



Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot

Superior Court of California

County of San Benito



Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Current level of funding is woefully inadequate to provide sufficient security for the public and staff
- Loss of authority to carry reserves except for a marginal and essentially useless balance obliterates the notion of sound fiscal policies and management

Budget Impacts

General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Impact on policy and day-to-day operations is devastating
- Due to ongoing reductions in allocation, refrained from adding new programs or expanding existing programs beyond basic requirements

Reduced Public Access: Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Has not reduced self-help/FLF assistance in the last 5 years
- Anticipated reduction in court staff and public service by July 1, 2013 will affect self-help/FLF assistance availability

Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Has not reduced expenditures for court reporters in last 5 years
- Has not reduced expenditures for court interpreters in last 5 years
- Anticipated reductions in court staff may result in reduced expenditures

Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- Has not reduced hours of clerks' office in the last 5 years
- Anticipate reduced hours of public service of up to 8 hours per week by July 1, 2013

Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Has not closed any courtrooms in last 5 years
- Has not closed any courthouses in last 5 years

Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Has not instituted furloughs or layoffs in last 5 years
- Anticipates a reduction in staff levels by at least 12% by July 1, 2013

Impacts: Court Security Services

- Has not reduced security services in the last 5 years

Fewer Judicial Officers

- Reduced AB 1058 commissioner from 0.5 FTE to 0.3 FTE

Annual Allocation

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 3,429,896
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013	\$ 1,543,528
Percentage change	-54.9%

San Benito Facilities Overview

Number of court facilities	1
Capital construction projects	1

Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	55,815
Judicial officers	2.3
Judicial officers needed	3.4
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	31
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	30.3

Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	481
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	1,848
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	5,247
Civil filings	1,234
Family and juvenile filings	810

Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. Steven R. Sanders
Court Executive Officer	Gil Solorio