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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Title

Trial Court Budget: State Trial Court
Improvement and Modernization Fund
Allocations for 2023–24

Agenda Item Type

Action Required

Effective Date

July 21, 2023

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected

None

Date of Report

June 22, 2023

Recommended by

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
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Executive Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving allocations for 2023–24 from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund in the amount of \$45.153 million. Assuming approval of the allocations, and with current revenue projections, the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund will end 2023–24 with a fund balance of \$31.731 million, of which approximately \$3.119 million will be unrestricted.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 21, 2023, approve a total of \$45.153 million in allocations for 2023–24 from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund, as follows:

1. \$372,000 to Audit Services, an increase of \$18,000;
2. \$292,000 to Branch Accounting and Procurement, an increase of \$123,000;
3. \$9,000 to Business Management Services, no change;

4. \$35,000 to Budget Services, a decrease of \$115,000;
5. \$6.28 million to Center for Families, Children & the Courts, a decrease of \$149,000;
6. \$1.202 million to Center for Judicial Education and Research, a decrease of \$503,000;
7. \$9,000 to Criminal Justice Services, no change;
8. \$23,000 to Human Resources, an increase of \$23,000 (there was no 2022–23 allocation);
9. \$34.129 million to Information Technology, an increase of \$252,000;
10. \$871,000 to Legal Services, an increase of \$1,000; and
11. \$1.931 million to Leadership Support Services, an increase of \$119,000.

Recommendations 1 through 11 were presented to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee on May 17, 2023, and were approved for consideration by the Judicial Council. A list of the approved 2022–23 and proposed 2023–24 allocations is provided in Attachment A.

Relevant Previous Council Action

Since the inception of state trial court funding in 1996, every year the Judicial Council or the Executive and Planning Committee has allocated trial court–related funding from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund or its predecessor fund, the Judicial Administration Efficiency and Modernization Fund.

Analysis/Rationale

Following are the proposed 2023–24¹ allocation requests. Additional details for each of the programs are included in Attachment B.

Audit Services—Conducts operational audits, risk assessments, and recommends improvements to all judicial branch entities.

Approve an allocation of \$372,000; an increase of \$18,000 from the 2022–23 allocation (Attachment A, column G, row I).

- a. The allocation is for conducting performance and compliance audits of the 58 trial courts.
- b. The increase is due to increased staffing costs and travel. The increases are partially offset by a reduction in training and supply costs.

¹ All year spans represent fiscal years unless otherwise indicated.

Branch Accounting and Procurement—Supports the trial courts’ financial and human resources Phoenix System.

Approve an allocation of \$292,000; an increase of \$123,000 from the 2022–23 allocation (Attachment A, column G, rows 2 and 3).

- a. The Treasury Services Unit was transferred to Branch Accounting and Procurement from Budget Services in January 2023. This results in an increase in this allocation and a corresponding decrease in the request from Budget Services for support of this unit.
- b. The allocation is for one treasury staff and one accounting staff as well as providing contract-related services to produce statewide leveraged procurement agreements.
- c. Excluding the transfer of the Treasury Services Unit, increased staffing costs of the existing accounting staff also contributed to the increase.

Business Management Services—Supports the judicial branch research, data, and analytics programs and manages the Temporary Assigned Judges Program.

Approve an allocation of \$9,000; there is no change from the 2022–23 allocation (Attachment A, column G, row 4).

- a. The allocation is for committee meeting expenses for court personnel and judges related to workload studies.
- b. The committee being supported by this program is now the Data Analytics Advisory Committee, effective in 2022–23; the Workload Assessment Advisory Committee has sunset.

Budget Services—Supports meetings of various committees and subcommittees as they relate to trial court funding, policies, and other issues.

Approve an allocation of \$35,000; a decrease of \$115,000 from the 2022–23 allocation (Attachment A, column G, rows 5–7).

