



Second Judicial District Court (23200)

FY26 Request

FY25 GF Appr.	FY26 GF Request	FY26 Foreclosure Settlement Program (FSP) <i>(Special Appropriation)</i>	FY24 Reversion
\$35,635,300	\$39,119,700	\$750,300	\$0.0

GENERAL FUND REQUEST

Judicial Compensation \$467.5

- Shortfall in FY25 appropriation

Clerk's Office \$133.4

- (2) Judicial Specialists (\$66.7 each)
 - ❖ Civil Division (16 JS2s):
 - 182,703 docketing events by 14 clerks – average 1,186 events per month, per clerk
 - 11,000 phone calls fielded by 14 clerks – average 786 calls per clerk (71 p/month)
 - 14,843 in-person assistance by 3 clerks – average 4,947 per clerk (450 p/month)
 - ❖ Domestic Relations Division (13 JS2s):
 - 66,566 docketing events by 9 clerks – average of 672 events per month, per clerk
 - 33,000 phone calls fielded by 9 clerks – average 3,667 calls per clerk (333 p/month)
 - 32,862 in-person assistance by 4 clerks – average 8,216 per clerk (747 p/month)

Court Monitor Pools \$448.0

- (7) Administrative Assistants (\$64.0 each)
 - ❖ Currently 41 judicial officers; 33 monitor staff; with turnover, average judicial officer to monitor ratio is 41 to 27

Financial Specialist Sr. \$ 94.8

- Since FY14, the SJDC's budget has grown by 62%, however, there has not been any new fiscal staff added.

Community Gun Violence Intervention Program Manager \$101.1

- The SJDC has a term Program Manager; funding will lapse in FY26

Pretrial Services \$707.2

- (4) County Funded Pretrial Services Officers (325.9)
- (3) AOC Funded Pretrial Services Officers (250.5)
- (2) County Funded Support Staff (130.8)

Child Support Division \$541.6

- (4) Judicial Specialists (287.8)
- (1) Administrative Assistant (69.4)
- (1) Hearing Officer (184.4)
 - ❖ Hearing Officers and staff are prohibited from performing any other work outside of child support cases which creates a number of inefficiencies for both the court and the public

Family Court Clinic **\$238.0**

- (2) Court Clinicians (119.0 each)
 - ❖ Consultations and assessments are currently being scheduled 6-9 months out; two clinicians are needed to reduce the backlog and keep up with the demand

ICWA Court Peacemaker **\$ 15.0**

- Contractual - \$200 p/hour; 15 mediations p/year (5 hrs. each)
- A peacemaker, similar to a mediator, is a trained, tribal facilitator who assists in the development of solutions to conflicts that are more closely allied to the traditional conflict resolution processes generally followed by Native American peoples

Health Insurance Rates & Workforce Investment Plan **\$269.7**

District Judge & Staff – Family Division **\$468.1**

- Judge; TCAA & Court Monitor

There are 4 judges and 8 hearing officers (2 of which are funded by Child Support Services Division (CSSD) in the Family Division.

Hearing officers primarily hear domestic violence and child support cases, and on a limited basis may hear other family court matters.

The judges hear divorce, kinship guardianship, custody/visitation, parentage, emergency firearm protection order (ERFPO) hearings, and special immigrant juvenile cases. Many of those case types require hearings within ten days of filing and most cases have pro se litigants. In addition, the judges are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for receiving and processing all emergency domestic violence orders from law enforcement officers. Judges must be available to address emergency issues in all domestic matters’ cases, including violations of DV orders, and must supervise and review all work completed by hearing officers.

In FY24, there were a total of 9,665 new and reopened family court cases. Of those, 5,039 were divorce, kinship guardianship, custody/visitation, parentage, ERFPO, and special immigrant juvenile cases; 4,626 were DV and child support cases. This is an average of 1,260 cases per judge.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Foreclosure Settlement Program **\$750.3**

- Ongoing funding is needed for this statewide program; a Special Appropriation Request has been submitted to ensure continued funding
- Current funding is provided through the Consumer Settlement Fund

Security Hardware Systems (cameras, access doors & keycard system) **\$173.9**

Information Technology (IT refresh & required MS licenses) **\$318.1**