# Legislative Appropriations Request For Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027

# Submitted to the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning And the Legislative Budget Board

Ву

**Court of Criminal Appeals** 

August 16, 2024

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#### **Administrator's Statement**

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#### 211 Court of Criminal Appeals

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals is the State's highest appellate court for criminal matters. The Court has statewide, exclusive, final appellate jurisdiction in criminal cases. The Court consists of a Presiding Judge and eight Judges.

#### **Appellate Court Operations**

During fiscal year 2023, the Court disposed of 6,670 matters. The Court's mandatory caseload includes direct appeal of cases in which the death penalty has been imposed and post-conviction applications for writs of habeas corpus. Its discretionary caseload is comprised primarily of petitions from decisions by the State's fourteen intermediate courts of appeals. Because of its large caseload, the Court has a large central staff. The Court has seventy-one employees, three of whom are with Judicial Education. Each Judge has an executive assistant, a staff attorney, and a law clerk. In addition, the Court has a central staff, which consists of a General Counsel, seventeen attorneys, and one legal assistant. The Clerk's Office consists of an appointed Clerk, a chief deputy clerk, six deputy clerks, a network specialist, one accountant, one records manager, and two assistant records managers.

#### Judicial and Court Personnel Training

The Court also administers Fund 540, the Judicial Court and Personnel Training Fund. The fund provides for the continuing education of judges of all levels, court personnel, prosecuting attorneys, criminal defense attorneys who represent indigents, public defenders, law enforcement officers, constables, law students, and staff. All grantees provide exemplary and highly rated training spanning the wide spectrum of topics pertaining to our system of justice. The specialized training topics include: mental health, innocence, and forensics. Currently, eight entities receive grant funds from this program. Three staff members oversee grant operations: one financial examiner, one program supervisor and one program manager.

#### **Exceptional Items**

The Court requests the following exceptional items for Appellate Court Operations (fund 0001) for FY 2024-2025:

#### (1) Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment

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 state governmental entities outside the judicial branch, the federal courts, and the private legal sector.

The Court of Criminal Appeals is acutely aware of the need to adequately compensate its highly skilled and specialized staff to efficiently and accurately assist the Court in the decision of matters of the highest importance to the jurisprudence of the State of Texas. In concert with the rest of the judicial branch, the Court is therefore seeking a 6% increase in staff salaries this biennium.

Retention and recruiting of highly skilled staff is 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.

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The Court of Criminal 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.

#### (2) Additional Salary Increase for Deputy Clerks

In addition to the request above, the Court is asking for an additional amount of \$39,585 to increase the salary of our deputy clerks. Our deputy clerks are earning less on average than their peers in other Texas appellate courts. Providing a competitive salary is key for the court to hire and retain qualified employees in this key position.

#### (3) Funds for ongoing costs to record Oral Arguments

The 85th legislature passed legislation that required the court to record oral arguments and make the recordings available to the public. Funding was provided to purchase the necessary equipment to make this possible. The court has an interagency agreement with the Office of Court Administration to provide a staff member to complete the recording and provide IT assistance as needed. This funding is requested so we can continue to contract with the Office of Court Administration for this service.

#### (4) Increase for Operating Expenses

Operating expenses for the court have increased due to inflation. In order to maintain current operating levels, funding is needed to meet these increased costs, including equipment service and rental agreements, subscriptions to online periodicals and legal research services (Westlaw, Lexis Nexis), and consumable office supplies.

#### (5) Additional funds for travel to Oral Arguments

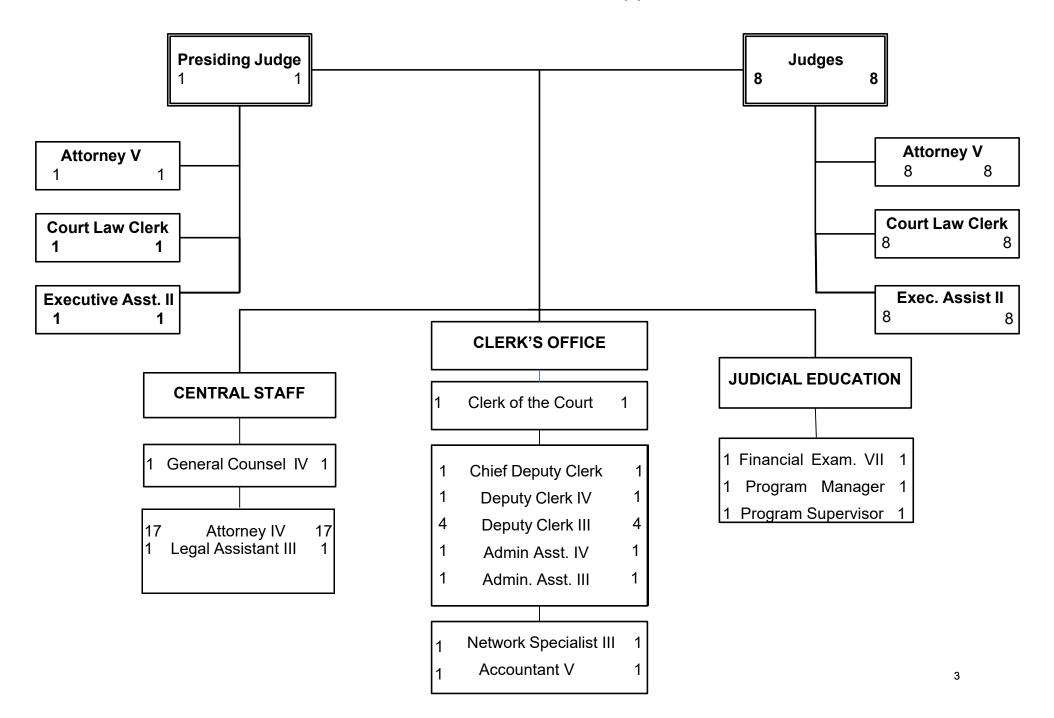
The Court of Criminal Appeals travels at least 2 times per year to hold oral arguments at various law schools around the state of Texas. The costs for travel and to conduct the oral arguments has risen due to inflation. This funding would enable the court to continue to hold these oral arguments and provide this valuable educational tool for law students and the public.

The Court asks that Judicial Education (fund 0540) retain estimated spending authority and retain Riders under 2(b)(2) and Article IX funds, related to mental health education, and retain additional funding for Public Defenders. The Court appreciates the budget flexibility afforded the judiciary through exemptions from certain limitations, and through the ability to carry forward any unexpended balance within the biennium. These factors significantly enhance our management ability, and we request a continuation of these budget features.