- a. The allocation is for the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee and subcommittee meetings, and annual trainings for Revenue Distribution and the Collections Reporting Template.
- b. Treasury Services was transferred from Budget Services to Branch Accounting and Procurement, resulting in a decrease to the allocation request.

Center for Families, Children & the Courts—Supports various programs within the courts for litigants.

Approve an allocation of \$6.28 million; a decrease of \$149,000 from the 2022–23 allocation (Attachment A, column G, rows 8–14).

- a. The allocation is for providing Domestic Violence forms in languages other than English to all courts; enabling all courts to use HotDocs Document Assembly Applications to file documents; court-based assistance to self-represented litigants; supporting the Beyond the Bench conference, Child & Family Focused Education Conference, and Youth

Summit; funding for legal services agencies and their court partners to provide representation to indigent persons; updating the Self-represented Litigants Statewide Support Program and expanding the online Self-Help Guide to the California Courts on the judicial branch website; and for recruitment of new interpreters.

- b. The decrease is for the specific use of funds for the Shriver Civil Counsel Program from *cy près* funds that are held in reserve in the fund and may only be used for this purpose. This statutorily provided funding was expected to only be collected in 2019–20; however, some revenue has continued to come in after the planned sunset date. This request represents the use of the remaining available balance of that revenue.
- c. Provisional language in the budget requires unspent funds for Self-Help to revert to the General Fund.

Center for Judicial Education and Research—Provides education to judges, court leaders, court staff faculty, managers, supervisors, and lead staff.

Approve an allocation of \$1.202 million; a decrease of \$503,000 from the 2022–23 allocation (Attachment A, column G, rows 15–18).

- a. The allocation is for faculty development participant expenses, training for court leaders, the Court Clerks Training Institute, and for newly elected or appointed judges and subordinate judicial officers' education programs.
- b. Additional 2022–23 funding was requested for a mandatory in-person training for judicial officers that was previously postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All training is on schedule for 2023–24, thus the decrease from 2022–23.

Criminal Justice Services—Supports the Judicial Council's Criminal Jury Instructions Advisory Committee.

Approve an allocation of \$9,000; there is no change from the 2022–23 allocation (Attachment A, column G, row 19).

- a. The allocation is for the criminal portion of the Jury Instructions and is self-funded by royalties generated from their sales.

Human Resources—Supports the Trial Court Labor Relations Academy to assist trial court staff in addressing various labor issues (not mandated).

Approve \$23,000; an increase of \$23,000 from the 2022–23 allocation (Attachment A, column G, row 20).

- a. The allocation is for the Labor Relations Academy and Forum to provide court management staff with comprehensive labor relations knowledge to assist the courts in addressing their labor needs.
- b. The increase is due to the Trial Court Labor Relations Academy and Forum, which is held every other year. There was no academy in 2022–23, therefore, funding is needed for 2023–24.

Information Technology—Supports information technology systems for the 58 trial courts.

Approve an allocation of \$34.129 million; an increase of \$252,000 from the 2022–23 allocation (Attachment A, column G, rows 21–29).

- a. The allocation is for the Data Center and Cloud Service to host some level of services for the 58 California trial courts, the appellate courts, and the Supreme Court; the distribution and mandated reporting of uniform civil fees collected by the 58 trial courts; the California Courts Protective Order Registry; developing and supporting a standardized level of network infrastructure for the trial courts; the Enterprise Policy and Planning program, which provides a variety of Oracle products to the courts; Data Integration; and the Jury Management System.
- b. The increase is primarily due to costs associated with a hardware refresh cycle and associated vendor services and increased staffing costs. The increases are partially offset by the expiration of the 2019–20 Case Management System Replacement Budget Change Proposal funding, one-time identified savings, and removal of Department of Justice router equipment.

Legal Services—Supports the Judicial Council staff divisions and the courts, manages litigation, and is responsible for rules and projects including the California Rules of Court and Judicial Council forms as well as the Judicial Council’s Civil Jury Instructions Advisory Committee.

