



City of San Antonio FY 2020 Proposed Annual Operating & Capital Budget

SAN ANTONIO MUNICIPAL COURT

Presented by: John W. Bull, Presiding Judge

City Council "B" Session
August 20, 2019

MUNICIPAL COURT – MISSION and VISION

Mission

The San Antonio Municipal Court is a Court of Record and operates as the judicial branch of the City of San Antonio. It is committed to administering justice in a fair, efficient, and timely manner.

Vision

The San Antonio Municipal Court seeks to provide a legal system based on the principle that an independent, fair, and competent judiciary will interpret and apply the laws governing us; and judges and court personnel promote public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary.

MUNICIPAL COURT – ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

**PRESIDING
JUDGE**

JUDICIARY



23 Personnel

MAGISTRATION



20 Personnel

**COURT
OPERATIONS**



79 Personnel

**JUVENILE
COURT**



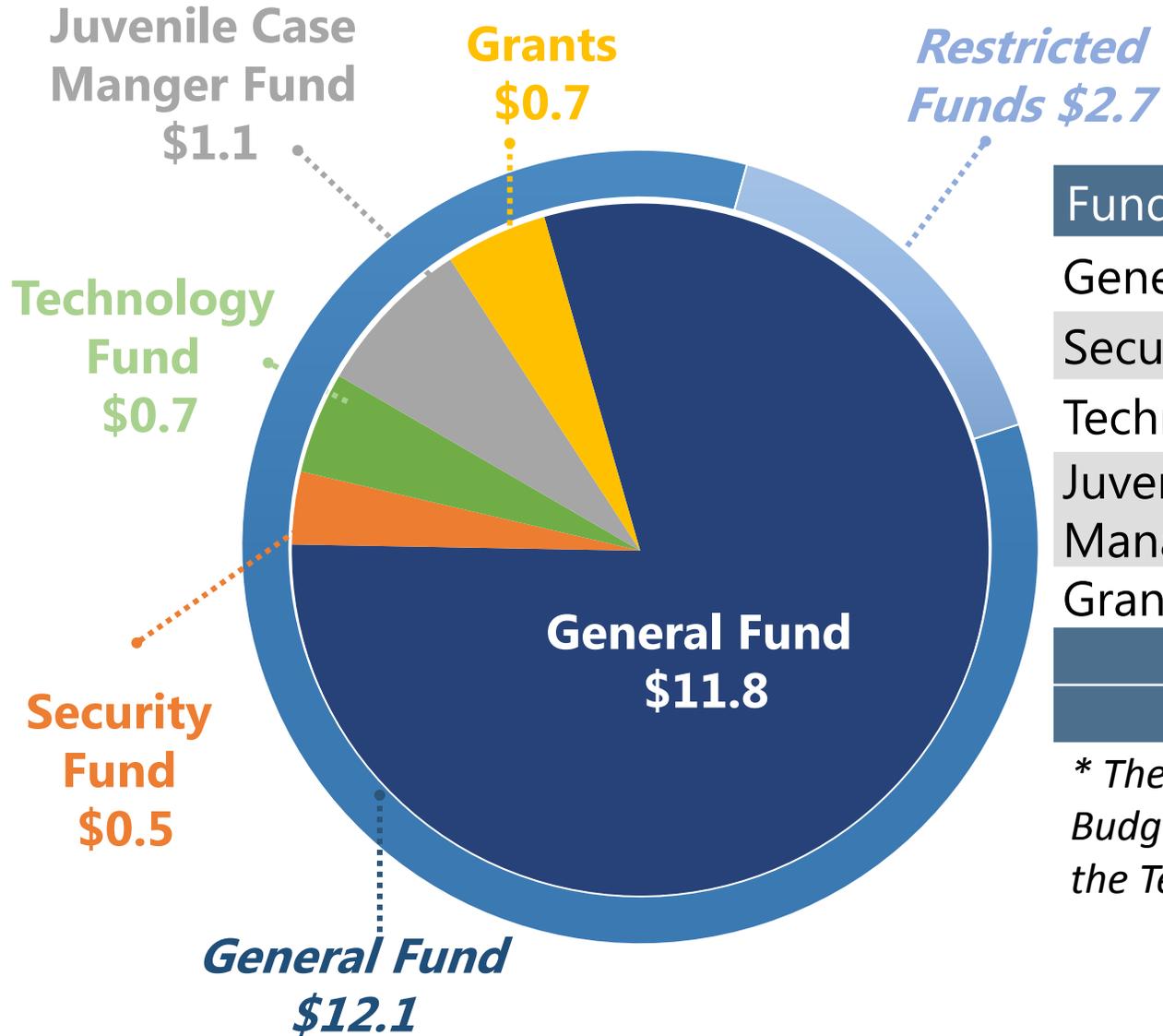
31 Personnel

**FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT**



5 Personnel

FY 2020 Proposed Budget - \$14.8 Million



| Funds | FY 2019 | FY 2020 | Change |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| General Fund* | \$11.3 | \$11.8 | \$0.5 |
| Security Fund | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Technology Fund | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Juvenile Case Manager Fund | 1.3 | 1.1 | (0.2) |
| Grant | 0.9 | 0.7 | (0.2) |
| Total | \$14.7 | \$14.8 | \$0.1 |
| Positions | 160 | 159 | (1) |