In order for the Court of Criminal Appeals to function efficiently, it is vital that the Office of Court Administration (OCA) be adequately funded. The Court of Criminal Appeals relies on many of the services provided by OCA and, therefore, we fully support the exceptional items that OCA requests as part of its funding. More specifically, we 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.

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

**Texas Court of Criminal Appeals** 





# CERTIFICATE

<b>Agency Name</b>	Court of Criminal Appeals

This is to certify that the information contained in the agency Legislative Appropriations Request 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.

Additionally, should it become likely at any time that unexpended balances will accrue for any account, the LBB and the Office of the Governor will be notified in writing in accordance with House Bill 1, Article IX, Section 7.01, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023.

Chief Financial Officer
Deans Williamson
Signature
Deana Williamson
Printed Name
Clerk
Title
August 16, 2024
Date

#### **Budget Overview - Biennial Amounts**

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			21	1 Court of Crim	inal Appeals						
	GENERAL REV	GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS		Appropriation Years: 2026-27  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	13,277,952	13,563,355					69,000	69,000	13,346,952	13,632,355	1,069,196
1.1.2. Appellate Judge Salaries	3,016,374	3,016,374					666,502	666,502	3,682,876	3,682,876	
Total, Go	oal 16,294,326	16,579,729					735,502	735,502	17,029,828	17,315,231	1,069,196
Goal: 2. Judicial Education											
2.1.1. Judicial Education			24,916,640	24,933,280					24,916,640	24,933,280	
Total, Go	oal		24,916,640	24,933,280					24,916,640	24,933,280	
Total, Agen	cy 16,294,326	16,579,729	24,916,640	24,933,280			735,502	735,502	41,946,468	42,248,511	1,069,196
Total FT	Es								71.0	71.0	0.0

#### 2.A. Summary of Base Request by Strategy

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#### 211 Court of Criminal Appeals

Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
1 Appellate Court Operations					
1Appellate Court Operations					
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	5,636,711	6,455,774	6,891,178	6,816,177	6,816,178
2 APPELLATE JUDGE SALARIES	1,803,828	1,833,291	1,849,585	1,841,438	1,841,438
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$7,440,539	\$8,289,065	\$8,740,763	\$8,657,615	\$8,657,616
<ul><li>Judicial Education</li><li>Judicial Education</li></ul>					
1 JUDICIAL EDUCATION	12,261,265	12,500,000	12,416,640	12,466,640	12,466,640
TOTAL, GOAL 2	\$12,261,265	\$12,500,000	\$12,416,640	\$12,466,640	\$12,466,640
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	\$19,701,804	\$20,789,065	\$21,157,403	\$21,124,255	\$21,124,256
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST*				\$0	\$0
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	\$19,701,804	\$20,789,065	\$21,157,403	\$21,124,255	\$21,124,256

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#### 211 Court of Criminal Appeals

Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
METHOD OF FINANCING:					
General Revenue Funds:					
1 General Revenue Fund	7,076,325	7,921,314	8,373,012	8,289,864	8,289,865
SUBTOTAL	\$7,076,325	\$7,921,314	\$8,373,012	\$8,289,864	\$8,289,865
General Revenue Dedicated Funds:					
540 Jud & Court Training Fd	12,261,265	12,500,000	12,416,640	12,466,640	12,466,640
SUBTOTAL	\$12,261,265	\$12,500,000	\$12,416,640	\$12,466,640	\$12,466,640
Other Funds:					
573 Judicial Fund	333,251	333,251	333,251	333,251	333,251
666 Appropriated Receipts	963	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
777 Interagency Contracts	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
SUBTOTAL	\$364,214	\$367,751	\$367,751	\$367,751	\$367,751
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$19,701,804	\$20,789,065	\$21,157,403	\$21,124,255	\$21,124,256

<sup>\*</sup>Rider appropriations for the historical years are included in the strategy amounts.

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Agency code: 211	Agency name: Court of	Criminal Appeals			
METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
GENERAL REVENUE					
1 General Revenue Fund  REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 C	GAA) \$7,044,079	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 G	GAA) \$0	\$7,996,314	\$8,286,685	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 G	GAA) \$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,289,864	\$8,289,865
TRANSFERS					
Senate Bill 30, 88th Legislature Regular Session	\$40,181	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salary Adjustments Article IX, Section 17.16	\$0	\$0	\$11,327	\$0	\$0
LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS					
Lapsed Appropriations					

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Agency code:	211	Agency name: Court of C	riminal Appeals			
METHOD OF F	INANCING	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
GENERAL I	REVENUE	\$(372,072)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Comments: A.1.1, A.1.2 & B.1.1					
UI	NEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY					
	Unexpended Balances Authority	\$168,024	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Comments: Article IV, Strategy A.1.1					
	Unexpended Balances Authority	\$196,113	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Comments: Article IV, Strategy B.1.1		ΨU	φU	ŷÛ	Ψ
		ion, Unexpended Balances Authority (202-	4-25			
'	GAA)	\$0	\$(75,000)	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
	Comments: Art IV, Special Provision Authority (2024-25 GAA)	s - Judiciary Section, Unexpended Balance	es			
ГОТАL,	General Revenue Fund	\$7,076,325	\$7,921,314	\$8,373,012	\$8,289,864	\$8,289,865
ГОТАL, ALL	GENERAL REVENUE					
		\$7,076,325	\$7,921,314	\$8,373,012	\$8,289,864	\$8,289,865

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# 2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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Agency code: 211	Agency name: Court of C	riminal Appeals			
METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
GENERAL REVENUE FUND - DEDICATED					
GR Dedicated - Judicial and Court Personnel Trainin  REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS	ng Fund No. 540				
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-2	23 GAA) \$15,887,828	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-2	25 GAA) \$0	\$15,169,680	\$15,186,320	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-2	27 GAA) \$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,466,640	\$12,466,640
TRANSFERS					
Senate Bill 30, 88th Legislature Regular Session	\$2,053	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS					
Lapsed Appropriations	\$(3,915,021)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lapsed Appropriations					

