18th Judicial District of Kansas Honorable Jeff Goering Mission: To provide fair and just services in a courteous and timely Chief Judge manner. 525 N. Main St. Wichita, KS 67203 316.660.5611 jgoering@dc18.org **Overview** Strategic Goals: The Kansas Constitution creates 31 Optimize use of individual judicial districts whose services are calendaring system for Sedgwick County Voters guided by the Judicial Branch and assigning cases statutes of the State of Kansas. The 18th Judicial District is the trial court Prepare for 2023 transition for Sedqwick County. Judicial districts to new Statewide Case have jurisdiction over all civil, criminal, Management System juvenile offender, child in need of care, probate, care and treatment, 18th Judicial District Work with justice system • family law, and adoption cases, as partners to address well as municipal and small claims backlog created by courts appeals. closure due to COVID-19 Currently, 30 judges serve on the Developing a Veteran's • bench for the District and oversee the Treatment Court to work filing and disposition of over 50,000 with veterans cases annually.

During the course of business, the District Court (DC) strives to provide access and fairness, timely disposition of cases, integrity of case records, collection of monetary penalties and judgments, effective use of jurors, and enforcement of court orders.

Highlights

- Operates as a file-less court system
- Mandatory electronic filing by attorneys
- Development of Veteran's Treatment Court, with implementation in summer of 2023
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were used to establish the Preliminary Hearing docket to address the Court backlog
- The 18th Judicial District was the first District Court in Kansas to install safeguards and restart jury trials during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic



Accomplishments and Strategic Results

Accomplishments

In 2023, the District Court plans to transfer to a Statewide Case Management System.

The Kansas Legislature voted to expand the District Court by adding one Magistrate Judge and two District Court Judges to the 18th Judicial District. The new Judges were elected in November 2022 and were sworn into office in January 2023. The new Magistrate will be appointed by the Governor in 2023.

Funding for Veteran's Treatment Court, to better address the needs of those who have served our county, was approved. The Court hired a Veteran's Treatment Court Coordinator who is working with stakeholders to have this treatment court operational in the summer of 2023.

Strategic Results

The DC works constantly to ensure equal and accessible justice while maintaining excellent stewardship of public funds. The DC has expanded the use of credit card acceptance for paying court costs and fees. This service has not only increased convenience for the public, but will also increase revenue for the local and State entities that receive the fees.

The DC continues to work with justice partners to move cases through the Resolution Docket expeditiously, with a goal to process 560 total cases in 2023. During the first nine months of 2023, the docket moved 454 cases through. The DC will continue to track the number of cases that are moved through the docket. Out of the 454 cases, 354 resulted in conviction, while 80 cases were moved to other dockets, an 81.1 percent completion rate, which puts the DC on track to complete 560 cases by the end of 2023.

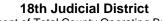
The DC has a goal to obtain at least 50.0 percent appearance of jurors summoned. In 2023, 35.0 percent of jurors appeared when summoned. The DC is investigating the reason why such a low turnout was experienced. During the 2024 budget process the DC was approved for a \$50,000 increased budget for jury fees. The increased compensation is expected to encourage juror turnout. In addition, the DC will mail follow-up letters to those who did not appear to determine the reason for their absence.



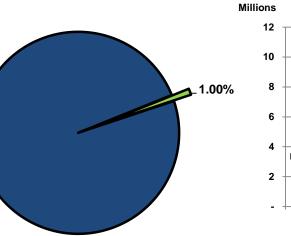
Significant Budget Adjustments

Significant adjustments to the 18th Judicial District of Kansas's 2024 budget include an increase in contractuals for attorney fee rate increase (\$200,000), an increase in charges for services (\$104,680) to bring in-line with anticipated revenue, an increase in commodities due to clerk technology update requirements (\$54,000), an increase in contractuals due to an increase in jury fees (\$50,000), an increase in contractuals for Microsoft 365 licenses (\$41,160), and a decrease in equipment (\$15,000) due to one-time funding for court technology upgrades.

