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## REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

*Item No.: 24-030*

For business meeting on July 12, 2024

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**Title**

Trial Court Budget: State Trial Court  
Improvement and Modernization Fund  
Allocations for Fiscal Year 2024–25

**Agenda Item Type**

Action Required

**Effective Date**

July 12, 2024

**Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected**

None

**Date of Report**

May 29, 2024

**Recommended by**

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee  
Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair  
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### Executive Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving allocations for fiscal year (FY) 2024–25 from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund in the amount of \$46.6 million. Assuming approval of the allocations, and with current revenue projections, the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund is projected to end FY 2024–25 with a fund balance of \$28.9 million, of which approximately \$26.8 million will be unrestricted.

### Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee, with Judicial Branch Budget Committee approval on May 16, 2024, recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 12, 2024, approve a total of \$46.6 million in allocations for FY 2024–25 from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund. The requested allocations and difference from the FY 2023–24 allocation value, by office, are as follows:

- \$399,000 to Audit Services, an increase of \$27,000;
- \$302,000 to Branch Accounting and Procurement, an increase of \$10,000;
- \$9,000 to Business Management Services, no change;
- \$18,000 to Budget Services, a decrease of \$17,000;

- \$5.4 million to Center for Families, Children & the Courts, a decrease of \$866,000;
- \$2.2 million to Center for Judicial Education and Research, an increase of \$689,000;
- \$9,000 to Criminal Justice Services, no change;
- \$0 to Human Resources, a decrease of \$23,000;
- \$33.6 million to Information Technology, a decrease of \$1.3 million;
- \$2.7 million to Legal Services, a decrease of \$131,000; and
- \$2 million to Leadership Support Services, an increase of \$49,000.

A list of the approved FY 2023–24 and proposed FY 2024–25 allocations is provided in Attachment A.

### **Relevant Previous Council Action**

Since the inception of state trial court funding in 1996, the Judicial Council or the Executive and Planning Committee has allocated trial court–related funding every year 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 2024–25 allocation requests.<sup>1</sup> Additional details for each of the programs are included in Attachment B.

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

*Approve an allocation of \$399,000—an increase of \$27,000 from the 2023–24 allocation.*

- The allocation is for conducting performance and compliance audits of the 58 trial courts.
- The adjustment is the result of increased staffing and rent costs.

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

*Approve an allocation of \$302,000—an increase of \$10,000 from the 2023–24 allocation.*

- The allocation is to provide two staff, one in the treasury and one in the accounting sections, as well as contract-related services to produce statewide leveraged procurement agreements.
- The adjustment is the result of increased staffing and rent costs.

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<sup>1</sup> This and all subsequent year spans represent fiscal years unless otherwise indicated.

**Business Management Services** – Supports the judicial branch’s research, data, and analytic programs, and manages the Temporary Assigned Judges Program.

*Approve an allocation of \$9,000—no change from the 2023–24 allocation.*

- a. The allocation is for the Data Analytics Advisory Committee meeting expenses for court personnel and judges related to workload studies.

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

*Approve an allocation of \$18,000—a decrease of \$17,000 from the 2023–24 allocation.*

- a. The allocation is for the TCBAC and subcommittee meetings and annual Revenue Distribution and Collections Reporting Template trainings.
- b. The adjustment reflects a hybrid approach to in-person and remote meetings and trainings.

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

*Approve an allocation of \$5.4 million—a decrease of \$866,000 from the 2023–24 allocation.*

- 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 while filing documents; providing court-based assistance to self-represented litigants; supporting the Beyond the Bench conference, Child & Family Focused Education Conference, and Youth Summit; providing funding for legal services agencies and their court partners to represent indigent persons; updating the Self-Represented Litigants Statewide Support Program and expanding the Self-Help Guide to the California Courts, on the public website of the judicial branch; and recruiting new interpreters.
- b. The \$5 million for self-help centers constitutes the majority of the allocation. Provisional language in the budget requires unspent funds for self-help to revert to the General Fund.
- c. The \$866,000 decrease is the result of the Shriver Civil Counsel Program *cy près* funding. This funding is the remaining balance from class action lawsuits collected in 2019–20. Minor revenue deposits have continued to be collected related to lawsuits from that year.

**Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER)** – Provides education to judges, court leaders, court staff, faculty, managers, supervisors, and lead staff.

