

Allocations from Trial Court Trust Fund and Trial Court Allocations for Fiscal Year 2025–26

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FY 2025–26 Trial Court Allocations

Per Government Code section 68502.5 (c)(2)(A), the Judicial Council is required to make preliminary allocations to trial courts in July and final allocations in January of each fiscal year.

FY 2025–26 Trial Court Allocations

Preliminary allocation of \$3.076 billion

- \$2.958 billion Trial Court Trust Fund
- \$117.8 million General Fund

FY 2025–26 Trial Court Allocations

- \$42 million ongoing restoration (\$55 million baseline reduction)
- \$40 million for trial court operational costs increases
- \$19.7 million for trial court employee health benefit and retirement costs
- \$3.3 million for equity-based reallocation

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Workload Formula calculations:

- \$2.991 billion Workload Formula need
- \$2.571 billion Workload Formula allocation
- Statewide average funding level = 85.9%

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Recommendations for approval:

1. Include standard updates to the Workload Formula model and use existing 2017 caseweights for FY 2025–26
2. Defer use of updated 2024 caseweights in the Workload Formula calculations to FY 2026–27
3. Preliminary allocation of \$3.076 billion (including Workload Formula allocation of \$2.571 billion)
4. Delegate authority to Administrative Director to authorize technical adjustments for Trial Court Trust Fund allocations