



Second Judicial District Court

23200

Marie Ward, Chief Judge
Katina Watson, CEO

General Fund Request

The Second Judicial District Court's FY24 General Fund request is \$31,215.5, which includes an increase of \$1,728.7 for operations and \$23.0 for personnel costs associated with the Workforce Investment Plan in FY24. This is approximately a 6% increase from FY23.

New Division XXX Judge, TCAA and Court Monitor (\$361.2)

During the 2022 Legislative Session, HB68 amended § 34-6-5, NMSA to create thirty district court judges in the Second Judicial District Court. Although the new judgeship became effective July 1, 2022, there was no funding provided. A supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$331.3 outlined below is needed for FY23.

Child Support Hearing Officer (\$165.1)

Hearing Officers funded by the CSED contract can only address issues related to child and medical support. It is critical for the Hearing Officers to hear all related matters including child support, custody and time sharing among other issues collectively rather than individually. Scheduling multiple hearings in front of different Hearing Officers is burdensome and confusing for the public and causes significant inefficiencies for the Court.

Foreclosure Settlement Program (\$736.6)

The Court receives a non-recurring appropriation from the Mortgage Regulatory Fund in the amount of \$488.4 for its Foreclosure Settlement Program (FSP). The Court is requesting to replace the non-recurring funding with general fund and an expansion in general fund monies to hire two additional attorneys (\$124.1 each). The Court currently provides foreclosure settlement facilitations for the Third Judicial District Court. The additional funding will enable the Court to further expand the program to other judicial districts. FSP intervenes as soon as the foreclosure action is filed and facilitates early negotiations that prevent lengthy and expensive litigation costs for both the homeowner and the lender. In FY22, the success rate of homeowners that fully participated in the program was 93%; of the cases fully settled, 82% of homeowners were able to retain their property.

Network Systems Administrator (\$102.0)

The SJDC requests funding for an IT Network Systems Administrator to address technology infrastructure and security needs. With the extremely heavy reliance on information technologies for every aspect of operations, the Court requires someone who will ensure the integrity and optimization of our IT infrastructure including connectivity; database and software systems; recovery; backup and storage systems; updates, modifications and migrations; configurations of routers, switches and patches; and provide technical protections to ensure continued access to justice and the safety of public information.



For the Record (\$238.8)

The *For the Record* (FTR) platform has a Speech-to-text and a Transcript Express application that will greatly improve access to justice and address critical infrastructure and resource needs. In FY23, the SJDC received a one-time special appropriation in the amount of \$42,700 for the Speech-to-Text application (actual costs are \$43,200). The SJDC needs \$43,200 in recurring general fund to continue with this platform. The Court is seeking to add the Transcript Express application in the amount of \$195,600. This application would enable the Court to provide speech-to-text log note and the audio recording through digital links from a cloud-based solution to litigants, attorneys, the media, the Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court.

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Petitioner So you know from what I from what I know personally. No he was not involved.

Judge- Sidebar Alright. Um.

Um Okay and then let me ask um.

Um Miss. I'm just gonna go ahead and go ahead and raise your right hand if you would.

Do you swear or affirm under penalty of perjury. Which is a class four felony to tell the truth and nothing but the truth.

Petitioner Yes ma'am.

Judge- Sidebar Okay. Um Is based on the questions that I asked. Did um.

Do you know of any specific safety concerns with Mr. Trujillo?

Petitioner Well I know that um he does carry guns openly and I know that um he does leave them out in his house.

Training (\$125.0)

Training has been severely lacking in the court for many years and is essential to a high-functionary judiciary. It is crucial for the Court to 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) (\$23.0)

The Workforce Investment Plan is a mandatory increase for staff who meet tenure requirements of judiciary.

Supplemental Appropriation for FY23 (\$331.3)

The Court needs funding for its Division XXX Judge, TCAA and Court Monitor for FY23 due this being unfunded. The Honorable David Murphy and his staff began with the Court on July 25,2022 thereby creating a lapse in funding.

Capital Outlay (\$3,115.4)

Courtroom Technology Upgrades

\$1,240.0

Renovations, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment

\$1,375.0

Indoor Air Quality Systems

\$500.4