*Approve an allocation of \$2.2 million—an increase of \$689,000 from the 2023–24 allocation.*

- a. The allocation is for faculty development, participant expenses, training for court leaders, the Court Clerk Training Institute, and education programs for newly elected or appointed judges and subordinate judicial officers.
- b. The adjustment is the result of increases in enrollment coupled with rising costs for travel and catering associated with in-person judicial trainings. In 2023–24, CJER’s training enrollment doubled from the previous year (118 participants in 2022–23 to 275 participants in 2023–24). To ensure that new judges comply with the requirements of California Rules of Court, rule 10.462, CJER is expanding required new judge education offerings.
- c. In 2025–26, CJER anticipates adding two Judicial Colleges, which will increase future allocation requests.

**Criminal Justice Services** – Supports the Judicial Council’s Criminal Jury Instructions Advisory Committee.

*Approve an allocation of \$9,000—no change from the 2023–24 allocation.*

- 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 and Forum to assist trial court staff in addressing various labor issues.

*No allocation is requested for 2024–25, which results in a decrease of \$23,000 from the 2023–24 allocation.*

- a. The Academy and Forum is held every other year. No Academy and Forum is scheduled in 2024–25; therefore, funding is not needed.

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

*Approve an allocation of \$33.6 million—a net decrease of \$1.3 million from the 2023–24 allocation, which includes a reduction of \$721,000 in authority related to one-time funding that has expired.*

- a. The allocation is for the Data Center and Cloud Service to host 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; development and support of a standardized level of network infrastructure for the trial courts; the Enterprise Policy & Planning program, which provides a variety of Oracle products to the courts; data integration; and the Jury Management System.
- b. The majority of the adjustment is the result of an estimated \$1.5 million in savings for the Enterprise Policy & Planning programs as a result of new

contracts and operational efficiencies, which is offset by cost increases of \$932,000 due to additional staffing and rent costs.

**Legal Services** – Supports the Judicial Council staff divisions and the courts, manages litigation for the branch, and is responsible for maintaining the California Rules of Court and Judicial Council forms and supporting the Judicial Council’s Civil Jury Instructions Advisory Committee.

*Approve an allocation of \$2.7 million—a decrease of \$131,000 from the 2023–24 allocation.*

- 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. Legal support and settlement costs in the Litigation Management Program for the trial courts have increased during the past several years. Because these increases are expected to continue, an allocation of \$1.7 million is requested for 2024–25 to supplement the General Fund appropriation for the program. Legal Services will evaluate program costs and available resources to determine if a future budget change proposal is needed to ensure that the program is adequately funded.

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

*Approve an allocation of \$2 million—an increase of \$49,000 from the 2023–24 allocation.*

- 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 adjustment is due to increased premiums, staffing costs, and rent expenditures.

The 2024–25 State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF) allocation request of \$46.6 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).

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 2024–25 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 proposal was not circulated for public comment. However, this recommendation was considered at meetings that were open to the public, and no public comments were received.

### **Alternatives considered**

If the recommendation to allocate funds is not approved, programmatic support to the trial courts will be affected. The recommendation is consistent with past practice or was thoroughly vetted through the Judicial Council governance process and deemed necessary and affordable. No other alternatives were considered.

### **Fiscal and Operational Impacts**

No additional fiscal or operational costs are necessary to implement this recommendation.

### **Attachments and Links**

1. Attachment A: Judicial Council of California Approved 2023–24 and Proposed 2024–25 Allocations, State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund, State Operations and Local Assistance Appropriations
2. Attachment B: State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Summary of Programs
3. Attachment C: State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Fund Condition Statement May Revision Revenue Update (May 13, 2024)
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 2023-24 and Proposed 2024-25 Allocations**  
**State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund**  
**State Operations and Local Assistance Appropriations**

