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### **Funds additional court sessions in three large counties**

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) has been awarded a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) to expedite Driving While Impaired (DWI) cases in Johnston, Mecklenburg, and Wake counties. The funding will provide approximately 400 additional DWI court sessions through the remainder of the federal fiscal year, which ends September 30, 2025.

"We're grateful to the GHSP for this funding and partnership," said NCAOC Director Ryan Boyce. "Thank you to the district attorneys, judges, clerks, law enforcement agencies, and other court staff who enhance public safety by working hard to quickly adjudicate these cases."

Pending statewide DWI cases have steadily declined in recent years. Cases are down 10 percent since early 2020 and are down nearly 30 percent from the COVID pandemic-created high in 2021.

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### **About North Carolina Judicial Branch**

The [North Carolina Judicial Branch](#) is an equal and distinctively separate branch and core function of government. More than 7,400 Judicial Branch employees statewide administer justice in courthouses in North Carolina's 100 counties. The [Judicial Branch budget for FY 2022-23](#) was \$712.8M, 87% of which is used to pay salaries and 11.5% is used for operations. The Judicial Branch receives 2.64% of the overall State budget.

### **About North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts**

The North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) is the administrative agency for the [North Carolina Judicial Branch](#), providing administrative services to help the North Carolina court system operate more efficiently and effectively, taking into account each courthouse's diverse needs, caseloads, and available resources.

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