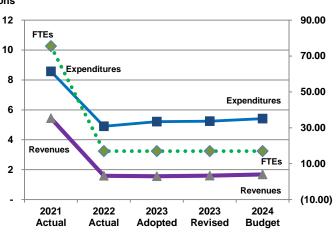
Departmental Graphical Summary



Percent of Total County Operating Budget



Expenditures, Program Revenue & FTEs All Operating Funds



Budget Summary by Category

-	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024	Amount Chg	% Chq
Expenditures	Actual	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	'23 Rev'24	'23 Rev'24
Personnel	3,694,633	984,461	1,127,842	1,129,853	1,101,316	(28,537)	-2.53%
Contractual Services	4,555,492	3,544,552	3,570,445	3,647,150	3,898,283	251,133	6.89%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	- í	
Commodities	316,256	359,711	492,150	439,035	406,972	(32,063)	-7.30%
Capital Improvements	5,016	13,501	1,000	10,545	10,000	(545)	-5.17%
Capital Equipment	-	-	15,000	15,000	-	(15,000)	-100.00%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	8,571,398	4,902,224	5,206,437	5,241,583	5,416,571	174,987	3.34%
Revenues							
Tax Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	3,957,186	-	-	35,146	-	(35,146)	-100.0%
Charges for Services	1,455,051	1,542,499	1,533,205	1,533,205	1,637,886	104,680	6.83%
All Other Revenue	27,510	43,083	26,827	26,827	44,201	17,374	64.77%
Total Revenues	5,439,746	1,585,582	1,560,032	1,595,178	1,682,087	86,909	5.45%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)							
Property Tax Funded	1.80	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	-	0.00%
Non-Property Tax Funded	73.70	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	-	0.00%
Total FTEs	75.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	-	0.00%

Budget Summary by Fund

	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024	Amount Chg	% Chg
Fund	Actual	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	'23 Rev'24	'23 Rev'24
General Fund	3,786,647	3,884,586	3,980,700	3,980,700	4,383,962	403,262	10.13%
Court Trustee	4,784,751	1,017,638	1,225,737	1,225,737	1,032,609	(193,129)	-15.76%
Court A/D Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	
District Court Grants	-	-	-	35,146	-	(35,146)	-100.00%
Total Expenditures	8,571,398	4,902,224	5,206,437	5,241,583	5,416,571	174,987	3.34%

Significant Budget Adjustments from Prior Year Revised Budget

	Expenditures	Revenues	FTEs
Increase in contracuals for attorney fee rate increase	200,000		
Increase in charges for services to bring in-line with anticipated revenue		104,680	
Increase in commodities for clerk technology update requirements	54,000		
Increase in contractuals for an increase in jury fees	50,000		
Increase in contractuals for Microsoft 365 licenses	41,160		
Decrease in equipment due to one-time funding for court technology upgrades	(15,000)		

Total

330,160 104,680

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Budget Summary by Program

		2021	2022	2023	2023	2024	% Chg	2024
Program	Fund	Actual	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	'23 Rev'24	FTEs
Administration	110	3,379,830	3,342,606	3,238,735	3,295,139	3,670,342	11.39%	0.50
Probation	110	36,206	52,523	68,350	68,350	52,186	-23.65%	-
Clerks	110	83,408	107,420	139,760	139,760	136,810	-2.11%	-
Technology	110	208,633	263,907	297,750	297,750	325,410	9.29%	-
Drug Testing	110	27,078	23,593	100,000	50,000	60,216	20.43%	-
Parenting Classes	110	51,492	94,536	136,105	129,701	138,998	7.17%	1.50
Trustee IV-D	211	3,759,341	(314)	-	-	-	0.00%	-
Alcohol and Drug Safety	214	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-
Trustee Non IV-D	Multi.	1,025,410	1,017,952	1,225,737	1,260,883	1,032,609	-18.10%	15.00
District Court Grants	Multi.	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-
Total		8,571,398	4,902,224	5,206,437	5,241,583	5,416,571	3.34%	17.00

Personnel Summary By Fund

			Budgeted Cor	npensation (FT	E Comparis	on	
Position Titles	Fund	Grade	2023	2023	2024	2023	2023	2024
			Adopted	Revised	Budget	Adopted	Revised	Budget
Mediation Coordinator	110	18THJUD	50,452	54,298	54,298	1.00	1.00	1.00
PT Trial Court Clerk II	110	EXCEPT	5,001	54,500	54,500	1.00	1.00	1.00
Administrative Manager	211	18THJUD	60,263	62,227	62,227	1.00	1.00	1.00
Administrative Officer	211	18THJUD	54,837	11,000	11,000	1.00	1.00	1.00
Attorney	211	18THJUD	13,645	11,000	11,000	1.00	1.00	1.00
Attorney IV	211 211	18THJUD	13,646	11,000	11,000	1.00	1.00	1.00
Case Specialist Court Trustee	211	18THJUD 18THJUD	31,766	36,379	36,379	1.00 1.00	1.00 1.00	1.00
Fiscal Assistant	211	18THJUD 18THJUD	84,906 39,774	88,841 53,747	88,841 53,747	1.00	1.00	1.00 1.00
_egal Assistant	211	18THJUD 18THJUD	52,420	53,747	53,747	1.00	1.00	1.00
Diffice Assistant	211	18THJUD	31,058	30,701	30,701	1.00	1.00	1.00
Office Specialist	211	18THJUD	71,123	48,294	48,294	2.00	2.00	2.00
Senior Attorney	211	18THJUD	83,692	40,294 87,530	87,530	1.00	1.00	1.00
Senior Legal Assistant	211	18THJUD	52,420	53,747	53,747	1.00	1.00	1.00
System Analyst/Programmer	211	18THJUD	69,351	11,000	11,000	1.00	1.00	1.00
PT Office Specialist NIVD	211	EXCEPT	21,100	20,690	20,690	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Subtota	Add: Budgeted Compensa Overtime/	Personnel Saving ation Adjustments On Call/Holiday P		688,701 - 15,140 -			
		Benefits			397,475			
	Total P	ersonnel B	udaet		1,101,316	17.00	17.00	17.00

