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Executive Summary

Pursuant to Government Code section 77209(i), the Judicial Council is required to submit an annual report on the use of the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund to the Legislature. On December 29, 2023, Judicial Council staff submitted the *State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures in 2022–23* report.

Relevant Previous Council Action

This report (Attachment A) is submitted to the Legislature annually. Reports from previous fiscal years are available on the California Courts website “Legislative Reports” webpage at www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

Analysis/Rationale

In 2022–23, \$42.4 million was expended or encumbered from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund for various programs and projects. The annual submission of the *State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures in 2022–23* report to the Legislature has been designated as council information only. No recommendations were made; therefore, no action is required of the council.

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

None.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures in 2022–23*



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Re: *State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures in 2022–23*, as required under Government Code section 77209(i)

Dear Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Contreras, and Ms. Parker:

Pursuant to Government Code section 77209(i), the Judicial Council is submitting the *State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures for 2022–23* report.

In 2022–23, \$42.4 million was expended or encumbered from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund for various programs and projects. These programs represent efforts by the judicial branch to improve services to the public and increase access to justice. Detailed expenditures by program can be found in Attachment 2 of the report.

Reports from previous fiscal years are available on the California Courts website’s “Legislative Reports” webpage at www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Director, Judicial Council Budget Services, at 916-263-1397 or zlatko.theodorovic@jud.ca.gov.

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Report title: *State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund
Expenditures for 2022–23*

Statutory citation: Government Code section 77209(i)

Date of report: December 29, 2023

The Judicial Council has submitted a report to the Legislature in accordance with Government Code section 77209(i). The following summary of the report is provided under the requirements of Government Code section 9795.

The State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund is an important component of the judicial branch budget. It supports statewide services for the trial courts, ongoing technology programs and infrastructure initiatives, and educational and development programs. Additionally, it funds innovative and model programs and other special projects.

In 2022–23, \$42.4 million was expended or encumbered from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund for various programs and projects. These programs represent efforts by the judicial branch to improve services to the public and increase access to justice.

The full report can be accessed at www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

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State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures in 2022–23

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State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures in 2022–23

Recommendations Regarding the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund

Under Government Code section 77209(i), the Judicial Council is required to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the use of the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF), with appropriate recommendations as needed. There are no recommendations included in this report.

Resources, Expenditures, and Fund Balance Overview

In 2022–23, the IMF was supported by a variety of funding sources, including the 50-50 excess fees, fines, and forfeitures split revenue under Government Code section 77205(a); the two percent automation fund under Government Code section 68090.8(b); interest from the Surplus Money Investment Fund; royalties from publication of jury instructions under Government Code section 77209(h); and a transfer from the state General Fund. Including prior-year adjustments and transfers into the Trial Court Trust Fund, the total available resources for the IMF were \$80.5 million (Attachment 1).

As of June 30, 2023, a total of \$42.4 million was expended or encumbered for various programs, projects, and pro rata. Of this amount, \$36.9 million was for local assistance expenditures and \$5.5 million was for support expenditures and the pro rata assessment. Specifically, expenditures were made for self-help centers, education programs for judicial officers and trial court personnel, jury systems enhancements, and information technology (Attachment 2).

Based on the available resources, expenditures, and encumbrances, the fund balance at the end of 2022–23 was an estimated \$38.1 million (Attachment 3).

Use of IMF Resources for Trial Courts During 2022–23

The Judicial Council approved allocations from IMF resources for various programs and projects that seek to improve trial court administration, increase access to justice throughout the state, and improve court management, efficiency, case processing, and timeliness of trials. A description of each project and program that used IMF resources is included below.

Audit Services

Approximately \$336,000 was expended for the salaries, benefits, and support costs for two auditor positions. Eleven court audit reports were completed. Audit Services performs recurring audits of the state's 58 trial courts to assess their compliance with the Judicial Council's policies and procedures. These audits include the review of various aspects of court operations, including court procurement activity, the accuracy of reported case filings, and vendor payment controls.