Approve an allocation of \$871,000; an increase of \$1,000 from the 2022–23 allocation (Attachment A, column G, rows 30 and 31).

- a. The allocation is for the Regional Office Assistance Group of Legal Services to provide direct services to the trial courts; and for the civil portion of the Jury Instructions, which is self-funded by royalties generated from their sales.
- b. The increase is due to increased staffing costs, which are partially offset by reduced operating expenses and equipment costs.

Leadership Support Services—Supports the trial court judicial officers for the Commission on Judicial Performance defense master insurance policy.

Approve an allocation of \$1.931 million; this is an increase of \$119,000 from the 2022–23 allocation (Attachment A, column G, row 32).

- a. The allocation is for the Judicial Performance Defense Insurance program, which is used to pay the insurance premium for trial court judges and judicial officers for the Commission on Judicial Performance defense master insurance policy.
- b. The increase is due to increased premium costs.

The 2023–24 State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF) allocation request of \$45.153 million is reflected in the IMF Fund Condition Statement (Attachment C). Based on current revenue estimates, the fund is estimated to have a sufficient balance for the requested allocations (see Attachment C, row 25). Over the last two fiscal years, the IMF was facing possible insolvency as early as 2022–23 due to declining revenues. However, with a one-time

revenue deposit of \$5 million in 2021–22 from audit findings and the addition of budget bill language in the Budget Act of 2022 that authorizes backfill revenue in the amount needed to support the fund, there are no insolvency concerns in 2023–24.

As approved by the Judicial Council at its June 24, 2016, business meeting, the IMF fund condition also includes a reserve of \$2 million to protect against possible declines in revenue and is available for expenditure if needed to support program operations (Link A). This reserve is not expected to be needed to support the 2023–24 allocation recommendations included in Attachment A.

Policy implications

These recommendations are consistent with the annual process of allocating trial court–related funding from the IMF every fiscal year.

Comments

This item was not circulated for comment; however, meetings considering this allocation request were open to the public and written public comments were accepted. No written public comment was received for this item when it was considered during meetings by the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee’s Revenue and Expenditure Subcommittee on April 13, 2023, the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee on May 4, 2023, and the Judicial Branch Budget Committee on May 17, 2023.

Alternatives considered

If the recommendations to allocate funds are not approved, programmatic support to the trial courts will be affected. The recommendations are consistent with past practice or were thoroughly vetted through the committee process and deemed necessary and affordable. No other alternatives were considered.

Fiscal and Operational Impacts

There are no additional fiscal or operational costs to implement this recommendation.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: Judicial Council Approved 2022–23 and Proposed 2023–24 Allocations from the IMF
2. Attachment B: IMF Summary of Programs
3. Attachment C: IMF Fund Condition Statement
4. Link A: Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Trial Court Allocations: Fiscal Year 2016–2017 Allocations From Trial Court Trust Fund and State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund* (June 13, 2016),
<https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=4496693&GUID=FE6C1F1D-A68F-4CB8-B4E7-0596B5A59994>

Judicial Council of California
Approved 2022-23 and Proposed 2023-24 Allocations
State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund
State Operations and Local Assistance Appropriations