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Agency code:	211	Agency n	ame: Court of Cri	minal Appeals			
METHOD OF	FINANCING		Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
GENERAL	REVENUE FUND - DED	<u>ICATED</u>					
			\$0	\$(2,719,680)	\$(2,719,680)	\$0	\$0
	-	unds in FY2024 and FY2025 reflect at ees revenue per the regular appropriati					
U	NEXPENDED BALANCES	SAUTHORITY					
	Unexpended Balances Aut	thority for Admin Funds -Rider 2 (a)(1	)(2024-25 GAA) \$(200,000)	\$200,000	\$(200,000)	\$0	\$0
	Comments: GAA, An	rticle IV, Rider 2(a)(1)					
	Unexpended Balances Aut	thority					
			\$486,405	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Comments: GAA, An	rticle IV, Strategy B.1.1					
	Unexpended Balances Aut	thority for Admin Funds -Rider 2 (a)(1	)(2024-25 GAA)				
			\$0	\$(150,000)	\$150,000	\$0	\$0
	Comments: GAA, Ar	rticle IV, Rider 2(A)(1)					
OTAL,	GR Dedicated - Judicia	al and Court Personnel Training Fun	d No. 540				
			\$12,261,265	\$12,500,000	\$12,416,640	\$12,466,640	\$12,466,640
OTAL, ALL	GENERAL REVENUE	E FUND - DEDICATED		242 200 000		0.10.155.510	
			\$12,261,265	\$12,500,000	\$12,416,640	\$12,466,640	\$12,466,640

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Agency code:	Agency code: 211 Agency name: Court of Criminal Appeals									
METHOD OF F	INANCING	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027				
TOTAL,	GR & GR-DEDICATED FUNDS	\$19,337,590	\$20,421,314	\$20,789,652	\$20,756,504	\$20,756,505				
OTHER FU	<u>NDS</u>									
573 Jud	dicial Fund No. 573									
RE	EGULAR APPROPRIATIONS									
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)	\$333,251	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$0	\$333,251	\$333,251	\$0	\$0				
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$333,251	\$333,251				
TOTAL,	Judicial Fund No. 573	\$333,251	\$333,251	\$333,251	\$333,251	\$333,251				
	opropriated Receipts EGULAR APPROPRIATIONS									
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)	\$4,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				

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Agency code: 211	Agency name: Co	urt of Criminal Appeals			
METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp	2023 Est 202	4 Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
OTHER FUNDS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 G	AA)	\$0 \$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27)		\$0 \$0	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500
LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS					
Lapse of Spending Authority	\$(2	537) \$6	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, Appropriated Receipts		963 \$4,500		\$4,500	\$4,500
Interagency Contracts  REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 G	\$AA) \$30	,000 \$6	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 G	AA)	\$0 \$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$0

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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	Req 2026	Req 2027
OTHER FUNDS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27)	)				
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
TOTAL, Interagency Contracts					
	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
TOTAL, ALL OTHER FUNDS	\$364,214	\$367,751	\$367,751	\$367,751	\$367,751
GRAND TOTAL	\$19,701,804	\$20,789,065	\$21,157,403	\$21,124,255	\$21,124,256
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS					
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from the MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)	71.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from the MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	0.0	71.0	71.0	71.0	71.0
UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP					
Unauthorized Number Over(Below)Cap	(4.3)	(2.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES	66.7	69.0	71.0	71.0	71.0

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Agency code: 211 Agency name: Court of Criminal Appeals

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

NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FTEs

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# 2.C. Summary of Base Request by Object of Expense

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# 211 Court of Criminal Appeals

OBJECT OF EXPENSE	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$6,710,717	\$7,538,683	\$8,154,271	\$8,146,124	\$8,146,124
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$313,103	\$268,135	\$195,068	\$146,066	\$146,067
2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$1,500	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100
2003 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$19,385	\$11,200	\$8,400	\$8,400	\$8,400
2004 UTILITIES	\$871	\$1,700	\$1,820	\$1,820	\$1,820
2005 TRAVEL	\$24,489	\$36,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000
2006 RENT - BUILDING	\$7,106	\$8,200	\$8,200	\$8,200	\$8,200
2007 RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$10,003	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$380,267	\$274,753	\$242,026	\$216,444	\$216,444
4000 GRANTS	\$12,234,363	\$12,638,294	\$12,487,518	\$12,537,101	\$12,537,101
OOE Total (Excluding Riders)	\$19,701,804	\$20,789,065	\$21,157,403	\$21,124,255	\$21,124,256
OOE Total (Riders) Grand Total	\$19,701,804	\$20,789,065	\$21,157,403	\$21,124,255	\$21,124,256

2.C.1. Operating Costs Detail ~ Base Request

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Agency Code: 211 Agency: Court of Criminal Appeals

**BASE REQUEST STRATEGY:** 1-1-1 Appellate Court Operations

Code	Type of Expense	Expended	Estimated	Budgeted	Requested	Requested
	D .	017.7(1	ФО ООО	Φ2.000	<b>#2</b> 000	Φ2.000
2	Postage	\$17,761	\$8,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
3	Telephone	14,774	14,000	14,500	14,000	14,000
5	Westlaw/Lexis	38,886	46,000	45,500	44,500	44,500
6	Registrations/Training	3,110	4,725	5,400	3,400	3,400
13	Furniture & Equipment (Expensed)	29,688	6,500	4,000	2,000	2,000
15	Printing & Reproduction	203	350	500	350	350
24	Freight/Delivery	264	35	800	500	500
26	Books (expensed)	10,289	5,846	5,020	3,000	3,000
27	Membership Dues	8,048	9,000	9,100	0	0
28	Liability Insurance	6,401	8,163	9,000	6,320	6,320
61	Purchase of Contract Services	50,275	50,275	20,000	16,000	16,000
64	SORM Assessment	6,104	6,756	6,200	6,227	6,226
76	Maintenance & Repair - Building	90,299	2,540	2,000	0	0
137	Educationa / Training Service	2,000	2,110	2,177	2,000	2,000
187	1% salary benefits fee	43,720	53,600	59,099	59,000	59,000
202	.5% Retirement Contribution	23,057	30,000	29,877	29,877	29,878
	Total, Operating Costs	\$344,879	\$247,900	\$216,173	\$190,174	\$190,174

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2.C.1. Operating Costs Detail ~ Base Request

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Agency Code: 211 Agency: Court of Criminal Appeals