Branch Accounting and Procurement–Trial Court Procurement

Approximately \$165,000 was expended for one position to maintain statewide contracts for the trial courts. The statewide contracts are leveraged procurement agreements designed to consolidate the procurement needs of the courts and leverage their combined buying power to reduce prices, improve terms and conditions, and improve procurement efficiency. Branch Accounting and Procurement (BAP) staff currently maintain approximately 49 statewide contracts within 17 goods/services categories on behalf of the trial courts, which are publicly accessible.

Budget Services

Treasury Services—Cash Management

Approximately \$111,000 was expended for the Treasury Services Cash Management program prior to the unit moving to BAP on January 1, 2023.

Centralized Rent for All IMF-Funded Positions

Approximately \$239,000 was expended for rent for all IMF-funded position work locations.

Budget-Focused Training and Meetings

Approximately \$2,000 was expended by the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee. This committee provides input on the trial court budget process for the benefit of all trial courts statewide, and proposes recommendations to the Judicial Council Budget Committee and Judicial Council on trial court funding consistent with council goals. Expenditures include travel costs, telephone services, and committee meetings.

Business Management Services

Data Analytics Advisory Committee

Approximately \$2,000 was expended on travel expenses for in-person meetings by members of the Data Analytics Advisory Committee. The committee meets approximately four times per year with one in-person meeting. The charge of the Data Analytics Advisory Committee is to make recommendations to the Judicial Council regarding the collection, use, and sharing of judicial branch data and information to inform decision-making, promote transparency, and improve the administration of justice while ensuring the security of nonpublic data and data sources.

Education Programs

Approximately \$1.6 million was expended for the following education programs: (1) New Judge Education, (2) Judicial Education for Experienced Judges, (3) Faculty, and (4) Essential Court Personnel.

New Judge Education

Approximately \$1.2 million was expended for new judge education. California Rules of Court, rule 10.462(c)(1) requires all newly elected and appointed judges and subordinate judicial officers (SJO) to attend the New Judge Orientation program within six months of taking the oath

of office, to take an orientation course in their primary assignment within one year of taking the oath of office, and to attend the B. E. Witkin Judicial College within two years of taking the oath of office. By rule of court, the Judicial Council Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) is the sole provider for these education programs.

- ***New Judge Orientation.*** Ten remote and in-person sessions were delivered in 2022–23. The specific number of courses required in any given year depends on the number of judicial officers appointed, elected, or hired (in the case of SJOs) each year.
- ***Primary Assignment Orientation.*** Fifteen in-person courses were delivered in 2022–23. These courses provide new judges and SJOs with an intense immersion into their primary assignment (civil, criminal, probate, family, juvenile, or traffic), with a strong emphasis on detailed procedures, protocols, and classroom exercises designed to test skills in the assignment.
- ***B. E. Witkin Judicial College.*** The two-week judicial college was offered twice during 2022–23 instead of once annually as is standard practice. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this program was not offered in 2020–2021 or 2021–22 so an additional college was offered the subsequent year.

These educational courses provide staggered opportunities for new judges and SJOs to develop relationships that can support them throughout their careers.

Primary Assignment Orientation Courses for Experienced Judges

Approximately \$56,000 was expended on primary assignment courses for experienced judges.

- In addition to the primary assignment courses for new judges, CJER offers assignment courses for experienced judges who are moving into new assignments that are substantively more complex and nuanced than their former assignments (e.g., felony sentencing, homicide trials, and capital cases). These programs are also designed to fulfill other statutory or case law–based education requirements.
- CJER also offers courses dealing specifically with domestic violence issues. These courses are funded by IMF and grant funding. By completing the domestic violence courses, judges and SJOs also meet the specified education requirements and expectations of California Rules of Court, rule 10.464.

Continuing Judicial Education for Experienced Judges

Approximately \$157,000 was expended for continuing judicial education for experienced judges.

