensed	1,177	0	0	0	0
64	SORM Assessment	2,821	3,103	3,500	3,500	3,500
177	Janitorial Services	0	0	1,800	1,800	1,800
	Total, Operating Costs	\$4,548	\$3,553	\$6,300	\$6,300	\$6,300

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					
	95.29%	96.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
KEY 2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year					
	99.34%	99.78%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
KEY 3 Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years					
	100.00%	99.79%	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	\$179,779	\$179,779		\$179,779	\$179,779		\$359,558	\$359,558
Total, Exceptional Items Request		\$179,779	\$179,779		\$179,779	\$179,779		\$359,558	\$359,558

Method of Financing

General Revenue	\$179,779	\$179,779		\$179,779	\$179,779		\$359,558	\$359,558
General Revenue - Dedicated								
Federal Funds								
Other Funds								
	\$179,779	\$179,779		\$179,779	\$179,779		\$359,558	\$359,558

Full Time Equivalent Positions

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	\$2,996,313	\$2,996,313	\$179,779	\$179,779	\$3,176,092	\$3,176,092
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	1,063,778	1,063,778	0	0	1,063,778	1,063,778
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091	\$179,779	\$179,779	\$4,239,870	\$4,239,870
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091	\$179,779	\$179,779	\$4,239,870	\$4,239,870
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST						
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091	\$179,779	\$179,779	\$4,239,870	\$4,239,870

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	\$3,830,191	\$3,830,191	\$179,779	\$179,779	\$4,009,970	\$4,009,970
	\$3,830,191	\$3,830,191	\$179,779	\$179,779	\$4,009,970	\$4,009,970
Other Funds:						
573 Judicial Fund	182,900	182,900	0	0	182,900	182,900
666 Appropriated Receipts	11,000	11,000	0	0	11,000	11,000
777 Interagency Contracts	36,000	36,000	0	0	36,000	36,000
	\$229,900	\$229,900	\$0	\$0	\$229,900	\$229,900
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091	\$179,779	\$179,779	\$4,239,870	\$4,239,870
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS	32.0	32.0	0.0	0.0	32.0	32.0

2.G. Summary of Total Request Objective Outcomes
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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%
KEY 2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year						
	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%

223 Third Court of Appeals District, Austin

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	501.00	506.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Disposed	187.00	271.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Explanatory/Input Measures:						
1	Number of Civil Cases Filed	606.00	627.00	575.00	575.00	575.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Filed	275.00	376.00	375.00	375.00	375.00
3	Number of Cases Transferred in	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Number of Cases Transferred out	160.00	194.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Objects of Expense:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,982,835	\$2,759,549	\$2,894,082	\$2,894,082	\$2,894,082
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$178,440	\$91,063	\$94,698	\$94,698	\$94,698
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$233	\$1,241	\$153	\$153	\$153
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$1,080	\$270	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,080
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$4,548	\$3,553	\$6,300	\$6,300	\$6,300
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$2,167,136	\$2,855,676	\$2,996,313	\$2,996,313	\$2,996,313
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$2,125,583	\$2,808,676	\$2,949,313	\$2,949,313	\$2,949,313

223 Third Court of Appeals District, Austin

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)		\$2,125,583	\$2,808,676	\$2,949,313	\$2,949,313	\$2,949,313
Method of Financing:						
666	Appropriated Receipts	\$5,553	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
777	Interagency Contracts	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$41,553	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$47,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$2,996,313	\$2,996,313
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$2,167,136	\$2,855,676	\$2,996,313	\$2,996,313	\$2,996,313
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		25.1	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Court of Appeals for the Third District of Texas was created in 1892 by an Act of the 22nd Legislature, 1st C.J., P. 25, ch. 15; Gammel's Laws of Texas, Vol. 10, Page 389. This Court has intermediate appellate jurisdiction of both civil and criminal cases appealed from lower courts; in civil cases where 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 reviews State of Texas administrative law appeals from cases throughout the state.

223 Third Court of Appeals District, Austin

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 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
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EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

The citizens of Texas have an absolute right to appeal and seek review of a trial court judgment in the intermediate courts of appeal. This Court does not have discretion to decline appellate review. The Court strives to administer justice and to render a thorough and fair decision in each case on its docket as expeditiously as possible.

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)
\$5,851,989	\$5,992,626	\$140,637	\$140,637	The difference in the General Revenue Fund reflects the continued funding of the FY 24-25 statewide salary adjustments.
			\$140,637	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

223 Third Court of Appeals District, Austin

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	\$1,029,666	\$1,034,800	\$1,034,800	\$1,034,800	\$1,034,800
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$31,750	\$28,978	\$28,978	\$28,978	\$28,978
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$1,061,416	\$1,063,778	\$1,063,778	\$1,063,778	\$1,063,778
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$878,516	\$880,878	\$880,878	\$880,878	\$880,878
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$878,516	\$880,878	\$880,878	\$880,878	\$880,878
Method of Financing:						
573	Judicial Fund	\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$1,063,778	\$1,063,778
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$1,061,416	\$1,063,778	\$1,063,778	\$1,063,778	\$1,063,778
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0

223 Third Court of Appeals District, Austin

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 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
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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</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)
\$2,127,556	\$2,127,556	\$0	\$0	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

SUMMARY TOTALS:

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$3,228,552	\$3,919,454	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091
METHODS OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS):				\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091
METHODS OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS):	\$3,228,552	\$3,919,454	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091	\$4,060,091
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	31.1	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0

3.B. Rider Revisions and Additions Request

Agency Code: 233	Agency Name: Third Court of Appeals, District,	Prepared By: Jeff Kyle	Date: 08/14/24	Request Level: Baseline
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Current Rider Number	Page Number in 2024-2025 GAA	Proposed Rider Language
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3.B. Rider Revisions and Additions Request (continued)

5 IV-43 **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.

7 IV-43 **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 prosecutors 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.

**3.B. Rider Revisions and Additions Request
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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, 14~~15~~ 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, 2024~~26~~, are appropriated to the respective court or agency for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024~~26~~, 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 Equivalent (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;~~
- ~~(6) a Performance Measure Targets rider including the following performance measures with targets of 100% attainment in fiscal year 2025;~~

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

- (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: **9:17:37AM**

Agency code: **223** Agency name: **Third Court of Appeals District, Austin**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2026	Excp 2027
	Item Name: Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment in Strategy A.1.1 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	174,097	174,097
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	5,682	5,682
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$179,779	\$179,779
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	179,779	179,779
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$179,779	\$179,779

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Even after the increased funding received in the 88th Legislative Session, attorneys and staff of the Article IV Courts and Agencies remain impacted by increasing costs due to inflation and the draw of more lucrative employment opportunities in other state governmental entities, both inside and outside the judicial branch, the federal courts, and the private legal sector.

The Third Court of Appeals is acutely aware of the need to adequately compensate its highly skilled and specialized staff to efficiently and accurately decide matters of the highest importance to the jurisprudence of the State of Texas — for citizens, candidates, and the business community alike. In concert with the rest of the judicial branch, the Court is therefore seeking a modest 6% increase in staff salaries this biennium.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

Retention and recruiting of highly skilled candidates are of utmost importance and training of new staff is costly, not only because of the caliber and complexity of the cases the Court and its staff handle, but also because of the added pressures of high ethical and confidentiality standards and risk to personal security and privacy that accompany working in the judicial branch.

The Third Court of Appeals along with the Article IV Courts and Agencies therefore collectively request a 6% salary increase for staff to maintain and recruit a strong, experienced, and efficient judicial workforce.

