

# JUDICIARY

## DEPARTMENT MISSION

To provide the citizens of Dallas with an independent, fair and competent court system which will interpret and apply the laws that govern us in keeping with the American concepts of justice, the rule of law, judiciary.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### Judiciary

Through courtroom hearings and ancillary docket program support, the Judiciary is responsible for the disposition of all cases filed in the municipal court system alleging violations of State statutes and City ordinances. An administrative judge, nine municipal judges, eighteen associate municipal judges, sixteen bailiffs (including a supervisor), one executive assistant and four clerical staff are responsible for service delivery.

## OBJECTIVES FOR FY 2004-2005

- Continue efforts to make the Municipal Court more efficient and user-friendly
- Continue efforts to lessen the length of time between arrest/issuance of citation and the date of trial, especially in code violation cases
- Assist in the drafting of plans for the new Municipal Courthouse to accommodate larger dockets and with room to grow for future years
- Assist in analysis of procedure by which defendants are arrested and incarcerated for City of Dallas offenses, and whether or not positive modifications should be implemented
- Assure the success of the Community Court at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center
- Encouragement of pro bono legal representation by the bar and/or law schools in certain types of alleged offenses
- Shortening the time for issuance of alias/capias warrants
- Encouragement of potential employers to be on hand during special Saturday "homeless defendant" dockets

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## MAJOR BUDGET ITEMS

- Add 3.2 regular FTEs (1 Municipal Judge, 2 Bailiffs, 1 Hearing Officer) and \$236,779 to implement civil adjudication process for property code violations
- Delete 4.0 regular FTEs and \$467,000 with corresponding reimbursement from Dallas County as a result of transferring Truancy Court back to Dallas County subsequent to June 2003 jurisdictional change
- Delete \$95,349 reimbursement from Security Fund

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## EXPENDITURES (By Category)

	FY 2002-03 Actual	FY 2003-04 Budget	FY 2003-04 Estimate	FY 2004-05 Adopted
Salaries and Benefits	2,355,021	2,816,846	2,263,110	2,686,599
Supplies and Materials	21,756	10,245	10,245	23,440
Other Services and Charges	92,199	43,461	59,248	66,759
Capital Outlays	2,229	14,820	21,925	2,400
Reimbursements	(442,956)	(999,078)	(416,491)	(436,129)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>2,028,249</u>	<u>1,886,294</u>	<u>1,938,037</u>	<u>2,343,069</u>

## EXPENDITURES (By Program)

Judiciary	2,028,249	1,886,294	1,938,037	2,343,069
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>2,028,249</u>	<u>1,886,294</u>	<u>1,938,037</u>	<u>2,343,069</u>

## FTEs (By Type)

Regular	34.4	34.4	32.4	33.6
Overtime	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1
Temporary Help	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Day Labor	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>34.6</u>	<u>34.6</u>	<u>32.8</u>	<u>33.8</u>

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## GENERAL FUND

**2,343,069**

## ADDITIONAL OPERATING RESOURCES

NONE

0

**TOTAL**

0

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**2,343,069**

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