BASE REQUEST STRATEGY: 2-1-1 Judicial Education

Code	Type of Expense	Expended	Estimated	Budgeted	Requested	Requested
6	Designations/Turining	\$9.530	\$5,000	\$5,000	¢5 000	\$5,000
6	Registrations/Training	\$9,330	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$3,000
26	Books (expensed)	1,500	2,234	1,234	1,500	1,500
37	Computer Software / Upgrades	1,500	1,049	1,049	1,200	1,200
45	Telephone/Communication Services	805	900	900	900	900
	Total, Operating Costs	\$13,335	\$9,183	\$8,183	\$8,600	\$8,600

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#### 2.D. Summary of Base Request Objective Outcomes

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# 211 Court of Criminal Appeals

Goal/ Object	tive / Outcome	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
	ate Court Operations  ppellate Court Operations					
KEY	1 Disposition Rate for PDR's Which Are Granted					
		120.00%	123.00%	121.00%	121.00%	121.00%
	2 Disposition Rate for Application for Writs of Hab	eas Corpus				
		107.00%	100.00%	103.00%	103.00%	103.00%
KEY	3 Disposition Rate for Death Penalty Cases					
		114.00%	150.00%	141.00%	141.00%	141.00%
KEY	4 Avg Time (in Days) from the Time PDRs Are Gra	nted until Disposition				
		439.00	504.00	472.00	472.00	472.00
KEY	5 Average Time from Time Filed to Disposition in I	<b>Death Penalty Cases</b>				
		807.00	614.00	700.00	700.00	700.00

### 2.E. Summary of Exceptional Items Request

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Agency code: 211 Agency name: Court of Criminal Appeals

		2026		2027	Bier	nium
Priority Item	GR and GR/GR Dedicated	All Funds F	GR and GR Dedicated	All Funds FT	GR and Es GR Dedicated	All Funds
1 A.1.1 6% Salary Increase	\$367,013	\$367,013	\$367,013	\$367,013	\$734,026	\$734,026
2 Salary Increase for Deputy Cler	rks \$39,585	\$39,585	\$39,585	\$39,585	\$79,170	\$79,170
3 Recording of Oral Arguments	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$96,000	\$96,000
4 A.1.1 Operating Expenses	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
5 Travel Funds	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
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Total, Exceptional Items Request	\$534,598	\$534,598	\$534,598	\$534,598	\$1,069,196	\$1,069,196
Method of Financing						
General Revenue	\$534,598	\$534,598	\$534,598	\$534,598	\$1,069,196	\$1,069,196
General Revenue - Dedicated						
Federal Funds						
Other Funds						
	\$534,598	\$534,598	\$534,598	\$534,598	\$1,069,196	\$1,069,196

**Full Time Equivalent Positions** 

**Number of 100% Federally Funded FTEs** 

#### 2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy

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Agency code: 211 Agency name: **Court of Criminal Appeals** Base Base **Exceptional Exceptional Total Request Total Request** Goal/Objective/STRATEGY 2026 2027 2026 2027 2026 2027 1 Appellate Court Operations 1 Appellate Court Operations \$6,816,177 \$534,598 1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS \$6,816,178 \$534,598 \$7,350,775 \$7,350,776 2 APPELLATE JUDGE SALARIES 1,841,438 1,841,438 0 0 1,841,438 1,841,438 **TOTAL, GOAL 1** \$8,657,616 \$534,598 \$8,657,615 \$534,598 \$9,192,213 \$9,192,214 2 Judicial Education 1 Judicial Education 0 1 JUDICIAL EDUCATION 12,466,640 12,466,640 0 12,466,640 12,466,640 TOTAL, GOAL 2 \$12,466,640 \$12,466,640 **\$0** \$0 \$12,466,640 \$12,466,640 TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST \$21,124,255 \$21,124,256 \$534,598 \$534,598 \$21,658,853 \$21,658,854 TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER

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APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

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# 2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy

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Agency code: 211	Agency name:	Court of Criminal Appeals					
Goal/Objective/STRATEGY		Base 2026	Base 2027	Exceptional 2026	Exceptional 2027	Total Request 2026	Total Request 2027
General Revenue Funds:							
1 General Revenue Fund		\$8,289,864	\$8,289,865	\$534,598	\$534,598	\$8,824,462	\$8,824,463
		\$8,289,864	\$8,289,865	\$534,598	\$534,598	\$8,824,462	\$8,824,463
General Revenue Dedicated Funds:							
540 Jud & Court Training Fd		12,466,640	12,466,640	0	0	12,466,640	12,466,640
		\$12,466,640	\$12,466,640	\$0	\$0	\$12,466,640	\$12,466,640
Other Funds:							
573 Judicial Fund		333,251	333,251	0	0	333,251	333,251
666 Appropriated Receipts		4,500	4,500	0	0	4,500	4,500
777 Interagency Contracts		30,000	30,000	0	0	30,000	30,000
		\$367,751	\$367,751	\$0	\$0	\$367,751	\$367,751
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$21,124,255	\$21,124,256	\$534,598	\$534,598	\$21,658,853	\$21,658,854
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION	IS	71.0	71.0	0.0	0.0	71.0	71.0

#### 2.G. Summary of Total Request Objective Outcomes

Date: 8/17/2024
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Agency co	ode: 211 Agency	name: Court of Criminal Ap	ppeals			
Goal/ <i>Obj</i>	iective / Outcome BL 2026	BL 2027	Excp 2026	Excp 2027	Total Request 2026	Total Request 2027
1 1	Appellate Court Operations  Appellate Court Operations					
KEY	1 Disposition Rate for PDR's Whi	ch Are Granted				
	121.00%	121.00%			121.00%	121.00%
	2 Disposition Rate for Application	for Writs of Habeas Corpus				
	103.00%	103.00%			103.00%	103.00%
KEY	3 Disposition Rate for Death Pena	lty Cases				
	141.00%	141.00%			141.00%	141.00%
KEY	4 Avg Time (in Days) from the Tir	ne PDRs Are Granted until D	Disposition			
	472.00	472.00			472.00	472.00
KEY	5 Average Time from Time Filed t	o Disposition in Death Penal	ty Cases			
	700.00	700.00			700.00	700.00

