UTAH STATE COURTS

JUDICIAL BRANCH

BUDGET PRIORITIES & BUILDING BLOCKS

FY2021

UTAH STATE COURTS

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

14 Members

Elected by the judges of each court

UTAH STATE COURTS

MISSION

... to provide the people an **OPEN**, **FAIR**, **EFFICIENT**, and **INDEPENDENT** system for the advancement of justice under the law.

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BUDGET PRIORITIES

	ONGOING	ONE-TIME
#1 Technology Investment • IT Developers (*$650,000*) • Online Court Assistance Program (*$210,000*) • West Jordan Courthouse - Audio (*$450,000*) • Microsoft Licensing (*$72,000*)	$932,000	$450,000
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#4 Child Welfare Mediator	$54,947	
	$1,183,747	**$450,000**

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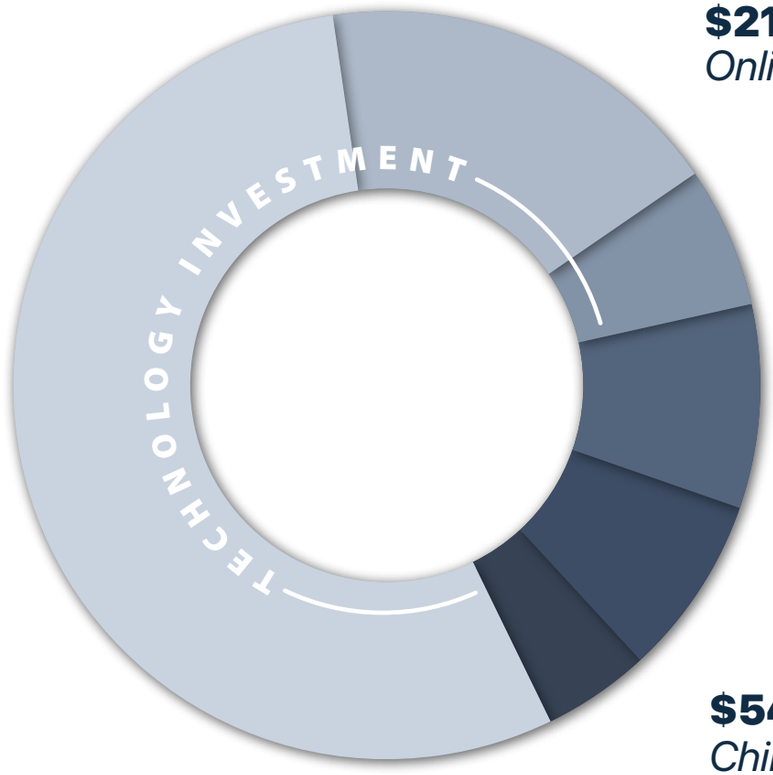
BUDGET PRIORITIES

ONGOING REQUESTS = $1,183,747



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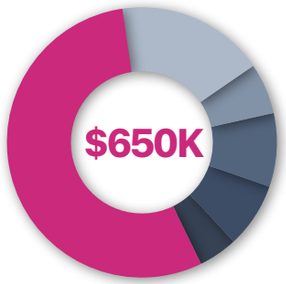

IT Developers

eFiling: civil, criminal, justice court

ODR: online dispute resolution

OCAP: online court assistance program

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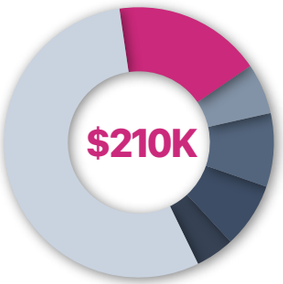

Online Court Assistance Program

Helps self-represented parties **access** court

Example: **5,284** divorces used OCAP in 2018

Downtime leaves system inaccessible

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ONE-TIME
$450K
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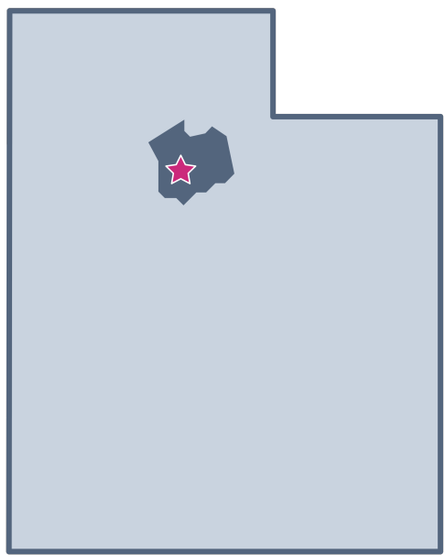
West Jordan Courthouse Audio Replacement



2nd Busiest courthouse

13,000 Cases in 2019

28,000 Hearings in 2019

Repairs needed **3x** per month

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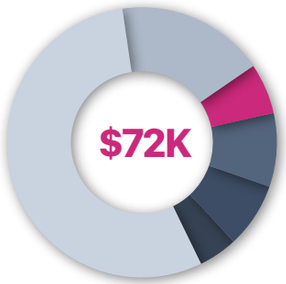

