



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**



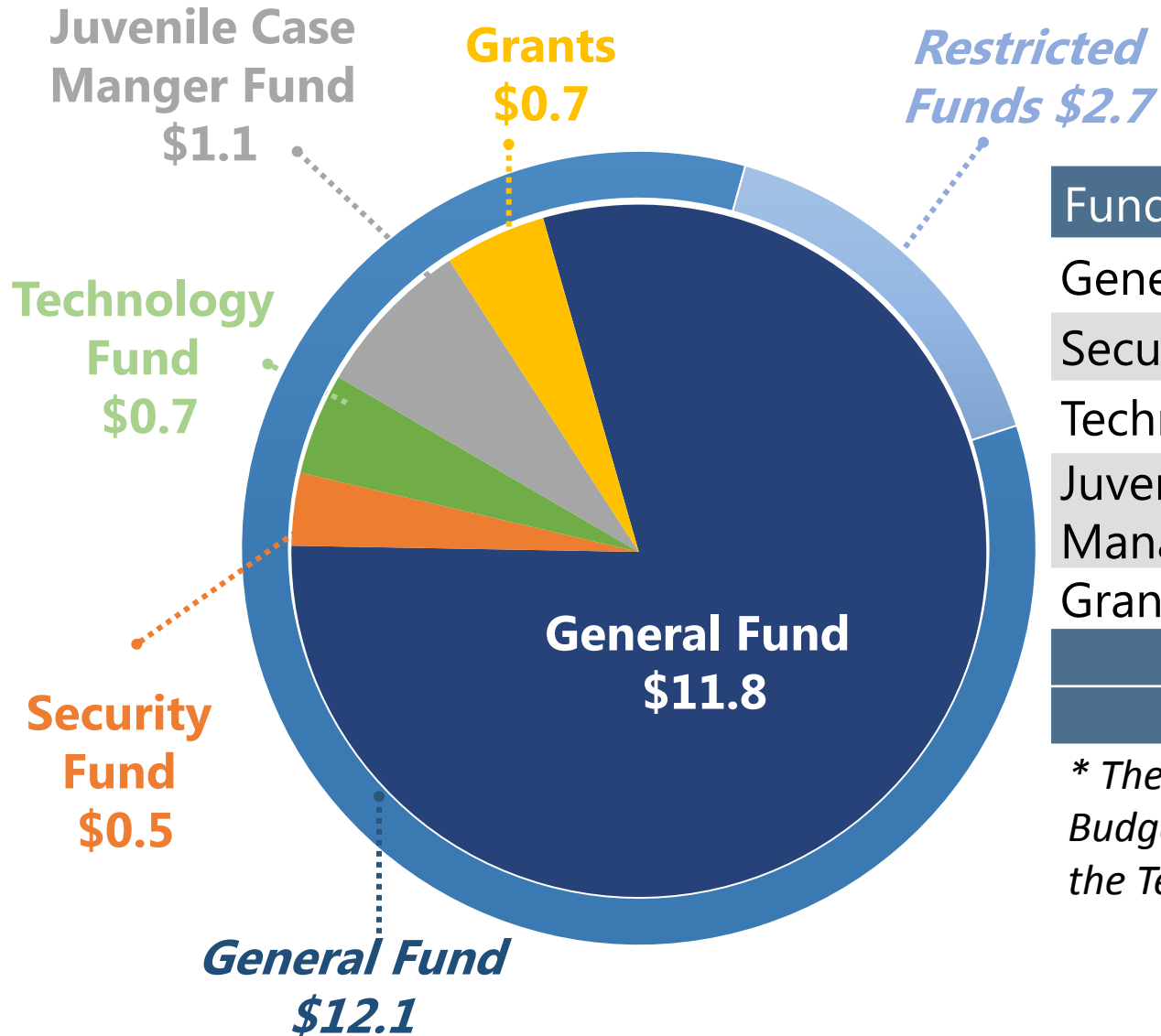
31 Personnel

**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

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

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

Effective January 1, 2020

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

Traffic Violations Ex: Disregard Stop Sign

Current

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

Effective September 1, 2019

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

Effective January 1, 2020

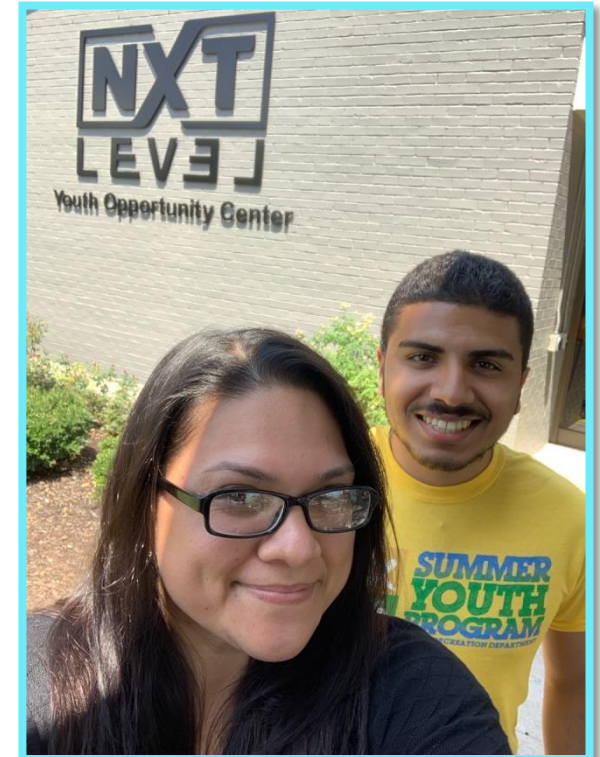
Base fine	\$97.90
Court Costs	\$134.00
Total	\$231.90

FY 2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Youth Re-engagement

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

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

# 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).

Individuals magistrated Class B and Above Offenses*

10,374

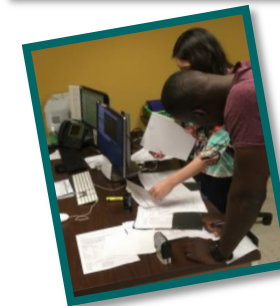
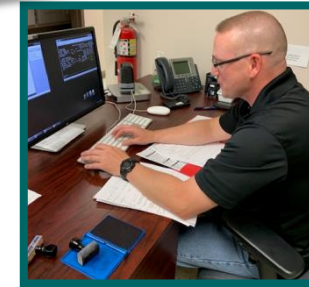
Offenses magistrated Class B and Above*

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



Municipal Traffic Safety Program



Pre- Appearance Notification



Court Clerk Education Series



Court Alignment with 86th Legislature Statute Changes

The background features a collage of four images: a construction worker in a hard hat and safety vest, a family of four (two children and two adults), and a modern house. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue pattern of geometric shapes.

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