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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 Mea	asures:					
1 Nu	umber of Cases Disposed	6,670.00	5,957.00	6,250.00	6,250.00	6,250.00
Efficiency M	Measures:					
1 Av	verage time (Days) from the Time FD to Disp for Writs of	58.00	30.00	45.00	45.00	45.00
Habe	eas Corp					
2 Av	verage Time from the Time Filed to Disposition for PDR	45.00	49.00	47.00	47.00	47.00
Objects of E	Expense:					
1001 S	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$4,652,016	\$5,465,920	\$5,975,507	\$5,975,507	\$5,975,507
1002 C	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$270,830	\$206,254	\$155,678	\$106,676	\$106,677
2001 P	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$1,500	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100
2003 C	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$17,019	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
2004 U	JTILITIES	\$871	\$1,700	\$1,820	\$1,820	\$1,820
2005 T	TRAVEL	\$5,862	\$18,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
2006 R	RENT - BUILDING	\$7,106	\$8,200	\$8,200	\$8,200	\$8,200
2007 R	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$8,203	\$8,200	\$8,200	\$8,200	\$8,200
2009 C	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$344,879	\$247,900	\$216,173	\$190,174	\$190,174
4000	GRANTS	\$328,425	\$487,500	\$487,500	\$487,500	\$487,500

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	211 Court of Crimina	n Appeais					
GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations							
OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations			Service Categor	ies:			
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		
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$5,636,711	\$6,455,774	\$6,891,178	\$6,816,177	\$6,816,178		
Method of Financing:							
1 General Revenue Fund	\$5,605,748	\$6,421,274	\$6,856,678	\$6,781,677	\$6,781,678		
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)	\$5,605,748	\$6,421,274	\$6,856,678	\$6,781,677	\$6,781,678		
Method of Financing:							
666 Appropriated Receipts	\$963	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500		
777 Interagency Contracts	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000		
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)	\$30,963	\$34,500	\$34,500	\$34,500	\$34,500		
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)				\$6,816,177	\$6,816,178		
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)	\$5,636,711	\$6,455,774	\$6,891,178	\$6,816,177	\$6,816,178		
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	54.7	57.0	59.0	59.0	59.0		

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

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#### 211 Court of Criminal Appeals

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations

STRATEGY: 1 Appellate Court Operations

Service Categories:

Income: A.2

Age: B.3

CODE DESCRIPTION

Exp 2023

Est 2024

**Bud 2025** 

Service: 01

BL 2026

BL 2027

The Court of Criminal Appeals was created by Article V, Section 4 of the Texas Constitution. The Court of Criminal Appeals consists of eight Judges and one Presiding Judge. This Court has final appellate jurisdiction coextensive with the limits of the state, and its determinations shall be final, in all criminal cases of whatever grade, with such exceptions and under such regulations as may be provided in the Texas Constitution or prescribed by law. The appeal of all cases in which the death penalty has been assessed shall be to the Court of Criminal Appeals. The appeal of all other criminal cases shall be to the Courts of Appeal as prescribed by law. In addition, the Court of Criminal Appeals may, on its own motion, review a decision of a Court of Appeals in a criminal case as provided by law.

#### EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

The main factor which drives this strategy is the need to attract and retain highly trained and knowledgeable staff to work on a challenging caseload.

#### **EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):**

STRATEGY BIENNIA Base Spending (Est 2024 + Bud 2025)	L TOTAL - ALL FUNDS  Baseline Request (BL 2026 + BL 2027)	BIENNIAL CHANGE	EXPLAN \$ Amount	NATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE  Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)
\$13,346,952	\$13,632,355	\$285,403	\$285,403	This amount was added to the General Revenue Base to budget for the 5% salary increases given to state employees in fiscal year 24 and 25.
		_	\$285,403	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

Age: NA

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Service: NA

Income: NA

#### 211 Court of Criminal Appeals

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTIVE: Service Categories: 1 Appellate Court Operations

2 Appellate Judge Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable STRATEGY:

CODE DESCRIPTION	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
Objects of Expense:					
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,755,880	\$1,785,231	\$1,801,525	\$1,793,378	\$1,793,378
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$30,390	\$30,390	\$30,390	\$30,390	\$30,390
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$17,558	\$17,670	\$17,670	\$17,670	\$17,670
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$1,803,828	\$1,833,291	\$1,849,585	\$1,841,438	\$1,841,438
Method of Financing:					
1 General Revenue Fund	\$1,470,577	\$1,500,040	\$1,516,334	\$1,508,187	\$1,508,187
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)	\$1,470,577	\$1,500,040	\$1,516,334	\$1,508,187	\$1,508,187
Method of Financing:					
573 Judicial Fund	\$333,251	\$333,251	\$333,251	\$333,251	\$333,251
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)	\$333,251	\$333,251	\$333,251	\$333,251	\$333,251
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)				\$1,841,438	\$1,841,438
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)	\$1,803,828	\$1,833,291	\$1,849,585	\$1,841,438	\$1,841,438
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0

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	211 Court of Criminal Appeals							
GOAL:	1	Appellate Court Operations						
OBJECTIVE:	1	Appellate Court Operations			Service Categorie	es:		
STRATEGY:	2	Appellate Judge Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable			Service: NA	Income: NA	Age: NA	
CODE	DESC	RIPTION	Exp 2023	Est 2024	<b>Bud 2025</b>	BL 2026	BL 2027	
STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:  EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:								
EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):  STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS  Base Spending (Est 2024 + Bud 2025)  Baseline Request (BL 2026 + BL 2027)  Baseline Request (BL 2026 + BL 2027)  CHANGE  \$ Amount Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)								
		32,876 \$3,682,876	\$0					

Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

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# 211 Court of Criminal Appeals

GOAL: 2 Judicial Education

OBJECTIVE: 1 Judicial Education

STRATEGY: 1 Judicial Education

Service Categories:

Service: 07

Income: A.2

Age: B.3

CODE DESCRIPTION	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
Output Measures:					
KEY 1 Total Number of Participants Trained in Judicial Education Courses	34,228.00	27,557.00	31,740.00	31,740.00	31,740.00
2 Number of Judges Trained in Judicial Education Courses	11,488.00	8,153.00	10,190.00	10,190.00	10,190.00
3 Number of Court Personnel Trained in Judicial Education Courses	11,447.00	9,146.00	8,322.00	8,322.00	8,322.00
4 Number of Constables Trained in Judicial Education Courses	1,726.00	754.00	1,364.00	1,364.00	1,364.00
5 Number of Prosecuting Attorneys and Their Personnel Trained	3,626.00	2,941.00	2,971.00	2,971.00	2,971.00
6 # Of Defense Attorneys And Personnel Trained In Judicial Education	4,759.00	5,134.00	7,503.00	7,503.00	7,503.00
7 Total Number of Law Students Trained in Judicial Education Courses	92.00	59.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
8 Total # Law Enforcement Officers Trained in Judicial Education Courses	316.00	451.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
9 Total Number of Public Defenders Trained in Judicial Education Courses	774.00	919.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
Objects of Expense:					
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$302,821	\$287,532	\$377,239	\$377,239	\$377,239

