

## **DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET INFORMATION 36<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT OF DETROIT (60)**

### **MISSION**

To administrate 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 36<sup>th</sup> 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 36<sup>th</sup> 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 420,000, the majority of which are handled in the Traffic and Ordinance Division. Michigan's largest limited jurisdiction court, the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court has 31 judges and 6 magistrates at a single location in downtown Detroit. The 36<sup>th</sup> 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 more than 65,000 telephone inquiries are received.

### **MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR FY 2012-2013:**

The 36<sup>th</sup> District Court's main focus this fiscal year is to obtain sufficient funding to

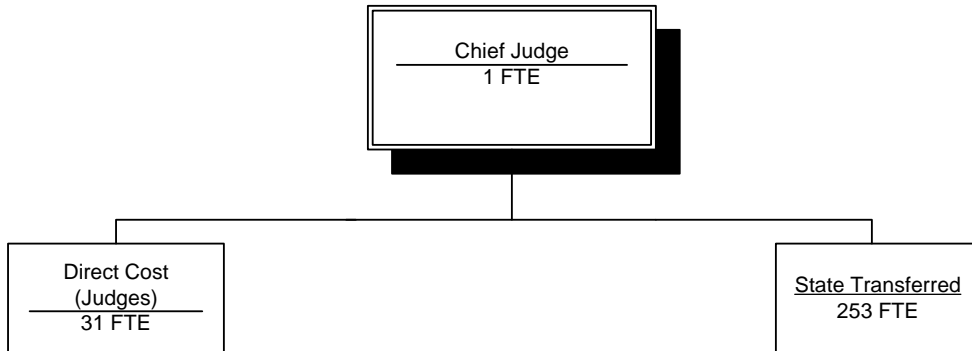
maintain the court at full operation, fill current vacancies, purchase technology that will improve court operations, provide speedy and efficient service to the public, and meet the Michigan Supreme Court's Administrative Order 2003-7 time guidelines for the adjudication of cases. For the past several 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 FY2013-14, FY2014-15 and BEYOND**

In the future, the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court would like to introduce new technologies that improve the timeliness and effectiveness of court operations. Electronic ticketing 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 36<sup>th</sup> District Court aims to become nationally recognized as a leader in providing innovative, cost-effective and efficient administration of justice. One of the most cost-effective ways to realize 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**

<b>Type of Performance Measure:</b>	<b>2011-12 Actual</b>	<b>2012-13 Projection</b>	<b>2013-14 Target</b>
List of Measures			
<b>Output: Units of Activity directed towards Goals</b>			
Felony	10,241	10,753	11,291
Misdemeanor	37,495	39,370	41,339
Civil Infractions	7,149	7,506	7,881
Misdemeanors and Civil Infractions	226,157	237,465	249,338
Operating under the Influence of Liquor (OUI/OWI)	562	590	620
General	27,171	28,530	29,956
Small Claims	2,921	3,067	3,220
Real Estate	34,207	35,917	37,713
Total Cases	345,903	363,198	381,358

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**EXPENDITURES**

	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		
	Actual		2012-13		Mayor's	Variance	
	Expense		Redbook		Budget Rec	Variance	
						Percent	
Salary & Wages	\$ 18,826,161	\$	14,588,905	\$	14,588,905	\$ -	0%
Employee Benefits	12,390,365		11,947,481		12,761,118	813,637	7%
Prof/Contractual	2,238,370		2,272,600		2,355,600	83,000	4%
Operating Supplies	497,202		643,000		562,000	(81,000)	-13%
Operating Services	3,943,434		1,516,269		1,606,120	89,851	6%
Capital Equipment	68,375		62,862		62,862	-	0%
Other Expenses	2,309		2,000		2,000	-	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 37,966,216</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>31,033,117</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>31,938,605</b>	<b>\$ 905,488</b>	<b>3%</b>
POSITIONS	-		285		285	0	0%

**REVENUES**

	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		
	Actual		2012-13		Mayor's	Variance	
	Revenue		Redbook		Budget Rec	Variance	
						Percent	
Fines/Forfeits/Penalties	\$ 6,179,752	\$	7,336,000	\$	6,336,000	\$ (1,000,000)	-14%
Grants/Shared Taxes	364,292		-		-	-	0%
Sales & Charges	10,033,927		10,232,444		10,014,098	-218,346	-2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 16,577,971</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,568,444</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,350,098</b>	<b>\$ (1,218,346)</b>	<b>-7%</b>

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