- ***Advanced judicial education courses for experienced judges.*** CJER develops and provides advanced courses for experienced judges. These continuing education courses were designed to address advanced judging issues and include such courses as “Complex

Civil Litigation,” “Civil and Criminal Evidence,” and “Experienced Probate Law” as well as specialized courses in handling domestic violence and sexual assault cases. These statewide programs provide judges and SJOs with the opportunity to work with and learn from their colleagues and exchange techniques and strategies.

- ***Judicial institutes.*** In 2022–23, the Cow County Institute was held in person, while the other substantive law institutes (Family Law, Juvenile Law, and Civil Law Institutes) were offered remotely. CJER offers judicial institutes in the major trial court bench assignments (civil, criminal, family, juvenile, and probate), as well as specific programs for appellate justices, rural court judges, appellate court attorneys, and trial court attorneys.
- ***Leadership training.*** In 2022–23, the Presiding Judge/Court Executive Officer Management Institute and the Supervising Judge Institute were held in person. These programs offer participants a chance to learn management techniques, strategies, and best practices designed for the unique environment of the courts. They enable judges to fulfill continuing education hours and expectations under California Rules of Court, rule 10.462(c)(2).

CJER Faculty–Trial Court Faculty Costs–Statewide Education Programs

Approximately \$45,000 was expended for faculty development programs and course design workshops. These programs and workshops are foundational for new faculty and are designed to support specific courses or programs including the new judge orientation and judicial college programs.

Essential Court Management Education

Approximately \$14,000 was expended for remote and in-person court manager and supervisor education.

- ***Core leadership courses.*** The core leadership series of courses are multiple-day programs that provide an intensive experience for new and experienced trial court supervisors and managers.
- ***Institute for Court Management courses.*** These courses lead to certification by the National Center for State Courts in many national curriculum areas related to court management. The courses provide relevant education for court leaders based on the core competencies identified by the National Association for Court Management.

Essential Court Personnel Education

Approximately \$107,000 was expended for participant and faculty costs associated with court personnel education. This instruction included video, regional, and local education offerings as well as the Trial Court Judicial Attorney Institute and the Court Clerk Training Institute.

- **Regional and local court staff courses.** In person and remote courses covered a wide array of topics including, but not limited to, human resources, courtroom clerk responsibilities, and case processing in the major court assignments of appellate case processing, civil, criminal, probate, family, juvenile, and traffic. Other courses included broad topics relevant to all court staff, such as leadership skills and identifying and preventing workplace sexual harassment. The CJER Advisory Committee’s curriculum committee identified a need for these courses, and were taught by experienced court personnel and CJER faculty.

Programs for Families and Children

Domestic Violence Forms Translation

Approximately \$17,000 was expended for the translation of new and updated domestic violence forms and instructions into Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese. These forms were made available at the *Self-Help Guide to the California Courts*.

Self-Help Centers

Approximately \$5 million was expended by the trial courts for public self-help center programs and operations. Self-help services increase the efficiency of other court operations.

Interactive Software—Electronic Forms for Self-Represented Litigants

Approximately \$60,000 was expended to develop document assembly software programs that simplify the process of completing Judicial Council forms and other pleadings. Using a “TurboTax” model, litigants enter information once and the program automatically populates that information on the form, saving substantial time and assisting self-represented litigants in preparing thorough and accurate pleadings.

Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Project

Approximately \$1 million was expended by legal services organizations under the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Project. This supplemental funding was provided to the programs from fees collected under Assembly Bill 590 (Feuer; Stats. 2009, Ch. 457). These projects provide legal representation to low-income parties on critical legal issues affecting basic human needs and are operated by legal services nonprofit corporations working in collaboration with their local trial courts.

Statewide Multidisciplinary Education

Approximately \$56,000 was expended for statewide multidisciplinary education. Of this amount, \$21,000 was expended to support the in-person Juvenile Judges Administrative Forum and approximately \$35,000 was expended to support the 2023 Youth Court Summit.

The Juvenile Judges Administrative Forum was held in lieu of the bi-annual Beyond the Bench conference which was not offered in 2022–23 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The administrative forum brought together approximately 100 judges. The content met continuing education requirements for attending judges. It included updates and discussion of juvenile law

policy in California including updates on Continuum of Care Reform, the Judicial Council's sentencing matrix for youth committed to Secured Youth Track Facilities, and tribal issues intersecting with juvenile state courts.