* The total General Fund Municipal Court FY 2020 Proposed Budget is \$12,111,590 of which \$301,911 is transferred to the Technology Fund

General Appearance and Adjudication Options

| GENERAL APPEARANCE | ADJUDICATION OPTIONS |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Arraignment of traffic and non-traffic citations, plea and judgment entry | In person court appearance, kiosk, internet, and USPS |

PERFORMANCE

97 % Case clearance rate
1,086+ Citizens served per day
141,018 Case filings
36% online services use
64% in-person services provided
(mail, at court)



Specialty Dockets and Administrative Hearings



SPECIALIZED DOCKETS

Assault
Animal
Environmental

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING COURT

Civil Hearings
Parking Violations

PERFORMANCE

1,022 Family Violence cases filed
1,676 Animal cases filed
12,129 Civil cases filed
46,975 Parking cases filed
147 Family Violence convictions reported
80% case clearance rate

Juvenile Court

JUVENILE SERVICES

COURT-BASED
CASE MANAGERS

SCHOOL-BASED
CASE MANAGERS

PERFORMANCE

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|----------------------------------------------|-------|
| School forum attendance | 80% |
| Truant student referrals for court mediation | 8,125 |
| Juvenile program attendance | 85% |
| Truancy cases filed - parent | 49 |
| Truancy appearance rate | 85% |



Changes to court costs, fines, and fees

- Senate Bill 346 and HB 2048 consolidates and standardizes criminal court costs, fines and fees for local governments.
- Reclassifies and increases state fines, costs, and the security fee.

Non-Traffic and City Ordinance Ex: Animal Nuisance (Free of Restraint)

Current

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|--------------|-----------------|
| Base fine | \$200.00 |
| Court costs | \$71.00 |
| Total | \$271.00 |

Effective January 1, 2020

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|--------------|-----------------|
| Base fine | \$200.00 |
| Court costs | \$81.00 |
| Total | \$281.00 |

Traffic Violations Ex: Disregard Stop Sign

Current

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|--------------|-----------------|
| Base fine | \$97.90 |
| Court costs | \$104.10 |
| Total | \$202.00 |

Effective September 1, 2019

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|--------------|-----------------|
| Base fine | \$97.90 |
| Court costs | \$124.10 |
| Total | \$222.00 |

Effective January 1, 2020

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|--------------|-----------------|
| Base fine | \$97.90 |
| Court Costs | \$134.00 |
| Total | \$231.90 |

FY 2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Youth Re-engagement

- Partnership with DHS, Goodwill Industries, Communities in Schools
- Juvenile and General court referrals
- In-house JCMs at NXTLevel

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| Court referrals to NXTLevel | 199 |
| In-house JCMs | 2 |



FY 2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Municipal Traffic Safety Program

- Municipal Courts Week
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- 2019 TMCEC Municipal Traffic Safety Award

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|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| # of schools participating | 5 |
| # of non-profits | 1 |
| # of outreach events | 4 |
| # of Collaborating City Departments | 5 |



FY 2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Magistration Services

- December 2018 - SAPD and DPS arrests.
- May 2019 - All arresting agencies (ILA with County).

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|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| # Individuals magistrated Class B and Above Offenses* | 10,374 |
| # Offenses magistrated Class B and Above* | 22,248 |
| # Class C misdemeanor offenses magistrated* | 10,432 |

**Magistration services at Frank Wing building only.*



Embedding Equity in Municipal Court Services



FY 2019 Progress:

- Various language and interpreter types
- Full-time Spanish interpreter
- 49 team members language skills
- Resolution Court – Indigency/SB1913
- Juvenile Court – truancy prevention

FY 2020 Enhancements:

- Use data to enhance judicial services
- Engage target populations
- Increase outreach initiatives

FY 2020 GOALS

**Municipal Court
Workflow Continuous
Improvement Team**

**Court Clerk
Education
Series**

**Court
Alignment with
86th
Legislature
Statute
Changes**

**Municipal
Traffic Safety
Program**

**Pre-
Appearance
Notification**





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