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# 211 Court of Criminal Appeals

GOAL: 2 Judicial Education

OBJECTIVE: 1 Judicial Education Service Categories:

STRATEGY: 1 Judicial Education

STRATEGY: 1 Judicial Education			Service: 07	Income: A.2	Age: B.3
CODE DESCRIPTION	Exp 2023	Est 2024	Bud 2025	BL 2026	BL 2027
1000 OTHER REPORTS	011.002	021 401	<b>#0.000</b>	<b>#0.000</b>	#0.000
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$11,883	\$31,491	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
2003 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$2,366	\$1,200	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400
2005 TRAVEL	\$18,627	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000
2007 RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$17,830	\$9,183	\$8,183	\$8,600	\$8,600
4000 GRANTS	\$11,905,938	\$12,150,794	\$12,000,018	\$12,049,601	\$12,049,601
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$12,261,265	\$12,500,000	\$12,416,640	\$12,466,640	\$12,466,640
Method of Financing:					
540 Jud & Court Training Fd	\$12,261,265	\$12,500,000	\$12,416,640	\$12,466,640	\$12,466,640
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS - DEDICATED)	\$12,261,265	\$12,500,000	\$12,416,640	\$12,466,640	\$12,466,640
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)				\$12,466,640	\$12,466,640
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)	\$12,261,265	\$12,500,000	\$12,416,640	\$12,466,640	\$12,466,640
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

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211 Court of Criminal Appeals

GOAL: 2 Judicial Education

OBJECTIVE: 1 Judicial Education Service Categories:

STRATEGY: 1 Judicial Education Service: 07 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE DESCRIPTION Exp 2023 Est 2024 Bud 2025 BL 2026 BL 2027

#### STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Court of Criminal Appeals has administered the appropriation for Judicial and Court Personnel Training since the 73rd Legislative Session as authorized by Chapter 56 of the Government Code and Article IV of the General Appropriations Act. The Court of Criminal Appeals oversees the training program and adopts rules relating to the education and training of judges and court personnel of appellate, district, statutory county, constitutional county, and municipal courts, and justices of the peace and their staff, prosecuting attorneys and their staff and criminal defense lawyers who represent indigents and others. The Court of Criminal Appeals provides funding in the form of grants to entities who conduct the education and training programs. The Court of Criminal Appeals awards grants, audits the expenditure of funds provided, and tracks participation in the education and training programs.

#### EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

Many participants of the education and training programs have little or no prior experience in their offices or positions and they rely heavily on the information and materials provided to establish and maintain competency. Judicial and Court Personnel training serves as a preventative so that fewer cases of judicial mishandling appear before the State's Judicial Conduct Commission, and also so that attorneys defending indigents may be properly and continuously trained.

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GOAL: 2 Judicial Education

OBJECTIVE: 1 Judicial Education Service Categories:

STRATEGY: 1 Judicial Education Service: 07 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE DESCRIPTION Exp 2023 Est 2024 Bud 2025 BL 2026 BL 2027

#### **EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):**

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	L TOTAL - ALL FUNDS  Baseline Request (BL 2026 + BL 2027)	BIENNIAL CHANGE	EXPLAN \$ Amount	NATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE  Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)
\$24,916,640	\$24,933,280	\$16,640	\$16,640	This amount was added to GR-D Fund 0540 base to budget for the 5% salary increases given to state employees in fiscal year 24 and 25.
		•	\$16,640	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

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SUMMARY TOTALS:						
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$19,701,804	\$20,789,065	\$21,157,403	\$21,124,255	\$21,124,256	
METHODS OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS):				\$21,124,255	\$21,124,256	
METHODS OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS):	\$19,701,804	\$20,789,065	\$21,157,403	\$21,124,255	\$21,124,256	
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	66.7	69.0	71.0	71.0	71.0	

Agency Code: Agency Name:			Prepared By:	Date:	Request Level:
211	Court	f Criminal Appeals	Terri Counts	08/16/2024	
Current Rider Number	Page Number in 2024–25 GAA		Proposed Rider Langua	ige	

The Court of Criminal Appeals does not have any Rider Revision or Additions requests.

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Agency code: 211 Agency name: Court of Criminal Appeals

DESCRIPTION CODE Excp 2026 Excp 2027

**Item Name:** Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment

**Item Priority:** 1 **IT Component:** No **Anticipated Out-year Costs:** Yes **Involve Contracts > \$50,000:** 

Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-01-01 **Appellate Court Operations** 

**OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:** 

1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	361,590	361,590
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	5,423	5,423
7	TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$367,013	\$367,013

#### METHOD OF FINANCING:

General Revenue Fund 367,013 367,013 \$367,013 \$367,013 TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING

#### **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.

# **EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:**

Retaining experienced and knowledgable staff is essential for the Court to continue to meet its workload.

# PCLS TRACKING KEY:

# **DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS:**

Funding to continue salary increases going forward.

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Agency name: Court of Criminal Appeals

CODE DESCRIPTION Excp 2026 Excp 2027

2028	2029	2030		
\$367,013	\$367,013	\$367,013		

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Agency code: 211 Agency name: Court of Criminal Appeals

DESCRIPTION CODE Excp 2026 Excp 2027

**Item Name:** Additional increase for Deputy Clerks

**Item Priority:** 2 **IT Component:** No **Anticipated Out-year Costs:** Yes

**Involve Contracts > \$50,000:** 

Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-01-01 **Appellate Court Operations** 

**OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:** 

SALARIES AND WAGES 39,000 39,000 1001 1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS 585 585 TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE \$39,585 \$39,585

METHOD OF FINANCING:

General Revenue Fund 39,585 39,585

\$39,585 \$39,585 TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING

#### **DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:**

This funding would bring our deputy clerks' salaries in line with those paid at the Courts of Appeals.

# **EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:**

Retaining experienced Deputy Clerks is key to our court meeting its performance goals.

# PCLS TRACKING KEY:

# **DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS:**

Funding to continue salary increases going forward.