#	Program Name and Adjustments	Office	2022-23 Allocations	Recommended 2023-24 Allocations			\$ Change from 2022-23	% Change from 2022-23
			Judicial Council Approved Allocations	State Operations	Local Assistance	Total		
A	B	C	D	E	F	G = (E + F)	H = (G - D)	I = (H/D)
1	Audit Services	AS	\$ 354,000	\$ 372,000	\$ -	\$ 372,000	\$ 18,000	5.1%
2	Trial Court Master Agreements	BAP	169,000	182,000	-	182,000	13,000	7.7%
3	Treasury Services - Cash Management	BAP	-	110,000		110,000	110,000	
4	Data Analytics Advisory Committee	BMS	9,000		9,000	9,000	-	0.0%
5	Budget Focused Training and Meetings	BS	30,000		25,000	25,000	(5,000)	-16.7%
6	Revenue Distribution Training	BS	10,000		10,000	10,000	-	0.0%
7	Treasury Services - Cash Management	BS	110,000	-		-	(110,000)	-100.0%
8	Domestic Violence Forms Translation	CFCC	17,000		17,000	17,000	-	0.0%
9	Interactive Software - Self-Rep Electronic Forms	CFCC	60,000		60,000	60,000	-	0.0%
10	Self-Help Center	CFCC	5,000,000		5,000,000	5,000,000	-	0.0%
11	Statewide Multidisciplinary Education	CFCC	67,000		67,000	67,000	-	0.0%
12	Shriver Civil Counsel - cy pres Funding	CFCC	1,042,000		893,000	893,000	(149,000)	-14.3%
13	Statewide Support for Self-Help Programs	CFCC	100,000		100,000	100,000	-	0.0%
14	Court Interpreter Testing etc.	CFCC	143,000		143,000	143,000	-	0.0%
15	CJER Faculty	CJER	48,000		48,000	48,000	-	0.0%
16	Essential Court Management Education	CJER	40,000	40,000		40,000	-	0.0%
17	Essential Court Personnel Education	CJER	130,000		130,000	130,000	-	0.0%
18	Judicial Education	CJER	1,487,000		984,000	984,000	(503,000)	-33.8%
19	Jury System Improvement Projects	CJS	9,000		9,000	9,000	-	0.0%
20	Trial Court Labor Relations Academies and Forums	HR	-		23,000	23,000	23,000	
21	Data Center and Cloud Service	IT	7,096,000	2,215,000	4,471,000	6,686,000	(410,000)	-5.8%
22	Uniform Civil Filing Services	IT	432,000	399,000	3,000	402,000	(30,000)	-6.9%
23	California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR)	IT	951,000	418,000	537,000	955,000	4,000	0.4%
24	Telecommunications	IT	13,470,000	-	14,500,000	14,500,000	1,030,000	7.6%
25	Enterprise Policy & Planning (Statewide Planning and Dev Support)	IT	3,905,000	1,044,000	2,500,000	3,544,000	(361,000)	-9.2%
26	Data Integration	IT	1,783,000	703,000	993,000	1,696,000	(87,000)	-4.9%
27	Jury Management System	IT	665,000	-	665,000	665,000	-	0.0%
28	Case Management System Replacement	IT	66,000	-	-	-	(66,000)	-100.0%
29	Telecom	IT	5,509,000	1,297,000	4,384,000	5,681,000	172,000	3.1%
30	Jury System Improvement Projects	LS	10,000		10,000	10,000	-	0.0%
31	Regional Office Assistance Group	LS	860,000	861,000	-	861,000	1,000	0.1%
32	Judicial Performance Defense Insurance	LSS	1,812,000		1,931,000	1,931,000	119,000	6.6%
33	Total		\$ 45,384,000	\$ 7,641,000	\$ 37,512,000	\$ 45,153,000	\$ (231,000)	-0.5%