Administration

The 18th Judicial District has jurisdiction over civil, probate, juvenile, criminal matters, and appellate jurisdiction for municipal courts in Sedgwick County. Under the Constitution, the judiciary is a separate branch of government equal to, but coordinates with, the legislative and executive branches. District Courts exist for the determination of the rights of private persons and the public in general under the constitutions and the laws of the United States and the State of Kansas. Expenditures for Court Administration support the operational costs for 30 judges, one magistrate, two administration hearing officers, aides, court reporters, and other administrative staff, all of whom are State employees resulting in no personnel costs to Sedgwick County.

Fund(s): County General Fund 110 2023 2021 2022 2023 2024 Amnt. Chg. % Chg. Expenditures Actual Actual Adopted Revised Budget '23 - '24 '23 - '24 Personnel 8,414 47,795 4,838 56,209 568.0% 3,246,070 3,091,685 **Contractual Services** 3,255,439 3,150,774 3,477,263 326,489 10.4% Debt Service 0.0% Commodities 128,744 76,706 146,050 125,450 126,870 1,420 1.1% 5,016 10,500 **Capital Improvements** 5,624 1,000 10,000 (500)-4.8% **Capital Equipment** 0.0% Interfund Transfers 0.0% **Total Expenditures** 3,379,830 3,342,606 3,238,735 3,295,139 3,670,342 375,203 11.4% Revenues Taxes Intergovernmental **Charges For Service** 233,842 296,853 242,976 242,976 307,098 64,122 26.4% All Other Revenue 23,282 24,528 17,146 40.490 24.528 41,674 69.99 **Total Revenues** 267,504 267,504 81,268 257,124 348,772 30.4% 337,343 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) 0.50 0.50 ---

Probation

Under the authority of the Kansas Judicial Branch and the laws of the State of Kansas, Court Probation Officers hold offenders accountable for their behavior in a professional and ethical manner through the judicial process. In Sedgwick County, this purpose is accomplished with Court Service Officers who complete the responsibilities of court reports and offender supervision. Also included in this Division are Child Custody Investigators who conduct investigations for Family Law Judges and Child in Need of Care Officers who help coordinate abuse/neglect or truancy cases through the juvenile court system.

Expenditures	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Adopted	2023 Revised	2024 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '23 - '24	% Chg. '23 - '24
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Contractual Services	13,048	26,575	42,750	42,750	23,600	(19,150)	-44.8%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	23,157	25,736	25,600	25,600	28,586	2,986	11.7%
Capital Improvements	-	213	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	36,206	52,523	68,350	68,350	52,186	(16,164)	-23.6%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
All Other Revenue	-	1,995	-	-	2,075	2,075	0.0%
Total Revenues	-	1,995	-	-	2,075	2,075	0.0%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Clerks

The Clerk of Court is a ministerial officer of the District Court. This Office is required to perform all duties required by law or court rules and practices. These duties include but are not limited to, preserving all papers filed or by law placed under the Clerk's control, keeping appearance dockets or other records as may be ordered by the court, issuing writs and orders for provisional remedies, and making records and information accessible to the public during normal working hours.

Expenditures	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Adopted	2023 Revised	2024 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '23 - '24	% Chg. '23 - '24
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Contractual Services	39,209	49,149	94,510	96,510	92,510	(4,000)	-4.1%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	44,199	50,722	45,250	43,250	44,300	1,050	2.4%
Capital Improvements	-	7,550	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	83,408	107,420	139,760	139,760	136,810	(2,950)	-2.1%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Revenue	747	355	794	794	370	(424)	-53.4%
Total Revenues	747	355	794	794	370	(424)	-53.4%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Technology

The 18th Judicial District maintains and operates its own computer network. This network provides support to all judicial and non-judicial employees in the areas of case management, document imaging (scanning), digital recording, payment card industry (PCI) compliance, software licensing, internet access, electronic case filing, and service for 300+ users and Information Technology (IT) servers. Efficient hardware, software, and interfacing with other agencies, including the Supreme Court, District Attorney's Office, and Sheriff's Office, are essential to all successful court operations.