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Agency name: Court of Criminal Appeals

CODE DESCRIPTION Excp 2026 Excp 2027

2028	2029	2030
\$39,585	\$39,585	\$39,585

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Agency code: 211 Agency name: Court of Criminal Appeals

CODE DESCRIPTION Excp 2026 Excp 2027

**Item Name:** Funding for recording of oral arguments.

Item Priority: 3
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:** 

 2009
 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE
 48,000
 48,000

 TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE
 \$48,000
 \$48,000

**METHOD OF FINANCING:** 

1 General Revenue Fund 48,000 48,000

TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING \$48,000 \$48,000

#### **DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:**

The 85th Legislature provided funding to implement HB 214 which requires the court to record its arguments. This funding would enable the Court to continue to pay for ongoing costs.

#### **EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:**

The Court contracts with OCA for this service and funding is needed to continue this contract.

#### PCLS TRACKING KEY:

# **DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS:**

Ongoing costs to continue recording of oral arguments.

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Agency code:

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Agency name: Court of Criminal Appeals

CODE DESCRIPTION Excp 2026 Excp 2027

2028	2029	2030
\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000

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Agency code: 211 Agency name: Court of Criminal Appeals

CODE DESCRIPTION Excp 2026 Excp 2027

Item Name: Increase for Operating Expenses

Item Priority: 4
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:** 

 2003
 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES
 5,000
 5,000

 2009
 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE
 45,000
 45,000

TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE \$50,000 \$50,000

METHOD OF FINANCING:

1 General Revenue Fund 50,000 50,000

TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING \$50,000 \$50,000

#### **DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:**

Operating costs including consumable supplies, and contracts with Lexis Nexis and Westlaw have increased.

# **EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:**

These funds are needed to meet increased operating costs due to inflation to maintain current operating levels.

# PCLS TRACKING KEY:

# **DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS:**

Funding to continue budget for these expenses.

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Agency name: Court of Criminal Appeals

CODE DESCRIPTION Excp 2026 Excp 2027

2028	2029	2030
\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

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Agency code: 211 Agency name: Court of Criminal Appeals

CODE DESCRIPTION Excp 2026 Excp 2027

Item Name: Increase in travel funds for Oral Arguments

Item Priority: 5
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:** 

2005 TRAVEL 30,000 30,000

TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE \$30,000 \$30,000

**METHOD OF FINANCING:** 

1 General Revenue Fund 30,000 30,000

TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING \$30,000 \$30,000

# **DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:**

This funding would be used for the costs for travel for 9 judges and the clerk to oral arguments held at law schools in the state.

# **EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:**

Travel costs have increased with inflation.

Having oral arguments at various law schools provides a valuable learning experience for law students and the public who attend.

#### PCLS TRACKING KEY:

# **DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS:**

To continue to fund travel for oral arguments going forward.

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Agency code:

211

Agency name: Court of Criminal Appeals

CODE DESCRIPTION Excp 2026 Excp 2027

2028	2029	2030
\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000

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**Court of Criminal Appeals** Agency code: 211 Agency name: Code Description Excp 2026 Excp 2027 Item Name: Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment Allocation to Strategy: 1-1-1 **Appellate Court Operations OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:** SALARIES AND WAGES 361,590 361,590 1001 1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS 5,423 5,423 TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE \$367,013 \$367,013 **METHOD OF FINANCING:** 367,013 1 General Revenue Fund 367,013 TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING \$367,013 \$367,013

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Agency code: 211	Agency name: Cou	art of Criminal Appeals		
Code Description			Excp 2026	Excp 2027
Code Description			EACP 2020	Excp 2027
Item Name:	Additional increa	ase for Deputy Clerks		
Allocation to Strategy:	1-1-1	Appellate Court Operations		
<b>OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:</b>				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES		39,000	39,000
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS		585	585
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXP	ENSE		\$39,585	\$39,585
METHOD OF FINANCING	G:			
1	General Revenue Fund		39,585	39,585
TOTAL, METHOD OF FIN	NANCING		\$39,585	\$39,585

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Agency code: 211	Agency name: Cou	rt of Criminal Appeals		
Code Description			Ехср 2026	Excp 2027
Item Name:	Funding for recor	ding of oral arguments.		
Allocation to Strategy:	1-1-1	Appellate Court Operations		
<b>OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:</b>				
2009 OTH	IER OPERATING EXPENS	E	48,000	48,000
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE			\$48,000	\$48,000
METHOD OF FINANCING:				
1 Genera	al Revenue Fund		48,000	48,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCI	NG		\$48,000	\$48,000

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Agency code: 211	Agency name: Cou	rt of Criminal Appeals		
Code Description			Excp 2026	Excp 2027
Item Name:	Increase for Open	ating Expenses		
Allocation to Strategy:	1-1-1	Appellate Court Operations		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:				
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES		5,000	5,000
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENS	E	45,000	45,000
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXP	ENSE		\$50,000	\$50,000
METHOD OF FINANCING	G:			
1	General Revenue Fund		50,000	50,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FIN	NANCING		\$50,000	\$50,000

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Agency code: 211	Agency name: Cou	rt of Criminal Appeals		
Code Description			Excp 2026	Excp 2027
Item Name:	Increase in travel	funds for Oral Arguments		
Allocation to Strategy:	1-1-1	Appellate Court Operations		
<b>OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:</b>				
2005 TRA	VEL		30,000	30,000
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE			\$30,000	\$30,000
METHOD OF FINANCING:				
1 Genera	al Revenue Fund		30,000	30,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING			\$30,000	\$30,000

# 4.C. Exceptional Items Strategy Request

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Agency Code:	211	Agency name:	<b>Court of Criminal Appeals</b>		
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 DESCRI	PTION			Ехср 2026	Excp 2027
OBJECTS OF EX	XPENSE:				
1001 SALAF	RIES AND WAGES			400,590	400,590
1002 OTHER	R PERSONNEL COSTS			6,008	6,008
2003 CONSU	UMABLE SUPPLIES			5,000	5,000
2005 TRAVE	EL			30,000	30,000
2009 OTHER	R OPERATING EXPENSE			93,000	93,000
Total, C	Objects of Expense			\$534,598	\$534,598
METHOD OF FI	NANCING:				
1 Genera	l Revenue Fund			534,598	534,598

# **EXCEPTIONAL ITEM(S) INCLUDED IN STRATEGY:**

**Total, Method of Finance** 

Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment

Additional increase for Deputy Clerks

Funding for recording of oral arguments.