Totals by Office		Office	Judicial Council Approved Allocations	State Operations	Local Assistance	Total	\$ Change from 2022-23	% Change from 2022-23
Legend		C	D	E	F	G = (E + F)	H = (G - D)	I = (H/D)
34	Audit Services	AS	\$ 354,000	\$ 372,000	\$ -	\$ 372,000	\$ 18,000	5.1%
35	Branch Accounting and Procurement	BAP	169,000	292,000	-	292,000	123,000	72.8%
36	Business Management Services	BMS	9,000	-	9,000	9,000	-	0.0%
37	Budget Services	BS	150,000	-	35,000	35,000	(115,000)	-76.7%
38	Center for Families, Children and the Courts	CFCC	6,429,000	-	6,280,000	6,280,000	(149,000)	-2.3%
39	Center for Judicial Education and Research	CJER	1,705,000	40,000	1,162,000	1,202,000	(503,000)	-29.5%
40	Criminal Justice Services	CJS	9,000	-	9,000	9,000	-	100.0%
41	Human Resources	HR	-	-	23,000	23,000	23,000	
42	Information Technology	IT	33,877,000	6,076,000	28,053,000	34,129,000	252,000	0.7%
43	Legal Services	LS	870,000	861,000	10,000	871,000	1,000	0.1%
44	Leadership Services	LSS	1,812,000	-	1,931,000	1,931,000	119,000	100.0%
Total Allocations			\$ 45,384,000	\$ 7,641,000	\$ 37,512,000	\$ 45,153,000	\$ (231,000)	-0.5%

**State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund
Summary of Programs**

Row #	Program Name	Office	Program Description
A	B	C	D
1	Audit Services	AS	Conducts performance and compliance audits of the State's 58 trial courts per the annual audit plan.
2	Trial Court Procurement/TCAS-MSA-IMF	BAP	Pays for personal services, phone services, and rent allocation for one accounting staff in Branch Accounting and Procurement to provide contract related services for the production of statewide leveraged procurement agreements.
3, 7	Treasury Services - Cash Management	BAP	Used for one treasury staff as well as contract-related services.
4	Data Analytics Advisory Committee	BMS	Pays for meeting expenses of the Data Analytics Advisory Committee and travel expenses for court personnel and judges related to data analytics meetings and activities.
5	Budget Focused Training and Meetings	BS	Supports meetings of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee and associated subcommittees on the preparation, development, and implementation of the budget for trial courts and provides input to the Judicial Council on policy issues affecting Trial Court Funding.
6	Revenue Distribution Training	BS	Pays for annual training on Revenue Distribution to all the collection programs as well as annual CRT training.
8	Domestic Violence Forms Translation	CFCC	This program makes available to all courts, translation of domestic violence protective order forms in languages other than English. Since 2000, these forms have been translated into Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese and Korean based on data from various language needs studies.
9	Interactive Software - Self-Rep Electronic Forms	CFCC	This program enables all courts to use Document Assembly Applications, which present court users with a Q&A format that automatically populates fields across all filing documents.
10	Self-Help Center	CFCC	Provides court-based assistance to self-represented litigants.
11	Statewide Multidisciplinary Education	CFCC	Supports the biannual Beyond the Bench Conference, biannual Child & Family Focused Education Conference and annual Youth Summit.
12	Shriver Civil Counsel- cy près Funding	CFCC	This program provides funding for legal services agencies and their court partners to provide representation to indigent persons in cases involving housing, child custody, guardianship, conservatorships, and domestic violence.
13	Statewide Support for Self-Help Programs	CFCC	The Self-represented Litigants Statewide Support Program updates and expands the online Self-Help Guide to the California Courts on the judicial branch website. Further, this program facilitates the translating of over 50 Judicial Council forms that are used regularly by self-represented litigants.
14	Court Interpreter Testing etc.	CFCC	Pays for the testing, orientation, and recruitment of new interpreters.
15	CJER Faculty	CJER	Lodging, meals, and travel for faculty development participants. Primarily development of pro bono judge and court staff faculty who will teach all CJER programs for the trial courts.
16	Essential Court Management Education	CJER	National and statewide training for court leaders, including Institute for Court Management (ICM) courses, CJER Core 40 and Core 24 courses, & other local & regional courses for managers, supervisors and lead staff.
17	Essential Court Personnel Education	CJER	The Court Clerks Training Institute - courtroom and court legal process education in civil, traffic, criminal, probate, family, juvenile, appellate. Regional and local court personnel courses. The biennial Trial Court Judicial Attorneys Institute.
18	Judicial Education	CJER	Programs for all newly elected or appointed judges and subordinate judicial officers required by Rule of Court 10.462 (c)(1) to complete the new judge education programs offered by CJER; Judicial Institutes, courses for experienced judges; programs for PJs, CEOs & Supervising Judges.
19, 30	Jury System Improvement Projects	CJS/LS	This program is related to Jury Instructions and is a "self-funding" public contract code. Funds in this account are generated by royalties generated from sales of criminal and civil jury instructions. The funds are deposited under the Government Code.
20	Trial Court Labor Relations Academies and Forums	HR	The Labor Relations Academy and Forums provide court management staff with comprehensive labor relations knowledge that assists the courts in meeting its labor challenges. The Academies are held once per year in the spring and the Forums are held once per year in the fall. The allocation pays for costs tied to the setup and operations of HR's annual Labor Relations Academies and Forums. Typical expenses include: reimbursement of travel expenses for trial court employees who participate as faculty; lodging for all trial court attendees (including those who serve as faculty); meeting room/conference room rental fees; books/reference materials if needed; and meals for trial court participants of the Labor Relations Forum. Following each Academy, program staff send out surveys to gather feedback and receive suggestions for future events. In addition, participant attendance is gathered and reported to the Judicial Council as part of the Administrative Director's Report to the Council.