Fund(s): County General Fund 110

Expenditures	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Adopted	2023 Revised	2024 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '23 - '24	% Chg. '23 - '24
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Contractual Services	122,678	72,540	132,500	132,500	178,410	45,910	34.6%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	85,955	191,367	150,250	150,250	147,000	(3,250)	-2.2%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	15,000	15,000	-	(15,000)	-100.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	208,633	263,907	297,750	297,750	325,410	27,660	9.3%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Revenue	3	15	-	-	16	16	0.0%
Total Revenues	3	15	-	-	16	16	0.0%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Drug Testing

Court Service Officers provide random testing of their clients at the time of reporting. The client is required to pay for the test. Judges are able to make better informed decisions in child custody, juvenile, and criminal cases based on immediate results.

Fund(s): County General Fund 110

Expenditures	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Adopted	2023 Revised	2024 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '23 - '24	% Chg. '23 - '24
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Contractual Services	-	9,947	10,000	10,000	10,000	-	0.0%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	27,078	13,646	90,000	40,000	50,216	10,216	25.5%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	27,078	23,593	100,000	50,000	60,216	10,216	20.4%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Charges For Service	12,346	60,150	12,594	12,594	60,150	47,556	377.6%
All Other Revenue	-	64	-	-	67	67	0.0%
Total Revenues	12,346	60,214	12,594	12,594	60,217	47,623	378.1%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Parenting Classes

The Family Law Division of the 18th Judicial District Court provides required parenting classes to parties who have filed for divorce in Sedgwick County. This program is supported by user fees.

Expenditures	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Adopted	2023 Revised	2024 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '23 - '24	% Chg. '23 - '24
Personnel	51,492	67,264	89,605	83,201	92,498	9,297	11.2%
Contractual Services	-	27,272	36,500	36,500	36,500	-	0.0%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	-	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	-	0.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	51,492	94,536	136,105	129,701	138,998	9,297	7.2%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Charges For Service	96,580	96,515	100,482	100,482	137,793	37,311	37.1%
All Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	96,580	96,515	100,482	100,482	137,793	37,311	37.1%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	1.80	2.00	2.00	1.50	1.50	-	-

Court Trustee IV-D

The 18th Judicial District Court Trustee previously contracted with the Kansas Department of Children and Families (DCF) to provide child support establishment, enforcement, and financial services within Sedgwick County under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. The program was funded entirely through this contract.

Expenditures	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Adopted	2023 Revised	2024 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '23 - '24	% Chg. '23 - '24
Personnel	2,634,676	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Contractual Services	1,118,624	31	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	6,041	(345)	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	3,759,341	(314)	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	3,850,931	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
All Other Revenue	2,032	165	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	3,852,963	165	-	-	-	-	-
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	59.10	-	-	-	-	-	-

Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program

Kansas law provides that the Court, upon determining that the custodian of a Child in Need of Care is not providing an appropriate level of care, may transfer custody of the child to another entity. In such cases it may be the responsibility of the County to pay all reasonable costs of care incurred by the designated custodian. This program captures all costs incurred by the County pursuant to such court orders.

Expenditures	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Adopted	2023 Revised	2024 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '23 - '24	% Chg. '23 - '24
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Contractual Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Charges For Service	4,953	3,246	4,953	4,953	3,246	(1,707)	-34.5%
All Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	4,953	3,246	4,953	4,953	3,246	(1,707)	-34.5%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Court Trustee Non IV-D

The Court Trustee is responsible for providing child support enforcement services in Non IV-D cases under rule 422 of the 18th Judicial District. Under this rule, Non IV-D child support orders are referred to the Court Trustee for enforcement. The Court Trustee receives a fee of 3.5 percent of the amount of child support ordered to offset the cost of enforcement. This program is funded entirely by the revenue generated through the user fees.

Expenditures	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Adopted	2023 Revised	2024 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '23 - '24	% Chg. '23 - '24
Personnel	1,008,466	912,359	1,038,237	1,038,237	952,609	(85,629)	-8.2%
Contractual Services	15,862	103,599	162,500	178,116	80,000	(98,116)	-55.1%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	1,082	1,879	25,000	44,485	-	(44,485)	-100.0%
Capital Improvements	-	115	-	45	-	(45)	-100.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	1,025,410	1,017,951	1,225,737	1,260,883	1,032,609	(228,275)	-18.1%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	35,146	-	(35,146)	-100.0%
Charges For Service	1,107,330	1,085,735	1,172,200	1,172,200	1,129,598	(42,602)	-3.6%
All Other Revenue	1,446	-	1,505	1,505	-	(1,505)	-100.0%
Total Revenues	1,108,776	1,085,735	1,173,705	1,208,851	1,129,598	(79,253)	-6.6%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	14.60	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	-	-

• District Court Grants

This program is used to capture grants received by District Court. Currently captured are stimulus funds received as a result of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Expenditures	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Adopted	2023 Revised	2024 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '23 - '24	% Chg. '23 - '24
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Contractual Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	106,255	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
All Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	106,255	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-