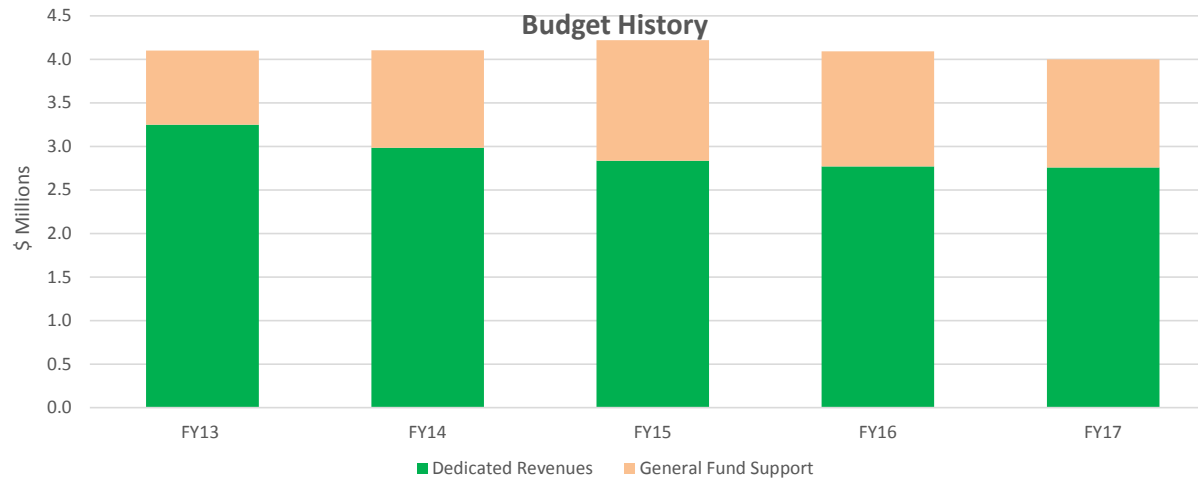
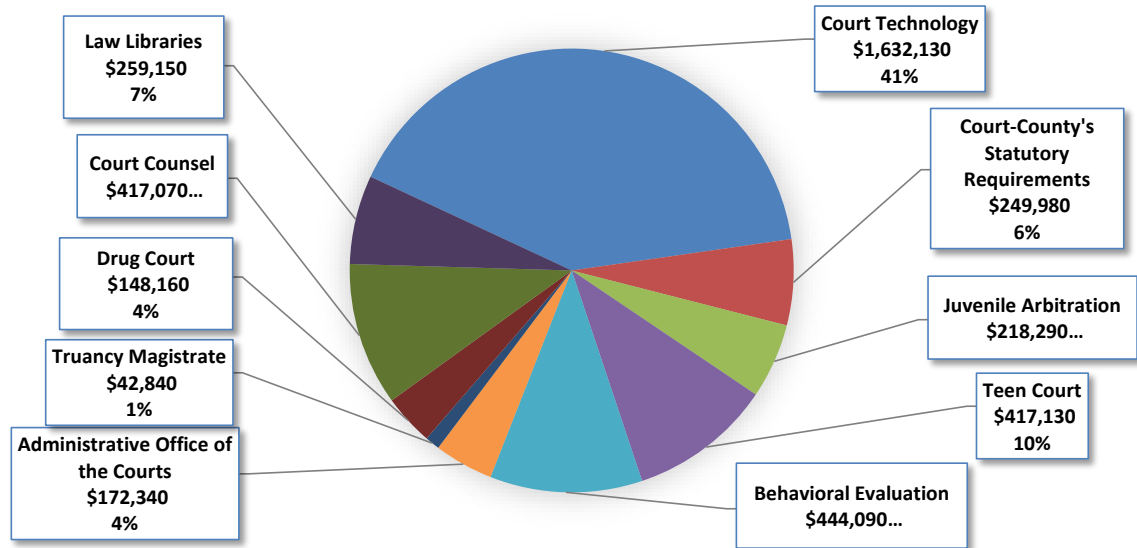


# JUDICIARY



FY17 Budget Request by Program



The Judiciary Budget is supported by multiple funding sources, including \$65 Traffic Fee, \$3 Teen Court Delinquency Fee, \$2 Recording Fee and multiple grants. The portion of the budget related to County support reflects a \$84,240 (2.1%) decrease. Funding is partially supported by Court Fees. Dedicated revenue streams provide full or partial support for many programs. However, the County has statutory responsibilities, including the provision of Court technology, which requires General Fund support to fully fund the program. For FY17, the Judiciary met the target which was requested for the applicable portion of their budget. Article V of the State Constitution requires counties to provide funding for all reasonable and necessary technology and communications functions for the Judiciary, State Attorney, and Public Defender.