**State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund
Summary of Programs**

Row #	Program Name	Office	Program Description
A	B	C	D
21	Data Center and Cloud Service (formerly CCTC and/or CCTC Operations)	IT	The CCTC hosts some level of services for the 58 California superior courts, all the Courts of Appeal and the Supreme Court and has over 10,000 supported users. Major installations in the CCTC include the following: • Appellate Court Case Management System (ACCMS) • California Court Protective Order Registry (CCPOR) • Phoenix - Trial Court Financial and Human Resources System • Sustain Interim Case Management System (ICMS) • Computer Aided Facilities Management (CAFM) system • Civil, Small Claims, Probate, and Mental Health Trial Court Case Management System (V3) • Integration Services Backbone (ISB) This program provides consistent, cost effective, and secure hosting services, including ongoing maintenance and operational support, data network management, desktop computing and local server support, tape back-up and recovery, help desk services, email services, and a disaster recovery program.
22	Uniform Civil Filing Services	IT	This program supports the distribution and mandated reporting of uniform civil fees collected by all 58 superior courts, with an average of \$52 million distributed per month. The system generates reports for the State Controller's Office and various entities that receive the distributed funds. There are over 200 fee types collected by each court, distributed to 31 different entities (e.g. Trial Court Trust Fund, County, Equal Access Fund, Law Library, etc.), requiring 65,938 corresponding distribution rules that are maintained by UCFS. UCFS benefits the public by minimizing the amount of penalties paid to the state for incorrect or late distributions and ensuring that the entities entitled to a portion of the civil fees collected, as mandated by law, receive their correct distributions.
23	California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR)	IT	The California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR) is a statewide repository of protective orders containing both data and scanned images of orders that can be accessed by judges, court staff, and law enforcement officers. CCPOR allows judges and law enforcement officers to view orders issued by other court divisions and across county lines.
24, 29	Telecommunications Support	IT	This program develops and supports a standardized level of network infrastructure for the California superior courts. This infrastructure provides a foundation for local systems (email, jury, CMS, VOIP, etc.) and enterprise system applications such as Phoenix, via shared services at the CCTC provides operational efficiencies, and secures valuable court information resources.
25	Enterprise Policy & Planning (Statewide Planning and Dev Support)	IT	The Enterprise Policy and Planning program provides the trial courts access to a variety of Oracle products (e.g., Oracle Enterprise Database, Real Application Clusters, Oracle Security Suite, Oracle Advanced Security, Diagnostic Packs, Oracle WebLogic Application Server) without cost to the courts.
26	ISB Support (Data Integration)	IT	Data Integration provides system interfaces between Judicial Council systems and the computer systems of our justice partners, be they courts, law enforcement agencies, the department of justice and others. Without the Integrated Services Backbone (ISB), the current systems for sharing protective orders, for example, would not function.
27	Jury Management System	IT	The allocation for the Jury Program is used to distribute funds to the trial courts in the form of grants to improve court jury management systems. All trial courts are eligible to apply for the jury funding. The number of courts receiving grants varies according to the amount of grant funding available and the number of jury grant requests received.
28	V3 Case Management System	IT	V3 is used by the California Superior Courts of Orange, Sacramento, San Diego, and Ventura Counties. The courts use it to process approximately 25% of civil, small claims, probate, and mental health cases statewide.
31	Regional Office Assistance Group	LS	The allocation for the Regional Office Assistance Group is used to pay for attorneys and support personnel to provide direct legal services to the trial courts in the areas of transactions/business operations, legal opinions, ethics, and labor and employment law.
32	Judicial Performance Defense Insurance	LSS	The allocation for the Judicial Performance Defense Insurance program is used to pay the insurance premium for trial court judges and judicial officers for the Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP) defense master insurance policy. The program (1) covers defense costs in CJP proceedings related to CJP complaints; (2) protects judicial officers from exposure to excessive financial risk for acts committed within the scope of their judicial duties, and (3) lowers the risk of conduct that could lead to complaints through required ethics training for judicial officers.