Microsoft Licensing

Microsoft Office = standard for legal docs

Over **1,500 devices** on Office 2010

End-of-support: **October 2020**

Security Risks for courts

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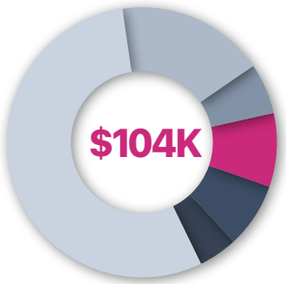

Self-Help Center Service Expansion

2019

calls answered	10,113
emails	6,273
texts	4,311
other	798
total contacts	**21,495**

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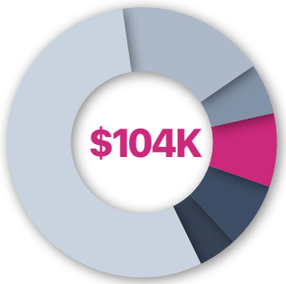
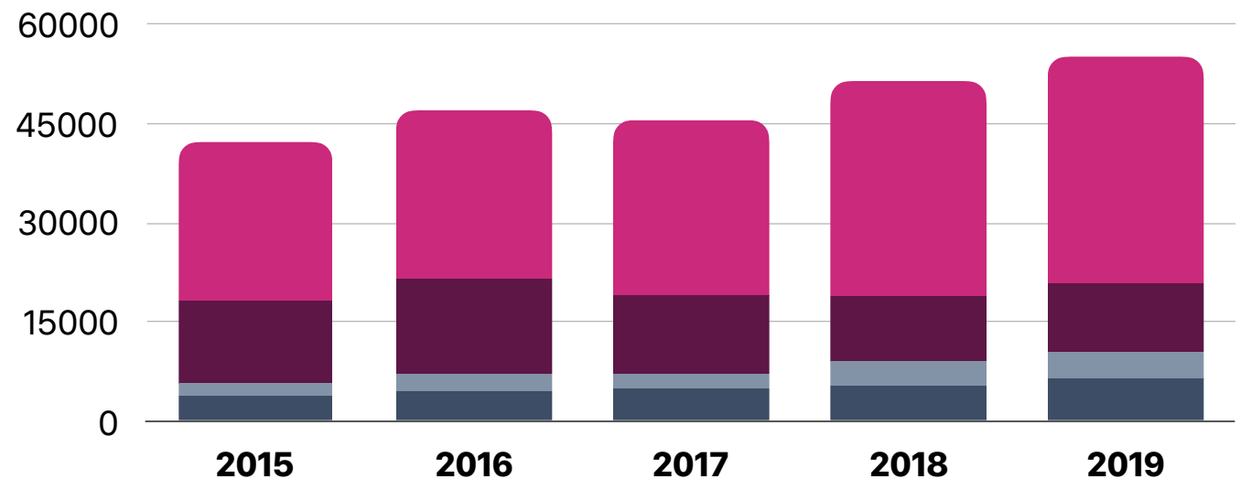


Self-Help Center Service Expansion

142,574 calls not answered

CONTACTS

- Calls NOT Answered
- Calls Answered
- Text
- Email



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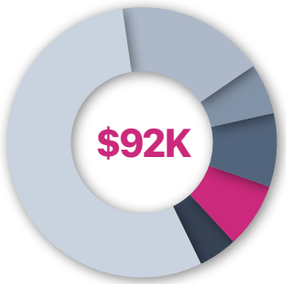

Court Commissioners – Recruit & Retain

Handle **family law** cases (except trial)

All decisions subject to **judge review**

Efficient use of judicial resources

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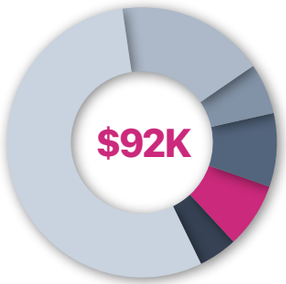

Court Commissioners – Recruit & Retain

COMMISSIONERS

2nd District
(Weber / Davis County)

3rd District
(Salt Lake County)

4th District
(Utah County)

Current Salary
$144,200

Proposed Salary
$153,450

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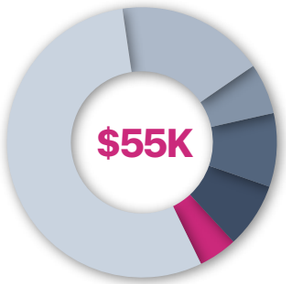

Child Welfare Mediator

Mediation gives **voice** to parent & child

Child welfare mediations in 2019: **1,187**

Cases resolved at mediation: **90%**

125 mediations facilitated by this mediator

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Time to Disposition, Clearance Rates, Age of Cases:

2011 – Current

www.utcourts.gov/performancemeasures/

Caseloads: Appellate, District, Juvenile, and Justice

1997 – Current

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