



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.

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 2026. 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.

COVID has hit the court system particularly hard. While it has forced the courts to innovate and modernize technology, the need for in-person hearings for trials cannot be removed. We have an unprecedented number of cases pending trial currently. Should something break that logjam we could be facing significant challenges with funding and/or even finding sufficient personnel, facilities, and budget to work through the backlog.

The decision in State v Blake is just beginning to impact the courts. Moving forward we can expect to see major financial impacts and stress on current staffing hours and facilities as decades of old cases are 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

	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	6/30/23 Actual
Infractions	635	861	376
Driving Under the Influence	23	35	16
Criminal Traffic	60	53	21
Criminal Misdemeanors	122	176	60
Civil Suits	134	71	50
Small Claims	6	6	1
Civil Protection Orders	68	68	36
Parking	12	11	1
Caseload Totals	1,060	1,281	561

Grant Funding Sources

This fund does not receive any grant revenue.

Revenues

	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	6/30/23 Actual	2024 Budget
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	0	0	0	0
Charges for Goods and Services	55,124	56,128	21,024	32,762
Fines and Forfeits	76,043	64,765	31,155	58,400
Miscellaneous Revenues	6,422	5,180	3,247	6,146
Other Financing Sources	321	124	23	150
Transfers In	0	0	0	
General Tax Support	248,747	254,650	148,766	344,927
Total	386,657	380,847	204,214	442,385

Expenditures

	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	6/30/23 Actual	2024 Budget
Salaries and Wages	257,228	258,554	133,216	290,785
Personnel Benefits	82,527	81,112	47,981	100,855
Supplies	6,537	2,843	385	3,600
Other Services and Charges	40,365	38,339	22,633	12,731
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	0	0	0	0
Debt Service: Principal	0	0	0	34,414
Interfund Payments for Services	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	386,657	380,847	204,214	442,385

Staffing

	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00