PCLS TRACKING KEY:

4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule
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DATE: **8/16/2024**
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Agency code: **223** Agency name: **Third Court of Appeals District, Austin**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2026	Excp 2027
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DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS :

Funding for ongoing salaries

ESTIMATED ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS FOR ITEM:

<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>	<u>2030</u>
\$179,779	\$179,779	\$179,779

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule
 89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1
 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

DATE: **8/16/2024**
 TIME: **9:17:38AM**

Agency code: **223** Agency name: **Third Court of Appeals District, Austin**

Code	Description	Excp 2026	Excp 2027
Item Name: Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment in Strategy A.1.1			
Allocation to Strategy: 1-1-1 Appellate Court Operations			
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	174,097	174,097
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	5,682	5,682
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$179,779	\$179,779
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	179,779	179,779
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$179,779	\$179,779

4.C. Exceptional Items Strategy Request
 89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1
 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

DATE: 8/16/2024
TIME: 9:17:38AM

Agency Code: **223** Agency name: **Third Court of Appeals District, Austin**

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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OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:

1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	174,097	174,097
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	5,682	5,682
Total, Objects of Expense	\$179,779	\$179,779

METHOD OF FINANCING:

1 General Revenue Fund	179,779	179,779
Total, Method of Finance	\$179,779	\$179,779

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM(S) INCLUDED IN STRATEGY:

Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment in Strategy A.1.1

6.A. Historically Underutilized Business Supporting Schedule
 89th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1
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Date: **8/16/2024**
 Time: **9:17:38AM**

Agency Code: **223** Agency: **Third Court of Appeals District, Austin**

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 \$	% Goal	% Actual	Diff	Actual \$	FY 2023		
26.0%	Other Services	26.0 %	100.0%	74.0%	\$3,750	\$3,750	26.0 %	0.0%	-26.0%	\$0	\$0	
21.1%	Commodities	21.1 %	100.0%	78.9%	\$1,744	\$1,744	21.1 %	15.2%	-5.9%	\$211	\$1,388	
	Total Expenditures		100.0%		\$5,494	\$5,494		15.2%		\$211	\$1,388	

B. Assessment of Attainment of HUB Procurement Goals

Attainment:

The Court attained 100%, of the applicable state wide HUB goals in fiscal year 2022.

Applicability:

In both fiscal years 2022 and 2023 the procurement categories of Heavy Construction, Building Construction, Special Trade, and Professional Services were not applicable to the Court's operations.

Factors Affecting Attainment:

In fiscal years 2023 the goal of "Commodities" was not met by the Court since the largest dollar purchase was through a Texas Smart Buy contract for the replacement of worn printers.

C. Good-Faith Efforts to Increase HUB Participation

Outreach Efforts and Mentor-Protégé Programs:

N/A

HUB Program Staffing:

The court has one accountant dedicated to increasing participation of HUBs. The accountant looks for HUB vendors for all purchases of goods and services.

Current and Future Good-Faith Efforts:

The Court has always made every effort to make purchases and obtain services from qualified HUB vendors . Our large technological budget is funded and administered through the Office of Court Administration and is not reflected in this Court's HUB report . All factors continuing to be equal, this Court will continue to use TIBH (as required in Chapter 122 of the Texas Human Resources Code) whenever possible, strive to enter into business with HUBs as often as possible, and attempt to reach the state goal each fiscal year.

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

ESTIMATED GRAND TOTAL OF AGENCY FUNDS OUTSIDE THE 2024-25 GAA BILL PATTERN	\$	782,494
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<u>Fund Name</u>		
Estimated Beginning Balance in FY 2024	\$	168,494
Estimated Revenues FY 2024	\$	270,000
Estimated Revenues FY 2025	\$	270,000
FY 2024-25 Total	\$	708,494
Estimated Beginning Balance in FY 2026	\$	242,494
Estimated Revenues FY 2026	\$	270,000
Estimated Revenues FY 2027	\$	270,000
FY 2026-27 Total	\$	782,494
Constitutional or Statutory Creation and Use of Funds:		
Sub Chapter C, Sec. 22.2041 Tex Gov't Code and Sec. 659.021 Tex. Gov't Code		
Method of Calculation and Revenue Assumptions:		
In accordance with the above referenced statute, the District and County Clerks of the various courts in the 24 counties that make up the Third Court of Appeals' District are to collect and remit a \$5.00 filing fee on each civil suit filed in a county court, county court-at-law, probate court or district court.		