State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund
Fund Condition Statement
May Revision 2023-24

Updated: May 15, 2023

#	Description	Estimated				
		2020-21 (Year-end Financial Statement)	2021-22 (Year-end Financial Statement)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
		A	B	C	D	E
1	Beginning Balance	21,152,288	16,886,288	23,242,054	28,612,000	31,731,000
2	Prior-Year Adjustments	2,422,000	8,176,338	5,197,946	0	
3	Adjusted Beginning Balance	23,574,288	25,062,626	28,440,000	28,612,000	31,731,000
4	REVENUES¹:					
12	Subtotal Revenues	17,264,000	15,428,439	15,369,000	18,162,000	17,389,000
13	Transfers and Other Adjustments					
14	To Trial Court Trust Fund (Gov. Code, § 77209(j))	-13,397,000	-13,397,000	-13,397,000	-13,397,000	-13,397,000
15	To Trial Court Trust Fund (Budget Act)	-594,000	-594,000	-594,000	-594,000	-594,000
16	General Fund Transfer (Gov. Code § 20825.1)		-270,000	0	0	0
17	Total Revenues, Transfers, and Other Adjustments	3,273,000	1,167,439	1,378,000	4,171,000	3,398,000
18	Total Resources	26,847,288	26,230,065	29,818,000	32,783,000	35,129,000
19	EXPENDITURES²:					
20	Judicial Branch Total State Operations	4,635,000	5,217,956	7,452,000	7,641,000	7,860,000
21	Judicial Branch Total Local Assistance	47,825,000	44,734,883	37,857,000	37,512,000	38,104,000
22	Pro Rata and Other Adjustments	289,000	307,171	181,000	117,000	117,000
23	Less funding provided by General Fund (Local Assistance)	-42,788,000	-47,272,000	-44,284,000	-44,218,000	-44,218,000
24	Total Expenditures and Adjustments	9,961,000	2,988,011	1,206,000	1,052,000	1,863,000
25	Fund Balance	16,886,288	23,242,054	28,612,000	31,731,000	33,266,000
26	Fund Balance - less restricted funds	12,775,459	19,677,611	26,202,694	29,554,694	31,199,693
27	Structural Balance	-6,688,000	-1,820,572	172,000	3,119,000	1,535,000

¹ Revenue estimates are as of 2023-24 May Revision² The 2022-23 expenditures reflect anticipated savings as recognized by programs in relation to the 2022-23 Judicial Council-approved allocations.