



Second Judicial District Court

23200

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FY25 Request

The Second Judicial District Court's FY25 General Fund request is \$34,468.6, which is an increase of \$2,002.8 (6.2%).

Foreclosure Settlement Program(\$578.8—GF; \$307.8—RLD Fund)

The Court is actively expanding its Foreclosure Settlement Program (FSP) across the state. With the funding received from the Legislature, the Court has worked with the Third, Sixth, Seventh, Ninth and Twelfth Judicial Districts to establish services, and will continue expansion in the Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh Judicial Districts during this fiscal year. The Court is seeking \$578.8 in general fund which will fund four attorneys to support the statewide expansion, as well as \$307.8 from the Mortgage Regulatory Fund for its other existing FSP staff positions. In the event the Court does not receive a general fund appropriation, the Court would need \$886.6 from the Regulation and Licensing Department's Mortgage Regulatory Fund for this program.

Court Services Support Staff (\$142.0—GF)

This Court Services Division consists of staff that are able to float in order to help whenever and wherever needed. This small division (currently three) helps support our jury division; facility-related work such as moving furniture and rearranging existing spaces for different uses in three building; answering phones; serving as back-up monitors; and retrieving/delivering mail, exhibits and records for three locations. In FY23, the support staff in the jury, administrative monitor pools and purchasing divisions used a combined 6,500+ hours of leave. The Second needs to expand its Court Services Division to keep up with current needs and provide additional support to other departments.

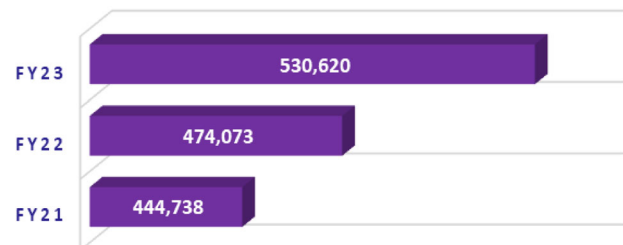
Clerk's Office Support Staff (183.6 – GF)

The Court is seeking funding for three Judicial Specialists in its Clerk's office. The Clerk's office has experiencing a steady increase in work and needs staff to keep up with the increasing workload.

Self-Help Support Staff (\$156.8 – GF)

The Center for Self-Help and Dispute Resolution needs additional support staff to assist with its expanded operations including scribing services for individuals that cannot read, as well as with increased mediation programs being offered in the Court. In FY23, there were 15,819 individuals assisted by our Center for Self-Help.

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Pretrial Services (\$455.1—GF)

The Court is requesting funding to begin transitioning its contract-funded Pretrial Services Division to general fund. There are total of 21-term positions that need converted to general fund. This is a phased request and would provide funding for four Pretrial Services Officer 2s and one Pretrial Services Supervisor.

Software Developer (123.7—GF)

Technology has become a fundamental key component for court operations. Not having the proper technologies impedes our ability to provide efficient, practical and effective hearings. Additional IT staff will enable the Court to enhance public access by assisting with remote solutions, evidence presentation platforms, and remote interpreter systems.

Training (\$17.0—GF)

The Court conducts an annual training to help enhance performance, improve and develop skills, increase knowledge, boost productivity, effectively implement change, increase job satisfaction, build a talent pipeline, improve team functionality, and reduce turnover.

Workforce Investment Plan (WIP) & Health Insurance Premiums (\$345.8—GF)

The Workforce Investment Plan and health insurance premiums increases are mandatory increases for the Court.

Court Highlights

- ◆ 30 District Court Judges; 369 employees (perm and term)
- ◆ In FY23, there were 38,986 incoming cases
- ◆ 136 jury trials in FY23, over 522 days (average of 4 days per trial)
- ◆ In FY23, the Court held approximately 15,000 remote proceedings totaling around 17,000,000 minutes
- ◆ Treatment Courts:
 - ◇ Adult Drug Court
 - ◇ Young Adult Court
 - ◇ Juvenile Drug Treatment Court
 - ◇ Veterans' Treatment Court
 - ◇ Mental Health Court
 - ◇ Felony DWI Court
- ◆ Programs & Services:
 - ◇ Center for Self-Help
 - ◇ Scribing
 - ◇ Domestic Relations Mediation
 - ◇ Family Court Clinic
 - ◇ Domestic Abuse Prevention Program (DAPP)
 - ◇ Fathers Achieving Healthy & Therapeutic Relationships (FATHRS)
 - ◇ Mothers Obtaining Healthy & Therapeutic Relationships (MOTHRS)
 - ◇ Co-Parenting Education Program
 - ◇ Indian Child Welfare Court (ICWA)
 - ◇ Foreclosure Settlement Program (FSP)
 - ◇ Civil Arbitration
 - ◇ Elderly Disability Initiative (EDI)
 - ◇ Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)
 - ◇ Community Gun Violence Intervention Program
 - ◇ Criminal Competency Project
 - ◇ Pretrial Services