



District Court II 00100.881.

Mission Statement

To provide effective and timely resolution of legal matters, assuring dignified and fair treatment of all participants, while promoting respect for the justice system and maintaining the independence of the judiciary.

Function

- Infractions; Traffic and Non-Traffic
- Misdemeanor and Gross Misdemeanor Offenses
- Probation Services
- Civil Cases - \$100,000 and Less
- Small Claims Up to \$5,000
- Unlawful Harassment and Domestic Violence Protection Orders
- Name Changes

Trends/Events

The legislature and appeals courts continue to lean towards indigent defendants not being assessed legal financial obligations, expect this trend to continue if not accelerate. This will significantly affect the courts' ability to generate revenue. This trend is currently showing strongest on interest income as the legislature has removed interest from certain types of cases.

Revenues continue to decline as expected. Moving forward revenues should decline at a steady pace as older cases work their way through the system before leveling off in 3-5 years.

Progress continues on the Administrative Office of the Courts' efforts to modernize technology solutions for courts at the district level. We anticipate a shift to electronic case filings third quarter of 2025. This will require a one-time investment for the transition with improved operating efficiencies as the transition completes. This expense may be offset by a grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts.

The decision in State v Blake was not as significant an impact as expected, while there are a significant number of cases involved, the case flow has been manageable. Moving forward we can expect to see a steady flow of decades of old cases being brought before the court.

Goals

1. Continue to serve the citizens of the West End of Clallam County by maintaining an independent and efficient court providing personal attention and justice in each case.

2. The court must comply with time standards as adopted by the Washington State Supreme Court while at the same time keeping current with incoming caseload.
3. Promptly implement all changes in law and procedures as established/enacted by state government.
4. The court must report the court's activities as established by law and rule to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Department of Licensing, the county, etc.; as well as respond to requests by law enforcement and private citizens.
5. The court must act consistently and swiftly to enforce its orders.
6. The court must establish, maintain, and preserve the records of all relevant court actions in accordance with the law.

Workload Indicators

| | 2022 Actual | 2023 Actual | 6/30/24 Actual |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Infractions | 861 | 704 | 160 |
| Driving Under the Influence | 35 | 32 | 15 |
| Criminal Traffic | 53 | 41 | 19 |
| Criminal Misdemeanors | 176 | 140 | 45 |
| Civil Suits | 71 | 97 | 38 |
| Small Claims | 6 | 4 | 0 |
| Civil Protection Orders | 68 | 60 | 13 |
| Parking | 11 | 4 | 2 |
| Caseload Totals | 1,281 | 1,082 | 292 |

Grant Funding Sources

This fund does not receive any grant revenue.

Revenues

| | 2022 Actual | 2023 Actual | 6/30/24 Actual | 2025 Budget |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| Taxes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Licenses and Permits | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Intergovernmental Revenues | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Charges for Goods and Services | 56,128 | 40,102 | 19,267 | 36,384 |
| Fines and Forfeits | 64,765 | 53,172 | 17,007 | 42,732 |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | 5,180 | 4,856 | 1,363 | 3,146 |
| Other Financing Sources | 124 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transfers In | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General Tax Support | 254,650 | 282,759 | 176,310 | 390,002 |
| Total | 380,847 | 380,889 | 213,947 | 472,264 |

Expenditures

| | 2022 Actual | 2023 Actual | 6/30/24 Actual | 2025 Budget |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| Salaries and Wages | 258,554 | 271,759 | 138,721 | 306,420 |

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|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Personnel Benefits | 81,112 | 96,876 | 50,103 | 105,280 |
| Supplies | 2,843 | 3,439 | 1,759 | 4,035 |
| Other Services and Charges | 38,339 | 8,815 | 6,536 | 22,231 |
| Intergovernmental Services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capital Outlays | 0 | 0 | 16,829 | 0 |
| Debt Service: Principal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34298 |
| Interfund Payments for Services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transfers Out | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 380,847 | 380,889 | 213,947 | 472,264 |

Staffing

| | 2022 Actual | 2023 Actual | 6/30/24 Actual | 2025 Budget |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| Full Time Equivalents | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |