

ITEM REDUCTIONS BY METHOD OF FINANCING
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Agency code: 224

Agency name: **Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio**

Item Priority and Name/ Method of Financing	2010	2011	Biennial Total	Target
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1 Telecommunications Services

Item Comment: The court will terminate the Department of Information Resources service agreement for Personal Data Devices.

GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS

1 General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$5,142		
General Revenue Funds Total	\$0	\$5,142		
Item Total	\$0	\$5,142		

2 Education and Training Services

Item Comment: Eliminating education and training services will impede the professional development of court staff. The ability to provide training is an important component of appellate work. A well-trained, competent professional staff is critical to the efficient and timely processing of appeals.

GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS

1 General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$12,562		
General Revenue Funds Total	\$0	\$12,562		
Item Total	\$0	\$12,562		

3 Lapse Salaries

Item Comment: The court currently has one vacant Legal Assistant III position resulting from a retirement in December 2009. This is a key position and leaving it vacant will adversely affect the court's productivity. This position is instrumental in the court's ability to process and issue opinions. The court lacks sufficient staffing depth in this job series to accommodate the extended absence or loss of a Legal Assistant.

GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS

1 General Revenue Fund	\$33,792	\$0		
General Revenue Funds Total	\$33,792	\$0		
Item Total	\$33,792	\$0		

* - Indicates amount does not meet target requirements.

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4 Books and Reference Materials				
Item Comment: The court will reduce the purchase of legal research materials for its library. In 2003, the court reduced library expenditures in response to the mandated budget reduction at that time. Expenditures on print copy have not increased since those cuts. This will adversely affect direct services provided by the court. A further reduction in the court's reference materials will impede the court's ability to conduct timely research of legal issues. This will adversely affect direct services of the court. It will impede the court's ability to conduct timely research of legal issues. The exclusion of updates and print copy will deprive the court of a critical resource to the appellate process. The absence of these important items may increase costs associated with on-line access to electronic legal materials.				
GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS				
1 General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$50,895		
General Revenue Funds Total	\$0	\$50,895		
Item Total	\$0	\$50,895		
5 Reduce Staffing - Two (2) FTEs				
Item Comment: This strategy is necessary because approximately 96% of the court's funding is dedicated to staffing. This leaves very little discretionary funds to achieve any reduction. The loss of a staff attorney and a legal assistant will adversely affect the court's performance measures. This equates to 7% of the court's total staff. We anticipate reduced clearance rates and increased time to process appeals. This will result in a backlog of cases.				
GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS				
1 General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$167,312		
General Revenue Funds Total	\$0	\$167,312		
Item Total	\$0	\$167,312		
Agency General Revenue Total	\$33,792	\$235,911		
Agency GR Dedicated Total				
Agency Grand Total	\$33,792	\$235,911	\$269,703	\$269,703

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