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Year 2023–24

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Executive Summary

Each year the Administrative Director approves the list of entrance screening equipment to be replaced that year through the Screening Equipment Replacement Program, which provides funding from the Trial Court Trust Fund to replace outdated or malfunctioning screening equipment in the trial courts. This report updates the council on the equipment that was replaced in fiscal year 2023–24 using that funding.

Relevant Previous Reporting or Action

At its meeting on July 21, 2023, the Judicial Council approved the allocation of \$2.286 million from the Trial Court Trust Fund for the Screening Equipment Replacement Program managed by the Judicial Council Emergency Planning and Security Coordination unit. This amount reflects no change to the \$2.286 million that has been allocated to the program each year since fiscal year (FY) 2006–07.

In December 2007, the Judicial Council delegated expenditure authority of the Screening Equipment Replacement Program funds to the Administrative Director. On October 25, 2013, in its review of appropriate delegations, the Judicial Council maintained the delegation authority for

the Administrative Director. It also required an annual report to the council on the screening equipment replaced each fiscal year.

Analysis/Rationale

Since FY 2006–07, the Emergency Planning and Security Coordination unit has managed the Screening Equipment Replacement Program to replace aged and malfunctioning entrance screening equipment in trial courts. To address variances in the number of machines due for replacement each year, some equipment has been replaced out of cycle.

In FY 2023–24, equipment was identified for replacement or transfer in 23 courts. A total of 21 magnetometers and 60 x-ray machines were replaced. In addition, funds were used to assist in transferring equipment from one court facility to another and to remove and dispose of decommissioned x-ray machines from storage in court facilities.

Table 1 details the expenditures from the Screening Equipment Replacement Program for FY 2023–24.

Table 1. Screening Equipment Replacement Program Expenditures for FY 2023–24

County Name	Amount Expended*	Magnetometers	X-ray Machines	Transfer/Removal/ Disposal
Alameda	246,007	1	7	
Amador	5,050			1
Contra Costa	51,648	8		
Fresno	40,048	1	1	
Imperial	4,906			1
Kern	239,487	4	5	1
Los Angeles	512,158		15	
Napa	76,147		2	
Nevada	33,764		1	
Orange	98,819		3	1
Placer	33,624		1	
Plumas	42,405		1	
Riverside	309,834	2	9	
San Diego	225,604	1	6	
San Joaquin	42,643		1	
San Luis Obispo	33,255		1	
San Mateo	40,506	1	1	1
Santa Barbara	73,396		2	
Santa Clara	66,730		2	
Sierra	6,338	1		
Siskiyou	6,363	1		

County Name	Amount Expended*	Magnetometers	X-ray Machines	Transfer/Removal/ Disposal
Tehama	39,918	1	1	
Trinity	42,405		1	
Total Expended	2,271,054	21	60	5
Total Budget	2,286,000			
Unspent Funds	14,946			

* Cost and expenditure amounts are rounded.

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

Equipment is generally replaced on an eight-year cycle. The program spends approximately \$33,586 for each standard x-ray unit, \$42,563 for each compact x-ray unit, and \$6,419 for each magnetometer. Costs include delivery, installation, training, five years of onsite service coverage, and estimated sales tax. After the expiration of the initial five-year service coverage period, service agreements are renewed annually until the equipment is replaced. Effective FY 2015–16, the Screening Equipment Replacement Program has been unable to reimburse courts for the purchase of service agreement extensions because of funding limitations.

Attachments and Links

None.