The theme of the 2023 Youth Court Summit conference was "Justice 101," and the content addressed mass incarceration, the effects of adverse childhood experiences and trauma, and promising practices for youth courts. There were 174 registrants for this in-person summit.

Statewide Support for Self-Help Programs

Approximately \$99,000 was expended to support statewide services available to court self-help centers in the 58 trial courts. The allocation supported updates to instructional materials and forms used by self-help centers and the public, a web platform for education for self-help center staff, and self-help center webinars. It also paid for legal updates and new content for the online Self-Help Guide to the California Courts and the new statewide Self-Help Portal.

Court Interpreters Program (CIP)—Testing, Development, Recruitment, and Education

Approximately \$143,000 was expended to support the court interpreter testing program. The council's CIP contracts with Prometric, LLC (a third-party exam administrator for the interpreting testing program) to provide the following services: administering interpreting exams, training and managing exam proctors and raters, operating a customer support call center, updating existing and developing new exams, processing appeals, providing reports, and maintaining a web presence.

The CIP continued to work with Prometric to resume court interpreter testing under state and local health and safety requirements, and to provide more testing opportunities. For the Bilingual Interpreting Examination, which is required for certified languages, testing was available for up to 600 candidates in July through September of 2022. Testing was also available year-round for the Written Examination and the Oral Proficiency Examination.

Information Technology (IT) Services

California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR)

Approximately \$551,000 was expended to fund a statewide protective order registry that provides complete, accessible information on restraining and protective orders, including images of those orders, to the 46 participating counties, as well as limited read-only access to 14 tribal courts. The allocation covered the hosting costs of the CCPOR application at the California Courts Technology Center, application maintenance and enhancements, updates required by legislative changes, and daily operational support to the courts and their local law enforcement agency partners, who are users of the system.

Case Management System (CMS) Replacement

Approximately \$66,000 was provided to three courts to deploy their new CMS to replace their legacy CMSs in 2022–23: Mariposa (August 2022), Solano (March 2023), and Marin (June

2023). These courts selected an approved vendor that has a master services agreement with the Judicial Council, and they are in the process of deploying their new systems.

Data Center & Cloud Service

Approximately \$4.9 million was expended for the Data Center & Cloud Service to provide ongoing technology center hosting for participating courts, shared services to the trial courts, and a full disaster-recovery program. Many courts leverage the contract with the vendor to receive IT services for their courts, including Microsoft Office migration assistance, help desk services, file server management, cloud migration assistance, and other services as needed.

Data Integration

Approximately \$934,000 was expended to continue work with trial courts to provide system interfaces between the Judicial Council and the courts and justice system partners, including law enforcement agencies and the California Department of Justice (DOJ). Additional funding was spent to migrate from TIBCO® software to the Talend platform to reduce maintenance and support costs of data integration platforms. The allocation also covered the hosting costs of the Integration Services Backbone applications for Data Center & Cloud Service, infrastructure support, application maintenance and upgrades, and daily operational support to the courts for all environments, including testing, staging, and production.

Data integration supports the CCPOR, e-filing for the appellate courts, and the California Disposition Reporting Exchange which allows for electronic submission of disposition records to the DOJ. Currently, seven trial courts (Inyo, Lassen, Mono, Orange, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, and Tulare) are live with the exchange; the technology team is working to onboard additional courts.

Jury Management Systems

Approximately \$346,000 was expended in jury grants awarded to 12 courts for 13 different jury projects. The types of jury projects that received funding included: four projects to upgrade courts' jury management systems; two projects for Interactive Voice Response/Interactive Web Response enhancements; five projects upgrading, replacing, or adding peripheral hardware such as audio systems and informational display monitors; and two projects involving making system enhancements to comply with current law.

Statewide Planning and Development Support

Approximately \$2.8 million was expended to provide enterprise products and services for use by trial courts, and to support the Judicial Council in providing tools and applications to manage projects and programs at an enterprise level.