Increase for Operating Expenses

Increase in travel funds for Oral Arguments

# 6.A. Historically Underutilized Business Supporting Schedule

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Agency Code: 211 Agency: Court of Criminal Appeals

# COMPARISON TO STATEWIDE HUB PROCUREMENT GOALS

# A. Fiscal Year - HUB Expenditure Information

						Total					Total
Statewide	Procurement		HUB E	xpenditures	FY 2022	Expenditures	}	HUB Ex	penditures F	Y 2023	Expenditures
<b>HUB Goals</b>	Category	% Goal	% Actual	Diff	Actual \$	FY 2022	% Goal	% Actual	Diff	Actual \$	FY 2023
11.2%	Heavy Construction	11.2 %	0.0%	-11.2%	\$0	\$0	11.2 %	0.0%	-11.2%	\$0	\$0
21.1%	<b>Building Construction</b>	21.1 %	0.0%	-21.1%	\$0	\$0	21.1 %	0.0%	-21.1%	\$0	\$0
32.9%	Special Trade	32.9 %	0.0%	-32.9%	\$0	\$0	32.9 %	0.0%	-32.9%	\$0	\$155
23.7%	Professional Services	23.7 %	0.0%	-23.7%	\$0	\$0	23.7 %	0.0%	-23.7%	\$0	\$0
26.0%	Other Services	26.0 %	0.0%	-26.0%	\$0	\$60,799	26.0 %	0.0%	-26.0%	\$0	\$51,398
21.1%	Commodities	21.1 %	24.4%	3.3%	\$15,060	\$61,847	21.1 %	21.3%	0.2%	\$10,179	\$47,736
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>		12.3%		\$15,060	\$122,646		10.3%		\$10,179	\$99,289

#### B. Assessment of Attainment of HUB Procurement Goals

**Attainment:** 

Applicability:

# **Factors Affecting Attainment:**

In the Other Services category, the bulk of purchases was for legal research such as Lexis Nexis and Westlaw online and not available from any other sources.

# C. Good-Faith Efforts to Increase HUB Participation

# Outreach Efforts and Mentor-Protégé Programs:

The Court has not had any purchases or projects that would be applicable to the mentor program.

# **HUB Program Staffing:**

The Court does not have an FTE that is solely devoted to the HUB program; however, every effort is made to purchase from HUB vendors whenever possible.

# **Current and Future Good-Faith Efforts:**

The Court of Criminal Appeals has made good faith effort to comply with all the rules and requirements of the statewide HUB program and will continue to purchase from HUB vendors whenever possible.

# **6.E. Estimated Revenue Collections Supporting Schedule**

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Agency Code: 211 Agency name: Court of Criminal Appeals					
FUND/ACCOUNT	Act 2023	Exp 2024	Est 2025	Est 2026	Est 2027
540 Jud & Court Training Fd					
Beginning Balance (Unencumbered):	\$6,547,274	\$6,774,528	\$5,069,356	\$3,472,356	\$1,958,716
Estimated Revenue:					
3704 Court Costs	5,929,153	4,441,004	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000
3711 Judicial Fees	6,657,411	6,350,105	6,400,000	6,400,000	6,400,000
3719 Fees/Copies or Filing of Records	702	3,719	3,000	3,000	3,000
Subtotal: Actual/Estimated Revenue	12,587,266	10,794,828	10,903,000	10,903,000	10,903,000
Total Available	\$19,134,540	\$17,569,356	\$15,972,356	\$14,375,356	\$12,861,716
EDUCTIONS:					
Expended/Budgeted/Requested	(12,297,597)	(12,429,985)	(12,429,985)	(12,346,625)	(12,346,625)
Transfer-Employee Benefits	(62,415)	(70,015)	(70,015)	(70,015)	(70,015)
Prior Year Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Total, Deductions	\$(12,360,012)	\$(12,500,000)	\$(12,500,000)	\$(12,416,640)	\$(12,416,640)
nding Fund/Account Balance	\$6,774,528	\$5,069,356	\$3,472,356	\$1,958,716	\$445,076

# REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS:

Consistent allocation and collection of court costs.

# **CONTACT PERSON:**

Judge Barbara Hervey

# Prepared By: Alexander Comsudi

Agency: Court of Criminal Appeals

Program Name	Service Type (select from dropdown)	Agency Budget Strategy	Summary Description (Please limit your summary to 2-4 short sentences)	Fund Type	FY 2022 Expended	FY 2023 E	Expended	FY 2024 Budgeted		FY 2025 Appropriated	Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan Strategies	Comments
				GR	\$ 437,500	\$	437,500		_	437,500		
Judicial and Court Personnel Mental Health Education and Training Program  B.1.1.Judicial Education Education			The program(s) will be decirated to follow a recetar	GR-D	\$ 131,000	\$	131,000	\$ 131,000	\$	131,000		
			The program(s) will be designed to follow a master strategic plan to assist criminal justice stakeholders in	FF	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-		
		identifying, assessing, and providing proper treatment	IAC	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$	<u>-</u>			
	for alleged offenders with mental health conditions.	Other	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	  -			
	Education and Training		The program will encompass an appreciation for mental health disorders, treatment options and legislative enactments designed to facilitate proper treatment, deferment or placement of mentally impaired people. An across-the-board approach to statewide mental health behavioral issues will allow all stakeholders to understand the roles of all involved as to best address the needs of citizens.	Subtotal							5.1.1; 5.1.2; 5.2.1	
					\$ 568,500	\$	568,500	\$ 568,500	\$	568,500		
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				GR-D	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$	<u>-</u>		
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				IAC	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-		
				Other	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-		
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				IAC	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	· \$	<u>-</u>	1	
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				GR	\$ -	\$	_	\$ -	. \$	_		

# Fiscal Year 2019 Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinated Expenditure Proposal Data Collection Template

Program Name	Service Type (select from dropdown)	Agency Budget Strategy	Summary Description (Please limit your summary to 2-4 short sentences)	Fund Type	FY 2022 Expended	FY 2023 Expended	FY 2024 Budgeted	FY 2025 Appropriated	Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan Strategies	Comments
				GR-D	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
				FF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
				IAC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
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				Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
				Subtotal			\$ -	\$ -		
			Age	ncy Total	\$ 568,500	\$ 568,500	\$ 568,500	\$ 568,500		