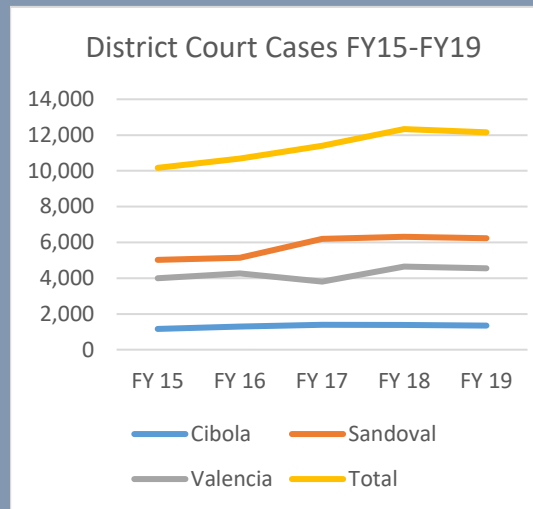


Funding Request:

The Thirteenth requests 11,649.6 in general fund for FY21, a 9.09% (971.1) increase over the FY20 GF appropriation of 10,678.5.

Growth at the District level:

12,156 new and reopened cases in FY19 – 19.6% larger (1,995 cases) than FY15 when the district level last added a judge.



Growth driven by a 16.1% rise in criminal cases and 50.8% increase in civil cases since FY15.

Magistrate case filings:

Magistrate filings have decreased with 17,771 filings in FY19. Since FY15 traffic filings have slowed dramatically (-34%), with a lesser drop in criminal (-13.6%), and a 4% rise in civil.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

Cibola:

Judge Amanda Sánchez Villalobos
(505) 287-2104

Sandoval:

Chief Judge Louis P. McDonald
(505) 867-0563

Judge George P. Eichwald
(505) 867-2861

Judge John F. Davis
(505) 867-8050

Judge Cheryl H. Johnston
(505) 867-2376

Valencia:

Judge James Lawrence Sánchez
(505) 865-9654

Judge Allen R. Smith
(505) 865-4010

Judge Cindy M. Mercer
(505) 865-0108

MAGISTRATE COURT JUDGES

Cibola:

Judge Larry Diaz
Judge Vicente “Johnny” Valdez
(505) 285-4605

Sandoval:

Judge Delilah Montano-Baca
Judge Ann Maxwell-Chavez
(505) 867-5202

Judge William “Bill” Mast
(505) 289-3519

Valencia:

Judge Tina Garcia
Judge John “Buddy” Sánchez
(505) 865-4637
Judge John Chavez
(505) 8654-7509

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

**CIBOLA, SANDOVAL,
AND VALENCIA COUNTIES**

FY 21 Budget Request

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Chief Judge Louis P. McDonald

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Quick Facts:

- Population: 248,400 (2018 pop. est.)
- Growth: 5.54% (13,038 people) since 2010 – over 3 times faster than NM
- 59.7% of state pop. growth since 2010 happened in the Thirteenth
- Judges: 8 district, 8 magistrate
- Staff: 117.0 FTE
- Eight court locations across a judicial district the area of New Hampshire
- Closed 12,291 cases in FY19 with 12,160 new & reopen; a 101.1% clearance rate

Maintain Existing Resources

- **130.6 to replace expiring foreclosure settlement grant.**
 - Promotes early case resolution
 - Settled 65% of cases in FY19
 - Handles all foreclosure cases from 10th JDC
 - Sandoval foreclosures are 2.8x higher than state ave and 2.2x nat'l
 - Valencia foreclosures are 1.8x higher than state ave and 1.4x nat'l
 - Staff also is taking larger role in ADR in general to help manage caseload
- **114.6 to move 2.0 FTEs to GF from warrant enforcement.**
 - Without funding staff needs will increase further.
 - Positions located in two busiest mag. courts – Los Lunas and Bernalillo
- **66.5 to move Magistrate DWI Ct. Coordinator from Term to Perm.**
 - Operates in Los Lunas and Belen
 - 45 participants in FY19, 65% grad rate, 82% retention
 - Currently funded with AOC DCAC/LETF funds
 - AOC informs it is unable to fund position after FY20
- **9.8 for PC replacement/refresh in Magistrate locations**
 - Request is for \$250.00 X 39.0 FTEs to better provide for refresh of computer equipment

Begin Addressing Demonstrated Needs

- **325.0 for contract security officers for magistrate locations.**
 - No current security screening at magistrate locations.
 - Would provide one officer per magistrate location.
 - National Center for State Courts security report highlights need for security screening at every courthouse.
 - National guidelines call for 2-3 security staff per checkpoint
- **256.1 to add 4.0 FTEs reducing JS2 need at district court level.**
 - No Judicial Specialist positions added since FY 08
 - Since FY 08 district court case filings increased 7%
 - District level clerks at times a week behind on accepting e-filed pleadings in FY 19
 - Clerk's office unable to send FTA and FTR letters to potential jurors due to lack of staffing.
 - Magistrate locations summonsed 1,485 jurors for 4 trials in FY19
 - With additional staff would move jury function to district locations

Pre-Trial Services

- **68.5 for 1.0 FTE pre-trial services officer in Cibola County.**
 - Currently no pre-trial program in Cibola County.
 - 1,423 criminal cases at district and magistrate levels in FY19
 - At present judges make release decisions without criminal history or public safety score
 - Would provide safety assessments for defendants at magistrate and district locations
 - Provide check-in monitoring and court reminders

% Population Growth