This program provides the trial courts access to a variety of products from Oracle and Gartner. The trial courts have access to products such as Oracle's Database Enterprise Edition, Real Application Clusters, Advanced Security, Diagnostics Pack, and WebLogic Server. Funding is provided to continue ongoing software maintenance for Adobe Forms, and for access to

educational resources that offer technical research and knowledge libraries, security and risk management best practices, and consultation with subject-matter experts.

The program also funded enterprise architect (EA) support services for several branchwide initiatives that will help improve and advance infrastructure services for the trial courts. The branchwide initiatives include oversight and support of the enterprise identity management system, the data warehouse/data share-house, the electronic Courts of Appeal Records and Transcripts (eCART) program, and technology to improve access for the public.

The enterprise identity management system enables the trial courts to have a standardized means to allow public access to court digital services. The data share-house initiative is a modern method for the trial courts to manage and share data with the branch and with other justice partners. The eCART program enables the trial courts to automate the assembly of transcripts and deliver them to the Courts of Appeal. The access technology initiative includes the application of intelligent chat technology, video remote access technology, and voice-to-text translation services, which are supported by data integration. In addition to the initiatives, the EA support services provided architectural oversight and guidance to existing branchwide trial court systems and programs, plus architectural and technical guidance to the trial courts, as needed.

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Telecommunications Support

Approximately \$21.2 million has been invested in the development, maintenance, and support of a standardized local- and wide-area network infrastructure for the trial courts. This robust infrastructure serves as the bedrock for the efficient deployment and operation of both local court and enterprise-level IT services and applications. Noted below are some of the critical functions associated with the Data Center & Cloud Service.

- Thirty-two trial court locations were upgraded with state-of-the-art network components to replace aging infrastructure that has reached the end of its operational lifespan. These new network resources will enable seamless remote access to essential court services, including hearings, data analytics, and cloud-based applications such as email and case management. Additionally, 152 network switches were procured in anticipation of replacing nearly 2,000 switches that will reach their end of life in 2024.
- Portable cellular routers at 25 court facilities were implemented to establish a cost-effective wireless broadband network. This wireless capability will serve the daily operational needs of the court while also ensuring robust disaster recovery capabilities.

- A comprehensive suite of network security services was established, which includes managed firewall services, intrusion detection and prevention mechanisms, vulnerability scanning, and web browser security enhancements. This holistic approach to security safeguards court data and operations from potential threats.
- Essential maintenance and support coverage for all networking equipment was provided, ensuring that the courts have uninterrupted vendor support for their entire network and security infrastructure. This coverage is crucial for maintaining the reliability and security of our court systems.

Project Management Office

Judicial Performance Defense Insurance

Approximately \$1.7 million was expended to pay for the portion of the Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP) defense master insurance policy that covers claims by trial court judges and SJOs. The program covers defense costs in CJP proceedings related to CJP complaints, protects judicial officers from exposure to excessive financial risk for acts committed within the scope of their judicial duties, and lowers the risk of conduct that could lead to complaints through required ethics training for judicial officers.

Legal Services

Jury System Improvement Projects

Approximately \$171 was expended for online meetings during this period; however, in-state travel may occur in 2023–24 as in-person attendance is expected to increase. Additionally, the Criminal Jury Instruction Advisory Committee expended approximately \$5,000 for online legal research software, subscriptions, and meeting and travel expenses such as lodging and transportation.

Regional Office Assistance Group & Trial Court Transactional Assistance Program

Approximately \$786,000 was expended to pay for four attorney positions at 80 percent time, providing services to trial courts in the areas of labor and employment. Additionally, the attorneys who provided this Regional Office Assistance incurred \$2,000 in state-related travel expenditures for labor arbitrations and Public Employee Relations Board proceedings as provided for through funding for the Trial Court Transactional Assistance Program.