## JUDICIARY

The Judiciary includes operational and administrative support for the Circuit and County Courts within Pinellas County. The Board of County Commissioners provides funding for statutorily required positions, communications, technology, and certain local option programs. Facilities maintenance is budgeted in the Real Estate Management Department under the County Administrator. Court security is included in the Sheriff's budget. All other personnel and operating expenses are either funded through grant awards, fines, and court costs, or are the financial responsibility of the State pursuant to Article V, Revision 7 of the State Constitution.

Program Descriptions		FY17	
		Budget Request	FTEs
Court Technology	Article V of the State Constitution requires the counties to provide all reasonable and necessary technology and communications functions for the Judiciary, State Attorney, and Public Defender. Funding is partially supported by Court fees. Judiciary technology includes technical support to the judges and staff; video and audio systems; computer systems and networks; new products and upgrades to applications; training; and teleconferencing, video conferencing, and case management system support.	1,632,130	12.0
Court-County's Statutory Requirements	The County is mandated by statute to fund certain court-related activities. These include communication costs associated with Court Operations - including telephone, fax, and network communications; the Guardianship Monitor Program which supports the Probate Judges to ensure that the requirements of court rules and statutes pertaining to guardians are followed; and the Alternative Sanctions Coordinator who attends detention calendars to link families to community social services and provides information to families in unusual or difficult delinquency cases; and makes referrals as appropriate. Also included are Intergovernmental Risk Management cost allocations.	249,980	2.0
Juvenile Arbitration	To provide early intervention, prevention, and diversion services to first-time juvenile offenders, and to relieve overburdened juvenile courts by providing non-judicial dispositions of lesser juvenile offenses. The program staff work with the Public Defender, State Attorney, Judiciary, local law enforcement, and the State Department of Juvenile Justice.	218,290	4.0
Teen Court	Teen Court is a non-judicial juvenile diversion program for youth under 18 years of age and is a part of the Juvenile Arbitration Program. Teen Court's purpose for the teen offender is to interrupt developing patterns of criminal behavior in juveniles by promoting self-esteem, motivation for self-improvement, and a healthy attitude toward authority.	417,130	6.0
Juvenile Behavioral Evaluation	The Behavioral Evaluation Program supports the Unified Family Court by providing information regarding the social, emotional, behavioral and cognitive abilities of juveniles, the overall functioning of the family, the child/adult's competence to understand proceedings, and recommended sanctions based on treatment needs. The program enhances the safety and well being of the community through client referrals for psychiatric evaluations and further treatment as deemed appropriate.	444,090	5.0
Truancy Magistrate	The Court has established school-based truancy court hearings in six high-risk middle schools -- Azalea, Bay Point, John Hopkins, Largo, Pinellas Park, and Tyrone -- with the goal of reducing truancy. Pinellas County contracts with Family Resources to provide two full-time case managers to work with students and parents to address issues and causes for the truant behavior. The Court contracts with a magistrate who will conduct weekly hearings with the truant youth and their parents; meet with attendance specialists, case managers and other relevant social workers; and properly sanction school attendance and non-attendance.	42,840	-
Administrative Office of the Courts	Administrative support to the Trial Court Administrator; Office of Violence Against Women Grant (OVW).	172,340	2.5
Drug Court	Drug Court is a Local Option program. The Judiciary budget provides administrative support and oversight for the County's contribution to treatment services of Drug Court participants. Additional Drug Court expenses are found in the Human Services Department.	148,160	2.0
Court Counsel	Staff attorneys and administrative assistant. These positions are local options and are classified as Court Innovations. Staff attorneys assist 33 Circuit Court judges and 17 County Court judges in Pinellas County. Staff Attorneys review and act on post-conviction motions, prepare orders, respond to judges' requests for trial and pre-trial assistance and respond to requests from the Chief Judge and the public	417,070	6.0
Law Libraries	Depository for legal materials for public use by pro se litigants and members of the bar, located in the Clearwater Old Courthouse. This program promotes trust and confidence in the judicial system by providing an access point for equal justice under the law.	259,150	1.0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4,001,180</b>	<b>40.5</b>

# Pinellas County Funded Court Staff

