Judicial Administration

The Judicial Administration function of the Eleventh Circuit (the Circuit) includes the County-funded activities of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), State Attorney, and Public Defender.

As part of the Public Safety strategic area, the various entities of the court system strive to attain justice for all residents of Miami-Dade County through the rule of law as an independent branch of government constitutionally entrusted with the fair and just resolution of disputes. In doing so, the Circuit provides equal access to a fair and effective system of justice for all without excess cost, inconvenience, or delay and with sensitivity to an increasingly diverse community. While preserving the constitutional right to trial by an impartial judge or jury, the Circuit also offers efficient methods of dispute resolution such as mediation. The State Attorney is responsible for prosecuting or defending, on behalf of the State, all suits, applications, or motions in which the State is a party. The Public Defender represents indigent people who have been arrested or who are at risk of losing their life or liberty and cannot afford to hire a private attorney, as well as individuals facing involuntary civil commitment because of mental illness or intellectual disabilities. The AOC, which provides support services to the Judiciary, includes the following areas: case management, courtroom assignments, court reporting, court technology, interpreter operations, human resources, fiscal and procurement management, facilities management, planning and security. Additionally, the AOC has several Problem-Solving Courts that have specialized dockets that seek to address the underlying problems contributing to certain criminal offenses. Pursuant to Revision 7 to Article V of the Florida Constitution, the State is required to fund the following elements of the state court system on behalf of the State Attorney, Public Defender and Judiciary: Judges and Judicial Assistants, Law Clerks and legal research services, Magistrates and Hearing Officers, State Attorneys, Assistant State Attorneys and staff, Public Defenders, Assistant Public Defenders and staff, alternative dispute resolution/mediation, case management, foreign and sign language interpreter services, court reporting, expert witnesses, mental health professionals, court administration, transportation and travel expenses. The law provides that counties pay reasonable and necessary salaries, costs and expenses of the State Court System to meet local requirements and may fund State Attorney and Public Defender efforts toward the prosecution and defense of violations of local ordinances. Pursuant to Florida Statute 29.008, the responsibility rests with the Chief Judge, in conjunction with the State Attorney and the Public Defender, to identify all local requirements within the Circuit. Counties are obligated to fund communications services, existing multi-agency criminal justice information systems and the construction, maintenance, utility, and security costs associated with court facilities.

The entities of the court system interact with the Clerk of Courts, other justice agencies, community-based organizations, and the general public.

FY 2021-22 Adopted Operating Budget



Expenditures by Activity

(dollars in thousands)

Revenues by Source (dollars in thousands)

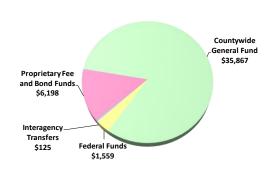


TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

ELECTORATE

CHIEF JUDGE*

Directs the Eleventh Judicial Circuit; acts as liaison in all judicial administrative matters with the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court; develops a plan for the administration of all courts within the Circuit; assigns Judges, General Masters, Special Masters and Hearing Officers to courts and divisions; and oversees the planning for and use of court facilities

FY 20-21 FY

STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Responsible for prosecuting or defending all suits, applications or mediations on behalf of the State

FY 20-21 FY 21-22 12 16

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE***

Represents indigent people who have been arrested or who are at risk of losing their life or liberty and cannot afford to hire a private attorney, as well as individuals facing involuntary civil commitment because of mental illness or intellectual or cognitive disabilities

FY 20-21 FY 21-22

Positions noted are those funded only by the County

- * Positions fully funded by the State of Florida
- ** Positions fully funded from County fees, fines and service charges
- *** Positions partially funded from County reimbursements

COURT ADMINISTRATOR*

Administers programs and services of the Courts and acts as liaison between the courts, the legal community and the citizens of Miami-Dade County as well as local, state and federal government agencies

