



District Court Dispute Resolution

Expenditures	2003	2004	2005	2006
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Other Services & Charges	96,715	88,120	101,776	98,245
Total Expenditures	96,715	88,120	101,776	98,245
Ending Fund Balance	54,772	55,063	60,164	54,972
Total Budget			161,940	153,217

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Program Description:

Yakima County created a Dispute Resolution Center to provide a forum within which persons may voluntarily participate in the resolution of various disputes in an informal and less adversarial atmosphere than that faced in a civil judicial setting.

Major Objectives:

To reduce the amount of time in court required to process various disputes and thereby allow more judicial time for the court to apply to remaining caseload.

Revenue/Expenditure Comment:

RCW 7.75.035 allows the Civil Division of District Court to impose a surcharge to all civil and small claim filings to offset county costs of funding a Dispute Resolution Center. These surcharges are estimated to generate approximately \$50,000 to \$95,000 per year. Cost of dispute resolution to Yakima County is not to exceed the amount generated by the civil surcharge imposed.