

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET INFORMATION 36TH DISTRICT COURT (60)

MISSION

The 36th District Court is to administer justice with fairness, equality and integrity, to resolve matters before the Court in a timely manner with trained and motivated staff and to provide courteous and prompt service in a manner that inspires public trust and confidence.

DESCRIPTION

The 36th District Court is a limited jurisdiction court serving the city of Detroit. The Court has exclusive jurisdiction in all litigation up to \$25,000 and handles small claims and landlord/tenant proceedings. The 36th District Court handles a large volume of civil infraction traffic violations, drunk driving, misdemeanor and felony arraignments, and some parking violations, among various other court responsibilities. Criminal Jurisdiction includes all misdemeanor criminal offenses and preliminary examination of felony offenses. Annual case filings exceed 450,000, the majority of which are handled in the Traffic and Ordinance Division. Michigan's largest limited jurisdiction court, the 36th District Court has 31 judges, 6 magistrates, and over 400 employees at a single location in downtown Detroit. The 36th District Court is one of the busiest courts in the nation. On a monthly basis, more than 160,000 citizens conduct business at the court, and in excess of 65,000 telephone inquiries are received.

MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR FY 2009-10

The 36th District Court's main focus this fiscal year is on obtaining sufficient funding to maintain the court at full operation, fill current vacancies, purchase technology that

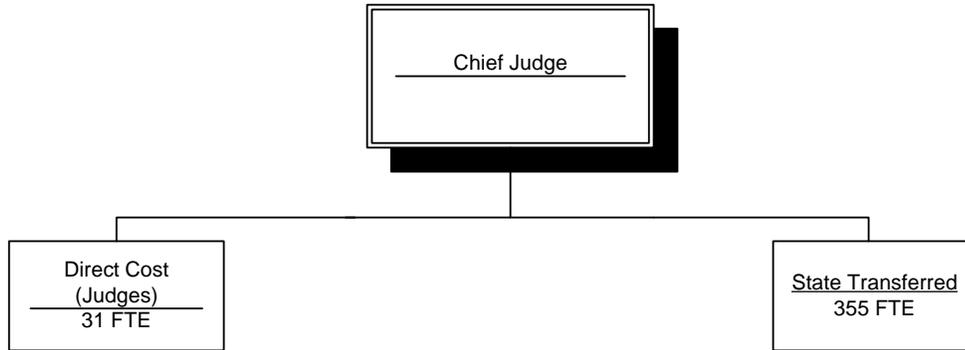
will improve court operations, provide speedy and efficient service to the public, and meet the Michigan Supreme Court's Administrative Order 2003-7 time guidelines for the adjudication of cases. For the past several years, the Court has experienced the challenge of continuing court operations while facing significant reductions in appropriations. As a result, the court has instituted a hiring freeze, eliminated all but essential overtime and postponed the purchase of new technologies.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE FOR FY 2010-11, FY 2011-12 and BEYOND

In the future, the 36th District Court would like to introduce new technologies that improve the timeliness and effectiveness of court operations. Ecitation is one new technology that would improve court operations by providing the Court with the means to electronically download traffic ticket information directly into our computer system. This would improve the Court's effectiveness and reduce costs by eliminating the need to manually enter each ticket into the database.

The 36th District Court continues to hold its vision of becoming nationally recognized as a leader in providing innovative, cost - effective and efficient administration of justice. One of the most cost effective ways to materialize this vision is through the use of technology. By using technology, the Court will not only enhance internal processes but also provide better services to the community.

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PERFORMANCE GOALS, MEASURES AND TARGETS

Type of Performance Measure: List of Measures	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Projection	2010-11 Target
Output: Units of Activity directed towards Goals			
Felony	9,448	9,500	10,000
Misdemeanor	71,504	72,000	73,000
Civil Infractions	7,063	7,500	8,000
Traffic and Ordinance			
Misdemeanor and Civil Infractions	250,893	260,000	265,000
Operating under the Influence of Liquor (OUI/OWI)	3,274	3,300	3,500
Civil Division			
General	43,130	45,000	46,000
Small Claims	3,986	4,000	5,000
Real Estate	35,446	37,000	38,000
Total Cases	424,744	438,300	448,500

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EXPENDITURES

	2008-09 Actual Expense	2009-10 Redbook	2010-11 Mayor's Budget Rec	Variance	Variance Percent
Salary & Wages	\$ 21,628,832	\$ 18,445,068	\$ 18,445,068	-	0%
Employee Benefits	11,136,591	12,570,444	12,273,217	(297,227)	-2%
Prof/Contractual	2,203,307	1,991,401	2,173,071	181,670	9%
Operating Supplies	704,504	720,000	720,000	-	0%
Operating Services	8,426,095	10,189,828	10,326,835	137,007	1%
Capital Equipment	44,325	63,450	50,200	(13,250)	-21%
Other Expenses	1,710,309	921,730	859,890	(61,840)	-7%
TOTAL	\$ 45,853,963	\$ 44,901,921	\$ 44,848,281	\$ (53,640)	0%
POSITIONS	452	386	386	-	0%

REVENUES

	2008-09 Actual Revenue	2009-10 Redbook	2010-11 Mayor's Budget Rec	Variance	Variance Percent
Fines/Forfeits/Penalties	\$ 7,407,044	\$ 8,600,000	\$ 7,500,000	\$ (1,100,000)	-13%
Grants/Shared Taxes	223,954	828,232	837,782	9,550	1%
Sales & Charges	11,098,129	12,046,127	11,902,444	(143,683)	-1%
TOTAL	\$ 18,729,127	\$ 21,474,359	\$ 20,240,226	\$ (1,234,133)	-6%

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