FY 20-21 FY 21-22 0

HUMAN RESOURCES**

Oversees the Circuit's personnel related activities including employee relations, recruiting, employee benefits, payroll, attendance, training and the Office of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordination

FY 20-21 FY 21-22 4

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Administers the Court's budget, both County and state; oversees fiscal, legal and grant operations of the courts; and oversees the Court Information and Procurement Divisions in the purchase of goods and services for the Judiciary and the Administrative Office of the Courts

FY 20-21 FY 21-22

COURT TECHNOLOGY (CITeS)**

Directs all research and systems analyses, supports all PC and mainframe users Circuit-wide and supports telecommunications services

FY 20-21 FY 21-22 34 36

COURT OPERATIONS**

Directs the operation and case flow management of the Circuit and County Courts and associated court services programs; and coordinates facilities planning, security and court activities with the Judiciary, Clerk of Courts, State Attorney, Public Defender and other justice agencies

FY 20-21 FY 21-22 246 254

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Approved as overages as in FY 2020-21, the following six positions will be converted from part-time to fulltime and
 incorporated in the FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget within the Court Operations Division: four mediators (\$109,530), one
 Judicial Support Specialist II (\$15,071) and one Judicial Services Coordinator 2 (UCC Case Manager) (\$9,000)
- Approved as an overage as in FY 2020-21, one JA Administrative Assistant II (\$15,697) will be converted from part-time to fulltime and incorporated in the FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget within the Human Resources Division
- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes the addition of two Mediator positions (\$400,000) in the Court Operations Division to assist with increased civil caseloads due to COVID-19 pandemic case backlog
- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes the addition of two Computer Technicians 2 (\$233,000) in the Court Technology Division to address increased IT needs
- We appreciate the collaborative efforts of previous Chief Judge Bertila Soto, Chief Judge Nushin Sayfie, Katherine Fernandez-Rundle, State Attorney and Carlos J. Martinez, Public Defender, towards the successful completion of the FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget
- Revision 7 to Article V of the Florida Constitution, effective July, 1, 2004, established certain obligations (such as the
 maintenance of facilities, security, technology, telecommunications and existing multi-agency criminal justice information
 systems) on the part of counties; as of September 30, 2020 the County Budget includes funding of more than \$68 million in
 General Fund revenues to support court-related expenditures in the Internal Services Department, the Information Technology
 Department and the court system budget
- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes approximately \$5.1766 million for local requirement Court programs to support: County Mediation, Family Court Services/Supervised Visitation, Dependency Drug Court, Mental Health Coordination, Unified Children's Court, Juvenile Drug Court, Adult Drug Court, Civil Court Interpreters, Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, Domestic Violence Drug Court, Probate for Marchman Act, Urinalysis, Criminal Mental Health Jail Diversion Program, Civil Traffic Operations and Veterans Treatment Court
- Revenues generated from traffic surcharges have decreased 25 percent since FY 2014-15; this reduction in revenues, approximately \$1.145 million, has been replaced by an increased General Fund subsidy; this negative trend may continue into the upcoming fiscal years and would require either service adjustments or further increases to the General Fund subsidy
- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes \$3.262 million in self-funded local requirement court programs such as Self-Help (\$1.540 million), Drive Legal (\$1.267 million), Process Servers (\$303,806) and Adult Drug Court (\$151,000)
- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes \$1.559 million of federal funding for Drug Court operations (\$425,000), Adult Drug Court operations (\$800,000), the Criminal Mental Health Project (\$274,000) and the Domestic Violence Mentor Court Project (\$60,000)
- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget provides \$203,000 to contract for the timely service of civilian subpoenas on behalf of the Public Defender's Office (PDO); this service reduces delays of court cases and County expenditures associated with the incarceration of defendants pending disposition; additionally, the Adopted Budget includes recurring funding for licensing agreements and network support for the PDO (\$780,000)
- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes funding for the State Attorney's Office (SAO) (\$11.504 million); the funding supports the Civil Citation Program (\$74,000), Mobile Operations Victim Emergency Services (MOVES) program (\$302,000) and the subpoena service program (\$266,000); the MOVES and the subpoena service programs have been certified as local requirements
- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes funding for the Early Representation Unit (\$1.159 million), a local requirement court program administered by the PDO; the program assists in obtaining a timely release of defendants from jail, reducing the County's cost for housing inmates
- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes funding for the Expedited Intake System (EIS) in the SAO, which identifies efficiencies in the "file/no-file" decision process through the enhanced ability to obtain personal service of the notices to appear at all pre-file conferences (\$516,000); the EIS program has been certified as a local requirement

- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes \$28,000 for the PDO and \$5,000 for the SAO to defend and prosecute local ordinance violations; the County remains responsible for the courier functions of the PDO and the SAO and will continue to provide the vehicles required for this activity
- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes funding for the Children and Special Needs Center, which is administered by the SAO to coordinate multi-jurisdictional interviewing and assessment of children and the mentally impaired who are victims of sexual abuse (\$520,000); the intergovernmental agreement between the County and the State of Florida will be continued as it relates to the appropriation of funds by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes funding from the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) (\$125,000) and the Miami-Dade Chiefs Association (\$319,000) to operate the County Court Standby Program; this program coordinates witness appearances in court through subpoena management, thereby reducing police overtime in various police departments, including MDPD and improving case scheduling in the court system
- In order to carry out the functions funded by the County, separate intergovernmental continuation agreements will be executed administratively between the County and the PDO and the SAO subject to appropriation of funds by the BCC
- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes funding of \$789,000 for the Law Library; this operation is funded by fees, charges and donations (\$25,000); 25 percent of the criminal court cost \$65 surcharge (\$195,000); Local Business Tax (\$89,000) and carryover (\$480,000)
- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes funding for the Legal Aid program (\$4.66 million); the funding is comprised of General Fund Support (\$3.165 million), Florida Bar Foundation contributions (\$210,000), court fees (\$201,000), grant revenues (\$934,000) and other miscellaneous revenues (\$150,000)
- The Non-Departmental General Fund section of the FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget includes \$2.728 million in funding for the Guardianship Program; the Guardianship Program of Dade County, Inc. provides legal guardianship assistance for indigent and low-income adults who are determined to be incapacitated by the Court in Miami-Dade County and are appointed a Guardian

CAPITAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS AND OPERATIONAL IMPACTS

- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan includes \$500,000 in funding from the General Government Improvement Fund (GGIF) to support various repairs and renovations throughout the court facilities (capital program #3010620)
- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan includes the purchase of one vehicle for the Administrative Office of the Courts (\$25,000); the fleet replacement plan will provide operational savings to the Department in the long-term as it will reduce maintenance costs, fuel consumption and overtime as a result of equipment failure; the County's fleet replacement plan is included under Non-Departmental capital program #2000000511
- The Department's FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan includes initial planning and development costs for the new Civil and Probate Courthouse project to be located in downtown Miami; during FY 2021-22, the Internal Services Department will continue its oversight of the design and construction of the state-of-the-art facility in collaboration with building tenants to ensure an on-time and on budget delivery of the project; upon scheduled occupation in January 2024, the new courthouse will have 46 jury courtrooms, four shelled courtrooms and office and public spaces to be occupied by the Clerk of Courts, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the Law Library
- The Department's FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan includes funding from the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond (BBC-GOB) program to perform upgrades, improvements and provide additional courtrooms to Miami-Dade County court facilities systemwide (total project cost \$36.8 million; \$1.226 million in FY 2021-22)
- The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan also includes the Mental Health Diversion Facility; the capital program is funded with Building Better Communities Bond Program proceeds (\$43.1 million) and JMH General Obligation Bond proceeds (\$8 million) for a total project cost of \$51.1 million; the facility will provide a full continuum of care and assist individuals with mental illnesses diverted from the criminal justice system (capital program #305410)