Attachments

1. Attachment 1: State Trial Court Improvement & Modernization Fund: Resources 2022–23
2. Attachment 2: State Trial Court Improvement & Modernization Fund: Expenditures and Encumbrances by Program and Project 2022–23
3. Attachment 3: State Trial Court Improvement & Modernization Fund: Fund Condition Statement 2022–23

State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund:

Resources

2022–23

Description	Amount
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 23,242,053
Prior Year Adjustments	8,638,611
Adjusted Beginning Fund Balance	31,880,664
Revenues and Transfers	
<i>Revenues</i>	
50/50 Excess Fees, Fines, and Forfeitures Split	7,504,000
Two Percent Automation Fund	8,327,104
Interest from Surplus Money Investment Fund	1,550,086
Royalties from Publications of Jury Instructions	429,853
Miscellaneous Revenue and Adjustments	171,158
Class Action Residue	329,186
<i>Transfers</i>	
Transfer from State General Fund	44,284,000
Transfer to Trial Court Trust Fund (Gov. Code, § 77209 (j))	(13,397,000)
General Fund Transfer (Gov. Code, § 20825.1)	-
Transfer to Trial Court Trust Fund (2015 Budget Act)	(594,000)
Subtotal, Revenues and Transfers	48,604,387
Total Resources	\$ 80,485,051

**State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund:
Expenditures and Encumbrances by Program and Project
2022–23**

Description	Total
<i>Audit Services</i>	\$ 335,810
Audit Services ¹	335,810
<i>Branch Accounting and Procurement</i>	\$ 165,357
Trial Court Procurement	165,357
<i>Budget Services</i>	\$ 352,260
Treasury Services–Cash Management ¹	110,609
Budget-Focused Training and Meetings	2,442
Centralized Rent for IMF Staff	239,209
<i>Business Management Services</i>	\$ 1,699
Juror Source List Update	1,699
<i>Education Programs</i>	\$ 1,585,175
New Judge Education	1,194,469
Experienced Judge Education	225,476
CJER Faculty–Statewide Education Programs	44,861
Essential Court Management Education	13,843
Essential Court Personnel Education	106,526
<i>Programs for Families and Children</i>	\$ 6,417,519
Domestic Violence Forms Translation	17,000
Self-Help Centers	5,000,000
Interactive Software–Self-Represented Electronic Forms	60,000
Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Project	1,042,000
Statewide Multidisciplinary Education	56,215

Statewide Support for Self-Help Programs	99,304
Court Interpreter Program (Testing, Development, Recruitment and Education)	143,000
<i>Information Technology Services</i>	\$ 30,845,938
California Courts Protective Order Registry ²	551,060
Case Management System Replacement	66,000
Data Center & Cloud Service	4,944,195
Data Integration ²	933,735
Jury Management Systems	346,342
Statewide Planning and Development Support	2,763,770
Telecommunications Support	21,240,836
<i>Project Management Office</i>	\$ 1,680,489
Judicial Performance Defense Insurance	1,680,489
<i>Legal Services</i>	\$ 792,682
Jury System Improvement Projects	4,731
Regional Office Assistance Group ¹	787,951
Total Expenditures and Encumbrances	\$ 42,176,929
Pro Rata, Statewide General Administrative Services	180,012
Total Expenditures, Encumbrances, and Pro-Rata	\$ 42,356,941

¹ Note expenditures are for administrative support services provided by Judicial Council staff.

² Expenditures include the costs for local assistance and administrative support services provided by Judicial Council staff.

State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund: Fund Condition Statement 2022–23	
Description	Amount
Total Resources	\$ 80,485,051
Program/Project Area	
Audit Services	335,810
Branch Accounting and Procurement	165,357
Budget Services	352,260
Business Management Services	1,699
Education Programs	1,585,175
Programs for Families and Children	6,417,519
Information Technology Services	30,845,938
Project Management Office	1,680,489
Legal Services	792,682
Subtotal, Expenditures and Encumbrances	\$ 42,176,929
Pro Rata, Statewide General Administrative Services	180,012
Total Expenditures, Encumbrances, and Pro Rata	\$ 42,356,941
Fund Balance	\$ 38,128,109