



**OPERATING BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

Submitted to the
Office of the Governor, Budget and Policy Division,
and the Legislative Budget Board

by

**COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE
SECOND COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT
FORT WORTH (222)**

December 1, 2025

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CERTIFICATE

Agency Name SECOND COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT

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.

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 Senate Bill 1, Article IX, Section 7.01, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025.

~~Chief~~ Executive Office or Presiding Judge

Bonnie Sudderth
Signature

Bonnie Sudderth
Printed Name

Chief Justice
Title

December 1, 2025
Date

Board or Commission Chair

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

Chief Financial Officer

Clarissa Hodges
Signature

Clarissa Hodges
Printed Name

Clerk of the Court
Title

December 1, 2025
Date

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

222 Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

	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	3,417,517	3,757,602			73,863	61,000	3,491,380	3,818,602		
1.1.2. Appellate Justice Salaries	1,077,724	1,429,495			213,050	213,050	1,290,774	1,642,545		
Total, Goal	4,495,241	5,187,097			286,913	274,050	4,782,154	5,461,147		
Total, Agency	4,495,241	5,187,097			286,913	274,050	4,782,154	5,461,147		
Total FTEs									35.8	36.0

2.A. Summary of Budget By Strategy

DATE : 12/1/2025

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Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

Agency code: 222 Agency name: Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
1 Appellate Court Operations			
1 Appellate Court Operations			
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$3,355,376	\$3,491,380	\$3,818,602
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$1,256,586	\$1,290,774	\$1,642,545
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$4,611,962	\$4,782,154	\$5,461,147

2.A. Summary of Budget By Strategy

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Agency code: 222 Agency name: Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
General Revenue Funds:			
1 General Revenue Fund	\$4,313,702	\$4,495,241	\$5,187,097
	\$4,313,702	\$4,495,241	\$5,187,097
Other Funds:			
573 Judicial Fund	\$213,050	\$213,050	\$213,050
666 Appropriated Receipts	\$31,210	\$19,863	\$7,000
777 Interagency Contracts	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$54,000
	\$298,260	\$286,913	\$274,050
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$4,611,962	\$4,782,154	\$5,461,147
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS	35.3	35.8	36.0

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
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Agency code: 222 Agency name: Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>			
<u>1</u> General Revenue Fund			
<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$4,272,106	\$4,401,066	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$21,714	\$55,902	\$0
Comments: Increase in estimated and non-transferable Strategy A.1.2. funds due to changes in judicial salary requirements.			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$4,681,276
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$49,890
Comments: Increase in estimated and non-transferable Strategy A.1.2. funds due to changes in judicial salary requirements.			
<i>RIDER APPROPRIATION</i>			
Art. IX, Sec. 18.83, Contingency for SB 293	\$0	\$0	\$326,675
Comments: Additional allocation from Comptroller necessary to implement judicial salary increase.			
<i>TRANSFERS</i>			
Art. IX, Sec. 17.16, Appropriation for a Salary Increase for General State Employees (2024-25 GAA)	\$19,882	\$38,273	\$0
Comments: Additional allocation from Comptroller necessary to implement 5 percent salary increase.			
Art. IX, Sec. 17.15, Appropriation for a Salary Increase for Licensed Attorneys in Certain Positions (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$129,256
Comments: Additional allocation from Comptroller necessary to implement 6 percent salary increase for attorneys in certain positions.			
TOTAL, General Revenue Fund	\$4,313,702	\$4,495,241	\$5,187,097

2.B. Summary of Budget By Method of Finance
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DATE: 12/1/2025
 TIME: 4:21:07PM

Agency code: 222 Agency name: Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
TOTAL, ALL	GENERAL REVENUE	\$4,313,702	\$4,495,241	\$5,187,097
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>				
<u>573</u>	Judicial Fund No. 573			
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$213,050	\$213,050	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$213,050
TOTAL,	Judicial Fund No. 573	\$213,050	\$213,050	\$213,050
<u>666</u>	Appropriated Receipts			
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$7,000
	<i>RIDER APPROPRIATION</i>			
	Art. IX, Sec. 8.02, Reimbursements and Payments (2024-25 GAA)	\$24,000	\$15,000	\$0
	Comments: Art. IV, Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department, Rider 9 reimbursement for fees paid to staff attorneys assisting judges assigned to cases in addition to their ordinary caseload.			
	<i>LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$(790)	\$(3,137)	\$0
	Comments: Collections less than the Regular Appropriations amount.			
TOTAL,	Appropriated Receipts	\$31,210	\$19,863	\$7,000

