

Alternate Dispute Resolution

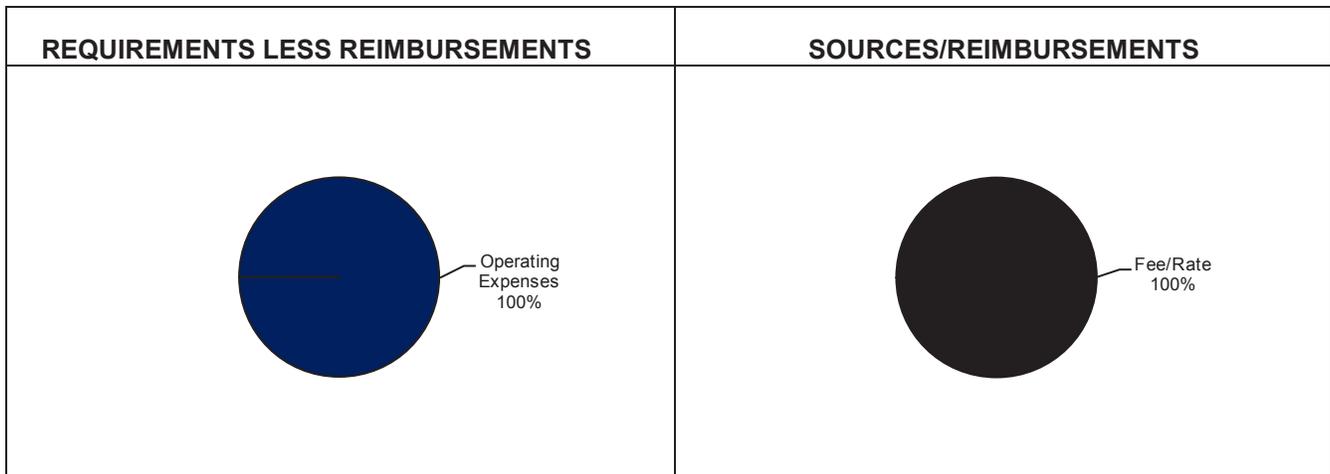
DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

The Dispute Resolution Programs Act of 1986 (“DRPA”) authorizes the local establishment and funding of dispute resolution programs as an alternative to more formal court proceedings. The County presently receives \$8 per civil filing which funds contract alternate dispute resolution services for small claims and landlord-tenant actions, and certain civil and family law matters.

Budget at a Glance	
Requirements Less Reimbursements	\$360,100
Sources/Reimbursements	\$360,100
Use of/ (Contribution to) Fund Balance	\$0
Total Staff	0

The special revenue fund was established January 1, 2005 to account for this program.

2015-16 ADOPTED BUDGET



ANALYSIS OF 2015-16 ADOPTED BUDGET

GROUP: Law and Justice
DEPARTMENT: County Trial Courts
FUND: Alternate Dispute Resolution

BUDGET UNIT: SEF CAO
FUNCTION: Public Protection
ACTIVITY: Judicial

	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Actual	2014-15 Final Budget	2015-16 Adopted Budget	Change From 2014-15 Final Budget
Requirements							
Staffing Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Expenses	596,500	488,096	500,000	476,667	500,000	360,100	(139,900)
Capital Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Exp Authority	596,500	488,096	500,000	476,667	500,000	360,100	(139,900)
Reimbursements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Appropriation	596,500	488,096	500,000	476,667	500,000	360,100	(139,900)
Operating Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Requirements	596,500	488,096	500,000	476,667	500,000	360,100	(139,900)
Sources							
Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Realignment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	78	13	18	53	0	0	0
Fee/Rate	505,566	496,562	417,331	382,620	456,000	360,000	(96,000)
Other Revenue	1,027	792	516	303	600	100	(500)
Total Revenue	506,671	497,367	417,865	382,976	456,600	360,100	(96,500)
Operating Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Financing Sources	506,671	497,367	417,865	382,976	456,600	360,100	(96,500)
Fund Balance							
Use of / (Contribution to) Fund Balance	89,829	(9,271)	82,135	93,691	43,400	0	(43,400)
Available Reserves					53,844	3,553	(50,291)
Total Fund Balance					97,244	3,553	(93,691)
Budgeted Staffing*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Data represents final budgeted staffing

MAJOR EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE IN 2015-16 ADOPTED BUDGET

Operating expenses of \$360,100 represents costs related to contracted alternate dispute resolution services.

Fee/rate revenue of \$360,100 is anticipated from the collection of the DRPA \$8 civil filing fees.

BUDGET CHANGES AND OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Requirements are decreasing by \$139,900 due to a reduction in the payment rate for contracted alternate dispute resolution services which have been adjusted to stay within declining revenues.

Sources are decreasing by \$96,500 as revenues from the DRPA \$8 civil filing fee for 2015-16 are projected to be \$360,100.

ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCE

Fund balance is reserved for future years in the event revenues from the DRPA \$8 civil filing fees decline to amounts below the cost of contracted alternate dispute resolution services. The fund balance has been almost depleted over the past two years as revenues dropped below the contract payment costs. As a result, an amendment processed during 2014-15 reduced the contract payment costs to \$360,000 per year to reflect anticipated revenues during 2015-16.

STAFFING CHANGES AND OPERATIONAL IMPACT

There is no staffing associated with this budget unit.

