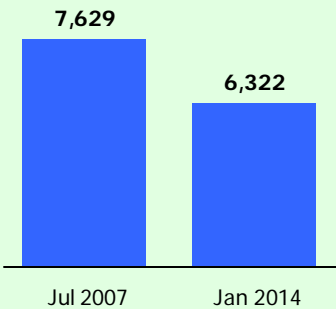
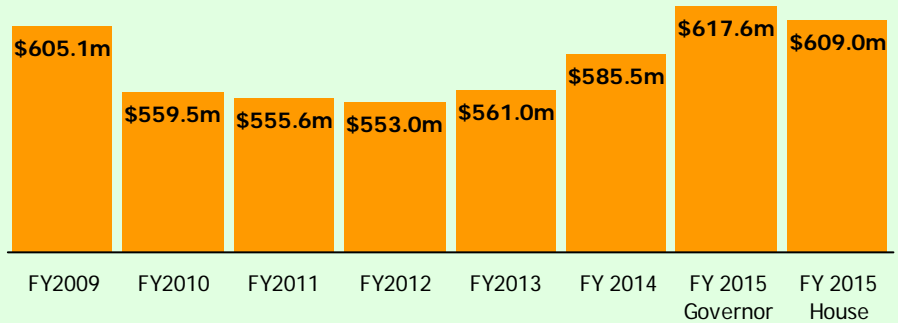


The Massachusetts Trial Court: FY 2015 Funding Request

Staffing



Appropriations



Trial Court Funding Request: The Trial Court requested maintenance funding of \$615 million in addition to funding for the following budget initiatives that prioritize safety and efficiency.

- **Expand Specialty Courts to Reduce Crime - \$2.7 million**
- **Establish Court Service Centers to Increase Service & Efficiency - \$370,000**
- **Expand Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs to Improve Efficiency & Speed Resolution - \$2.3 million**
- **Upgrade Digital Recording & Introduce Remote Interpretation to Increase Efficiency & Reduce Expenses - \$1.5 million**
- **Enhance Security Systems to Improve Safety of Public & Staff - \$1.3 million**
- **Expand Training for Probation Staff to Enhance Safety - \$670,000**
- **Introduce Electronic Signage and Kiosks to Increase Efficiency & Improve Service - \$1.6 million**
- **Upgrade Telecom Systems to Increase Efficiency - \$1.1 million**
- **Modernize Record Management to Increase Efficiency and Access - \$700,000**
- **Fund Collective Bargaining Reserve to Ensure Availability of Resources to Promptly Fund New Agreements - \$6.5 million**

Examples of Innovations and New Technologies Currently Being Implemented

Boston Municipal Court to Pilot Call Center

A multi-year telecom upgrade is underway to support a central call center that will relieve the number of calls to clerks' offices, improving efficiency and service to the public. The Boston Municipal Court pilot will expand to the entire state when the network is completed.

E-filing Pilot Underway in the Trial Court and Appeals Court

Six e-filing pilots – three in the Appellate Courts and three in the Trial Court – will launch this year and continue through calendar year 2015. The e-filing services will operate on the public internet and allow submission of civil filings to existing case management systems. Results of the pilots will enable expansion of electronic filing across the state.

Digital Record Preservation

A proposed rule to replace paper storage of documents and records with digital preservation is under review by the Supreme Judicial Court. This will greatly reduce storage requirements and associated costs and facilitate rapid retrieval of court documents.

Electronic Application for Criminal Complaint (EACC) Pilot in Boston

Since February, the Boston Police have submitted applications for criminal complaint to the South Boston Division of the Boston Municipal Court via the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS) network. Statewide expansion of the EACC will reduce data entry burdens for courts and police departments, enhance the accuracy of data, and advance efforts to obtain fingerprint-supported records.