

**OPERATING BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

**SUBMITTED TO THE
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BUDGET, PLANNING AND POLICY
AND THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

BY

FOURTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS

DECEMBER 1, 2025



CERTIFICATE

Agency Name Fourteenth 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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Acting

Chief Executive Office or Presiding Judge

Signature

Deborah M. Young

Printed Name

Clerk of Court

Title

12/01/2025

Date

Board or Commission Chair

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

Acting

Chief Financial Officer

Signature

Esthefania Bogany

Printed Name

Director

Title

12/01/2025

Date

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

234 Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

	GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS				OTHER FUNDS				ALL FUNDS	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
Goal: 1. Appellate Court Operations										
1.1.1. Appellate Court Operations	4,404,131	4,790,495					280,375	231,539	4,684,506	5,022,034
1.1.2. Appellate Justice Salaries	1,322,395	1,740,074						273,350	1,322,395	2,013,424
Total, Goal	5,726,526	6,530,569					280,375	504,889	6,006,901	7,035,458
Total, Agency	5,726,526	6,530,569					280,375	504,889	6,006,901	7,035,458
Total FTEs									42.1	44.0

2.A. Summary of Budget By Strategy

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

Agency code: 234 Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
1 Appellate Court Operations			
1 Appellate Court Operations			
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$4,188,934	\$4,684,506	\$5,022,034
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$1,608,168	\$1,322,395	\$2,013,424
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$5,797,102	\$6,006,901	\$7,035,458

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Agency code: 234 Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
General Revenue Funds:			
1 General Revenue Fund	\$5,268,318	\$5,726,526	\$6,530,569
	\$5,268,318	\$5,726,526	\$6,530,569
Other Funds:			
573 Judicial Fund	\$273,350	\$0	\$273,350
666 Appropriated Receipts	\$10,469	\$7,295	\$11,539
777 Interagency Contracts	\$244,965	\$273,080	\$220,000
	\$528,784	\$280,375	\$504,889
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$5,797,102	\$6,006,901	\$7,035,458
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS	41.9	42.1	44.0

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2.B. Summary of Budget By Method of Finance
89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
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Agency code: 234		Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston		
METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
TOTAL, ALL GENERAL REVENUE		\$5,268,318	\$5,726,526	\$6,530,569
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>				
<u>573</u> Judicial Fund No. 573				
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS				
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)		\$273,350	\$273,350	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)		\$0	\$0	\$273,350
LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS				
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)		\$0	\$(273,350)	\$0
TOTAL,	Judicial Fund No. 573	\$273,350	\$0	\$273,350
<u>666</u> Appropriated Receipts				
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS				
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)		\$11,539	\$11,539	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)		\$0	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)		\$0	\$0	\$11,539
RIDER APPROPRIATION				
Art IX, Sec 8.02, Reimbursements and Payments (2024-25 GAA)		\$(1,070)	\$(4,244)	\$0
TOTAL,	Appropriated Receipts	\$10,469	\$7,295	\$11,539
<u>777</u> Interagency Contracts				
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS				

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Agency name: **Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston**

METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$167,004	\$167,004	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$220,000
<i>RIDER APPROPRIATION</i>				
	Art IX, Sec 8.02, Reimbursements and Payments (2024-25 GAA)	\$77,961	\$106,076	\$0
TOTAL,	Interagency Contracts	\$244,965	\$273,080	\$220,000
TOTAL, ALL	OTHER FUNDS	\$528,784	\$280,375	\$504,889
GRAND TOTAL		\$5,797,102	\$6,006,901	\$7,035,458
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS				
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS				
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	44.0	44.0	0.0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	0.0	0.0	44.0
UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP				
	UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP	(2.1)	(1.9)	0.0
Comments: UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP				
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES		41.9	42.1	44.0

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: 12/1/2025
TIME: 4:08:07PM

Agency code: 234

Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

METHOD OF FINANCING

Exp 2024

Exp 2025

Bud 2026

NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FTEs

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

DATE: 12/1/2025
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Agency code: 234		Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston		
OBJECT OF EXPENSE		EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$5,200,609	\$5,225,034	\$6,504,534
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$341,368	\$508,854	\$315,417
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$0	\$6,660	\$1,500
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$0	\$3,179	\$1,000
2004	UTILITIES	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
2005	TRAVEL	\$1,092	\$7,188	\$5,210
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$39,960	\$0	\$0
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$0
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$214,073	\$255,986	\$204,297
Agency Total		\$5,797,102	\$6,006,901	\$7,035,458

2.D. Summary of Budget By Objective Outcomes
89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
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Agency code: 234 Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

Goal/ Objective / OUTCOME		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud2026
1 Appellate Court Operations				
1 Appellate Court Operations				
KEY	1 Clearance Rate	99.47 %	96.45 %	100.00 %
KEY	2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	98.75 %	99.07 %	100.00 %
KEY	3 Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	99.85 %	99.27 %	100.00 %

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

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Agency code: 234 Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

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
Output Measures:				
1	Number of Civil Cases Disposed	775.00	859.00	860.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Disposed	345.00	362.00	365.00
Explanatory/Input Measures:				
1	Number of Civil Cases Filed	670.00	757.00	800.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Filed	253.00	316.00	350.00
3	Number of Cases Transferred in	40.00	15.00	10.00
4	Number of Cases Transferred out	13.00	6.00	10.00
Objects of Expense:				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$3,626,809	\$3,945,118	\$4,545,819
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$307,000	\$466,375	\$260,708
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$0	\$6,660	\$1,500
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$0	\$3,179	\$1,000
2004	UTILITIES	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
2005	TRAVEL	\$1,092	\$7,188	\$5,210
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$39,960	\$0	\$0
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$0
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$214,073	\$255,986	\$204,297
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$4,188,934	\$4,684,506	\$5,022,034
Method of Financing:				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$3,933,500	\$4,404,131	\$4,790,495
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$3,933,500	\$4,404,131	\$4,790,495

Method of Financing:

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Agency code: 234 Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

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
666	Appropriated Receipts	\$10,469	\$7,295	\$11,539
777	Interagency Contracts	\$244,965	\$273,080	\$220,000
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$255,434	\$280,375	\$231,539
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :		\$4,188,934	\$4,684,506	\$5,022,034
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		32.9	33.1	35.0

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

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Agency code: 234 Agency name: Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

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	\$1,573,800	\$1,279,916	\$1,958,715
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$34,368	\$42,479	\$54,709
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$1,608,168	\$1,322,395	\$2,013,424
Method of Financing:				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$1,334,818	\$1,322,395	\$1,740,074
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$1,334,818	\$1,322,395	\$1,740,074
Method of Financing:				
573	Judicial Fund	\$273,350	\$0	\$273,350
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$273,350	\$0	\$273,350
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :		\$1,608,168	\$1,322,395	\$2,013,424
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		9.0	9.0	9.0

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

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SUMMARY TOTALS:

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$5,797,102	\$6,006,901	\$7,035,458
METHODS OF FINANCE :	\$5,797,102	\$6,006,901	\$7,035,458
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	41.9	42.1	44.0