

**FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET**

**Fund Summary**

**Fund Name** : **Municipal Court Technology Fee Fund**  
**Business Area** : **Municipal Courts Department**  
**Fund No./Bus. Area No.** : **2207 / 1600**

	<b>FY2026 Current Budget</b>	<b>FY2026 Estimate</b>	<b>FY2027 Budget</b>
Beginning Fund Balance	1,297,781	1,297,781	<b>525,259</b>
Current Revenues	870,000	670,000	<b>864,000</b>
Total Available Resources	2,167,781	1,967,781	<b>1,389,259</b>
Maintenance and Operations	1,562,522	1,442,522	<b>1,376,741</b>
Debt Services	0	0	<b>0</b>
Total Expenditures	1,562,522	1,442,522	<b>1,376,741</b>
Planned Ending Fund Balance	605,259	525,259	<b>12,518</b>
Total Budget	2,167,781	1,967,781	<b>1,389,259</b>
 <u>Fund Balance Distribution</u>			
Non-Spendable	0	0	<b>0</b>
Restricted	605,259	525,259	<b>12,518</b>
Committed	0	0	<b>0</b>
Assigned	0	0	<b>0</b>
Unassigned	0	0	<b>0</b>

The above summarizes the FY2026 Current Budget, the FY2026 Estimate, and the FY2027 Budget for the Municipal Courts Technology Fee Fund. Also included are the beginning and ending fund balances, total revenues and total expenditures.

The mission of this Special Revenue Fund is to provide technological enhancements and support in order to ensure and improve court efficiencies. The Municipal Courts Department (MCD) will continue to partner with the Houston Information Technology Services (HITS) Department to develop and support the Court's Case Management System (CSMART) as well as all other IT-related programs.

The Municipal Courts Department is responsible for administering the Municipal Court Technology Fee Fund at the direction of City Council as authorized by Article 102.0172 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and Chapter 16, Section 16-13 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances.

Legislative changes in 2019 created a Local Consolidated Fee of \$14 that is collected by the City of Houston for each paid conviction of a Class "C" misdemeanor offense dated on/after January 1, 2020. A specified allocation of the Local Consolidated Fee, \$4, is collected as revenue in this Fund.