SELECTED ITEM HIGHLIGHTS AND DETAILS

		(do	llars in thousa	nds)	Budget FY 21-22 2 68					
Line-Item Highlights	Actual	Actual	Budget	Projection	Budget					
	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 20-21	FY 21-22					
Advertising	1	0	3	2	2					
Fuel	36	43	49	49	68					
Overtime	22	18	0	0	0					
Rent	2,355	2,869	4,126	4,127	4,593					
Security Services	925	1,011	961	965	1,260					
Temporary Services	29	0	27	0	0					
Travel and Registration	10	21	39	114	114					
Utilities	1,931	1,469	3,219	1,529	1,521					

OPERATING FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Actual	Actual	Budget	Adopted
(dollars in thousands)	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22
Revenue Summary				
General Fund Countywide	25,563	26,241	33,709	35,867
Carryover	2,932	2,612	2,590	1,837
Court Fees	5,149	4,050	4,975	4,813
Court Standby Revenue	464	473	319	365
Interest Earnings	0	2	0	C
Interest Income	41	40	48	14
Process Server Fees	105	96	86	86
Program Income	1,646	988	1,539	1,444
State Grants	0	1,379	0	0
Federal Grants	0	398	1,499	1,559
Interagency Transfers	0	0	125	125
Total Revenues	35,900	36,279	44,890	46,110
Operating Expenditures				
Summary				
Salary	14,147	13,767	17,191	17,046
Fringe Benefits	6,548	6,838	7,565	7,548
Court Costs	249	83	208	208
Contractual Services	2,955	4,685	4,461	6,042
Other Operating	6,847	7,654	10,733	9,562
Charges for County Services	1,126	980	1,240	1,649
Grants to Outside	26	12	14	C
Organizations				
Capital	804	744	1,421	1,694
Total Operating Expenditures	32,702	34,763	42,833	43,749
Non-Operating Expenditures				
Summary				
Transfers	0	0	0	C
Distribution of Funds In Trust	0	0	0	C
Debt Service	318	311	308	429
Depreciation, Amortizations	0	0	0	C
and Depletion	_	_	4 7 6 5	
Reserve	0	0	1,749	1,932
Total Non-Operating Expenditures	318	311	2,057	2,361

_	Total F	unding	Total Posit	tions
(dollars in thousands)	Budget	Adopted	Budget	Adopted
Expenditure By Program	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 20-21	FY 21-22
Strategic Area: Public Safety				
Administrative Office of the	27,60	9 26,82	29 292	303
Courts				
Public Defender	4,83	2 4,83	32 0	0
State Attorney	10,39	2 12,08	38 12	16
Total Operating Expenditures	42,83	3 43,74	19 304	319

CAPITAL BUDGET SUMMARY

(dollars in thousands)	PRIOR	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FUTURE	TOTAL
Revenue									
BBC GOB Financing	53,480	6,526	21,487	37,475	8,665	0	0	0	127,633
Court Facilities Bond Series 2014	1,120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,120
General Government Improvement	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	500
Fund (GGIF)									
JMH General Obligation Bonds	8,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,000
Total:	62,601	7,026	21,487	37,475	8,665	0	0	0	137,254
Expenditures									
Strategic Area: PS									
Court Facilities	58,471	6,643	10,000	22,475	2,865	0	0	0	100,454
Public Safety Facilities	3,287	1,226	11,487	15,000	5,800	0	0	0	36,800
Total:	61,758	7,869	21,487	37,475	8,665	0	0	0	137,254

FUNDED CAPITAL PROGRAMS

(dollars in thousands)

ADDITIONAL COURTROOMS AND ADMINISTRATION FACILITIES (BUILDING BETTER PROGRAM #: 305200 COMMUNITIES BOND PROGRAM)