2.B. Summary of Budget By Method of Finance
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Agency code: 222 Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
<u>777</u> Interagency Contracts			
<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$54,000
TOTAL, Interagency Contracts	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$54,000
TOTAL, ALL OTHER FUNDS	\$298,260	\$286,913	\$274,050
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,611,962	\$4,782,154	\$5,461,147

FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS			
<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	37.0	37.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	0.0	0.0	36.0
<i>UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP</i>			
Unauthorized Number Under (Below) Cap	(1.7)	(1.2)	0.0
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES	35.3	35.8	36.0

NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FTES

2.C. Summary of Budget By Object of Expense
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DATE: 12/1/2025
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Agency code: 222

Agency name: Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

OBJECT OF EXPENSE	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$4,127,968	\$4,380,143	\$5,074,140
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$287,579	\$225,055	\$129,112
2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$500
2003 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$10,743	\$10,903	\$16,000
2004 UTILITIES	\$585	\$1,516	\$1,600
2005 TRAVEL	\$15,021	\$13,113	\$43,000
2007 RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$858	\$858	\$900
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$169,208	\$150,566	\$195,895
Agency Total	\$4,611,962	\$4,782,154	\$5,461,147

2.D. Summary of Budget By Objective Outcomes
 89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
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Date : 12/1/2025
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Agency code: 222 Agency name: Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

Goal/ Objective / OUTCOME	Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud2026
1 Appellate Court Operations			
1 <i>Appellate Court Operations</i>			
KEY 1 Clearance Rate	101.18 %	99.09 %	100.00 %
KEY 2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	98.60 %	97.90 %	100.00 %
KEY 3 Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	99.93 %	99.81 %	100.00 %

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

DATE: 12/1/2025

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Agency code: 222 Agency name: Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

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	548.00	588.00	547.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Disposed	395.00	390.00	358.00
Explanatory/Input Measures:				
1	Number of Civil Cases Filed	571.00	636.00	605.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Filed	429.00	497.00	435.00
3	Number of Cases Transferred in	1.00	0.00	3.00
4	Number of Cases Transferred out	138.00	212.00	135.00
Objects of Expense:				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$2,908,368	\$3,129,743	\$3,482,165
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$250,593	\$184,681	\$78,542
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$500
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$10,743	\$10,903	\$16,000
2004	UTILITIES	\$585	\$1,516	\$1,600
2005	TRAVEL	\$15,021	\$13,113	\$43,000
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$858	\$858	\$900
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$169,208	\$150,566	\$195,895
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$3,355,376	\$3,491,380	\$3,818,602
Method of Financing:				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$3,270,166	\$3,417,517	\$3,757,602
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$3,270,166	\$3,417,517	\$3,757,602
Method of Financing:				
666	Appropriated Receipts	\$31,210	\$19,863	\$7,000

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Agency code: **222** Agency name: **Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth**

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
777	Interagency Contracts	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$54,000
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$85,210	\$73,863	\$61,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :		\$3,355,376	\$3,491,380	\$3,818,602
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		28.3	28.8	29.0

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

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Agency code: 222 Agency name: Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

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	\$1,219,600	\$1,250,400	\$1,591,975
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$36,986	\$40,374	\$50,570
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$1,256,586	\$1,290,774	\$1,642,545
Method of Financing:				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$1,043,536	\$1,077,724	\$1,429,495
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$1,043,536	\$1,077,724	\$1,429,495
Method of Financing:				
573	Judicial Fund	\$213,050	\$213,050	\$213,050
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$213,050	\$213,050	\$213,050
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :		\$1,256,586	\$1,290,774	\$1,642,545
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		7.0	7.0	7.0

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

DATE: 12/1/2025

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SUMMARY TOTALS:

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$4,611,962	\$4,782,154	\$5,461,147
METHODS OF FINANCE :	\$4,611,962	\$4,782,154	\$5,461,147
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	35.3	35.8	36.0