

Judiciary - Court of Appeals

	FY 2025 ACTUAL	FY 2026 ESTIMATE	FY 2027 APPROVED
PROGRAM BUDGET			
Division I	16,044,200	16,662,200	17,300,500
Division II	8,345,200	8,646,500	8,876,200
Operating Budget Lump Sum Reduction	0	0	(638,800)
AGENCY TOTAL	24,389,400	25,308,700	25,537,900
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	162.8	163.8	163.8 ^{1/}
Personal Services	14,557,700	15,621,100	15,911,400
Employee Related Expenditures	7,219,900	7,797,700	8,462,400
Professional and Outside Services	409,900	36,600	36,600
Travel - In State	159,900	211,000	211,000
Travel - Out of State	14,600	15,600	15,600
Other Operating Expenditures	2,027,400	1,616,700	1,539,700
Equipment	0	10,000	0
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	24,389,400	25,308,700	26,176,700 ^{2/3/}
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
Operating Budget Lump Sum Reduction	0	0	(638,800)
AGENCY TOTAL	24,389,400	25,308,700	25,537,900
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	24,389,400	25,308,700	25,537,900
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	24,389,400	25,308,700	25,537,900
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	24,389,400	25,308,700	25,537,900

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The Court of Appeals has jurisdiction in all proceedings appealable from the Superior Court except criminal death penalty cases, which are automatically appealed to the Supreme Court. Division I also has statewide responsibility for reviewing appeals from the Arizona Corporation Commission, Industrial Commission, the Department of Economic Security unemployment compensation rulings, and the Arizona Tax Court. Division I convenes in Phoenix and encompasses the counties of Apache, Coconino, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Yavapai, and Yuma. Division II convenes in Tucson and encompasses the counties of Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Pima, Pinal, and Santa Cruz.

FOOTNOTES

- ^{1/} Of the 163.8 FTE positions for fiscal year 2026-2027, 112.3 FTE positions are for division one and 51.5 FTE positions are for division two. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- ^{2/} Pursuant to section 41-1904, Arizona Revised Statutes, as of January 1, 2027, the annual salary for a judge of the court of appeals is \$220,000. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- ^{3/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum by Subprogram.

Operating Budget

The budget includes \$26,176,700 and 163.8 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2027 for the operating budget. These amounts include \$17,300,500 and 112.3 FTE Positions for Division I and \$8,876,200 and 51.5 FTE Positions for Division II. Adjustments are as follows:

FY 2025 Judicial Salary Increase

The budget includes an increase of \$252,200 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for full implementation of a pay increase for Court of Appeals judges.

The FY 2025 General Appropriations Act increased the Court of Appeals judge's salary from \$190,000 to \$200,000 on January 1, 2025 and to \$210,000 on January 1, 2026. The FY 2025 budget's 3-year spending plan

included an additional \$252,200 in FY 2027 for full implementation.

FY 2027 Judicial Salary Increase

The budget includes an increase of \$243,400 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for a pay increase for Court of Appeals judges. The FY 2027 General Appropriations Act increases Court of Appeals judges salaries from \$210,000 to \$220,000 on January 1, 2027.

The FY 2027 budget's 3-year spending plan increases this appropriation to \$486,800 in FY 2028 for full year implementation.

Remove One-Time Equipment Funding

The budget includes a decrease of \$(10,000) from the General Fund in FY 2027 to remove one-time equipment funding.

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$382,400 from the General Fund in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments
(Please see Agency Detail and Allocations section.)

Operating Budget Lump Sum Reduction

The budget includes a one-time decrease of \$(638,800) from the General Fund in FY 2027 for a lump sum reduction. Agencies receiving a lump sum reduction will apply the reduction to the operating lump sum appropriation in the FY 2028 budget request submittal. Agencies have discretion in how the reduction in spending is achieved. The FY 2028 Baseline Book will incorporate the agency's planned reduction into the operating budget display.