DESCRIPTION: Provide an updated Courts Master Plan for both Civil and Criminal courts; construct new and/or improve

existing courtrooms and administration facilities

LOCATION: Various Sites District Located: Countywide

Throughout Miami-Dade County District(s) Served: Countywide

REVENUE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	FUTURE	TOTAL
BBC GOB Financing	7,394	5,000	10,000	22,475	2,865	0	0	0	47,734
TOTAL REVENUES:	7,394	5,000	10,000	22,475	2,865	0	0	0	47,734
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	FUTURE	TOTAL
Construction	5,014	5,000	10,000	22,475	2,865	0	0	0	45,354
Infrastructure Improvements	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Planning and Design	2,329	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,329
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	7,394	5,000	10,000	22,475	2,865	0	0	0	47,734

PROGRAM #:

3010620

PROGRAM #: 2000001657

COURT FACILITIES REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS

DESCRIPTION: Repair and renovate court facilities as needed

LOCATION: Various Sites District Located: Countywide

Throughout Miami-Dade County

District(s) Served:

Countywide

REVENUE SCHEDULE: General Government Improvement Fund (GGIF)	PRIOR 0	2021-22 500	2022-23 0	2023-24 0	2024-25 0	2025-26 0	2026-27 0	FUTURE 0	TOTAL 500
TOTAL REVENUES:	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	500
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	FUTURE	TOTAL
Infrastructure Improvements	0	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	300
Technology Hardware/Software	0	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	200
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	500

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS - CHILDREN'S COURTHOUSE

DESCRIPTION: Provide various improvements to include roof replacements and the addition of solar panels; provide HVAC

control studies

LOCATION: 155 NW 3rd St District Located: 3

City of Miami District(s) Served: Countywide

REVENUE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	FUTURE	TOTAL
Court Facilities Bond Series 2014	1,120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,120
TOTAL REVENUES:	1,120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,120
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	FUTURE	TOTAL
Construction	115	430	0	0	0	0	0	0	545
Infrastructure Improvements	0	215	0	0	0	0	0	0	215
Planning and Design	121	173	0	0	0	0	0	0	294
Project Administration	41	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	277	843	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,120

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS - COURT FACILITIES SYSTEMWIDE (BUILDING PROGRAM #: 2000001484 BETTER COMMUNITIES BOND PROGRAM)

DESCRIPTION: Perform upgrades, improvements and provide additional courtrooms to Miami-Dade County court facilities

LOCATION: Various Sites District Located: Countywide

Throughout Miami-Dade County District(s) Served: Countywide

REVENUE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	FUTURE	TOTAL
BBC GOB Financing	3,287	1,226	11,487	15,000	5,800	0	0	0	36,800
TOTAL REVENUES:	3,287	1,226	11,487	15,000	5,800	0	0	0	36,800
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	FUTURE	TOTAL
Infrastructure Improvements	3,287	1,226	11,487	15,000	5,800	0	0	0	36,800
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	3.287	1.226	11.487	15.000	5.800	0	0	0	36.800

MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION FACILITY (BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES BOND

PROGRAM #: 305410

PROGRAM)

DESCRIPTION: Construct new mental health facility on property leased from the State of Florida LOCATION: 2200 NW 7 Ave District Located: 3

City of Miami District(s) Served: Countywide

REVENUE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	FUTURE	TOTAL
BBC GOB Financing	42,800	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	43,100
JMH General Obligation Bonds	8,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,000
TOTAL REVENUES:	50,800	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	51,100
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE:	PRIOR	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	FUTURE	TOTAL
Construction	50,800	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	51,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	50,800	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	51,100

Department Operational Unmet Needs								
	(dollars in the	ousands)						
Description	Startup Costs/ Non Recurring Costs	Recurring Costs	Positions					
Provide additional funding to support the Early Representation Unit (Public Defender)	\$0	\$876	0					
Total	\$0	\$876	0					