#	Program Name and Adjustments	Office	2023-24 Allocations	Recommended 2024-25 Allocations			\$ Change from 2023-24	% Change from 2023-24
			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	\$ 372,000	\$ 399,000	\$ -	\$ 399,000	\$ 27,000	7.3%
2	Trial Court Master Agreements	BAP	182,000	197,000	-	197,000	15,000	8.2%
3	Treasury Services - Cash Management	BAP	110,000	105,000	-	105,000	(5,000)	-4.5%
4	Data Analytics Advisory Committee	BMS	9,000	-	9,000	9,000	-	0.0%
5	Budget Focused Training and Meetings	BS	25,000	-	13,000	13,000	(12,000)	-48.0%
6	Revenue Distribution Training	BS	10,000	-	5,000	5,000	(5,000)	-50.0%
7	Domestic Violence Forms Translation	CFCC	17,000	-	17,000	17,000	-	0.0%
8	Interactive Software - Self-Rep Electronic Forms	CFCC	60,000	-	60,000	60,000	-	0.0%
9	Self-Help Center	CFCC	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	0.0%
10	Statewide Multidisciplinary Education	CFCC	67,000	-	67,000	67,000	-	0.0%
11	Shriver Civil Counsel- cy pres Funding	CFCC	893,000	-	27,000	27,000	(866,000)	-97.0%
12	Statewide Support for Self-Help Programs	CFCC	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	-	0.0%
13	Court Interpreter Testing etc.	CFCC	143,000	-	143,000	143,000	-	0.0%
14	CJER Faculty	CJER	48,000	-	48,000	48,000	-	0.0%
15	Essential Court Management Education	CJER	40,000	40,000	-	40,000	-	0.0%
16	Essential Court Personnel Education	CJER	130,000	-	130,000	130,000	-	0.0%
17	Judicial Education	CJER	1,284,000	-	1,973,000	1,973,000	689,000	53.7%
18	Jury System Improvement Projects	CJS	9,000	9,000	-	9,000	-	0.0%
19	Trial Court Labor Relations Academies and Forums	HR	23,000	-	-	-	(23,000)	-100.0%
20	Data Center and Cloud Service	IT	6,686,000	2,526,000	4,957,000	7,483,000	797,000	11.9%
21	Uniform Civil Filing Services	IT	402,000	472,000	-	472,000	70,000	17.4%
22	California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR)	IT	955,000	451,000	569,000	1,020,000	65,000	6.8%
23	Telecommunications	IT	14,500,000	-	14,500,000	14,500,000	-	0.0%
24	Enterprise Policy & Planning (Statewide Planning and Dev Support)	IT	3,544,000	1,063,000	969,000	2,032,000	(1,512,000)	-42.7%
25	Data Integration	IT	1,696,000	810,000	972,000	1,782,000	86,000	5.1%
26	Jury Management System	IT	665,000	-	600,000	600,000	(65,000)	-9.8%
27	Telecom	IT	5,681,000	1,297,000	4,384,000	5,681,000	-	0.0%
28	Digitizing Court Records	IT	721,490	-	-	-	(721,490)	-100.0%
29	Jury System Improvement Projects	LS	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-	0.0%
30	Regional Office Assistance Group	LS	861,000	1,030,000	-	1,030,000	169,000	19.6%
31	Litigation Management Program <sup>1</sup>	LS	2,000,000	-	1,700,000	1,700,000	(300,000)	-15.0%
32	Judicial Performance Defense Insurance	LSS	1,931,000	2,000	1,978,000	1,980,000	49,000	2.5%
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 48,174,490</b>	<b>\$ 8,401,000</b>	<b>\$ 38,231,000</b>	<b>\$ 46,632,000</b>	<b>\$ (1,542,490)</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Current year allocation request for this item is currently being routed simultaneously through the committee process with the 2024-25 IMF Allocation Request.

Totals by Office		Office	Judicial Council Approved Allocations	State Operations	Local Assistance	Total	\$ Change from 2023-24	% Change from 2023-24
Legend		C	D	E	F	G = (E + F)	H = (G - D)	I = (H/D)
34	Audit Services	AS	\$ 372,000	\$ 399,000	\$ -	\$ 399,000	\$ 27,000	7.3%
35	Branch Accounting and Procurement	BAP	292,000	302,000	-	302,000	10,000	3.4%
36	Business Management Services	BMS	9,000	-	9,000	9,000	-	0.0%
37	Budget Services	BS	35,000	-	18,000	18,000	(17,000)	-48.6%
38	Center for Families, Children & the Courts	CFCC	6,280,000	-	5,414,000	5,414,000	(866,000)	-13.8%
39	Center for Judicial Education and Research	CJER	1,502,000	40,000	2,151,000	2,191,000	689,000	45.9%
40	Criminal Justice Services	CJS	9,000	9,000	-	9,000	-	100.0%
41	Human Resources	HR	23,000	-	-	-	(23,000)	-100.0%
42	Information Technology	IT	34,850,490	6,619,000	26,951,000	33,570,000	(1,280,490)	-3.7%
43	Legal Services	LS	2,871,000	1,030,000	1,710,000	2,740,000	(131,000)	-4.6%
44	Leadership Services	LSS	1,931,000	2,000	1,978,000	1,980,000	49,000	100.0%
<b>Total Allocations</b>			<b>\$ 48,174,490</b>	<b>\$ 8,401,000</b>	<b>\$ 38,231,000</b>	<b>\$ 46,632,000</b>	<b>\$ (1,542,490)</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>

**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 Master Agreements	BAP	Pays for personal services, phone services, and rent allocation for one position in Branch Accounting and Procurement to provide contract-related services for the production of statewide leveraged procurement agreements.
3	Treasury Services - Cash Management	BAP	Is used for the compensation, operating expenses and equipment costs for two accounting staff.
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 workload studies.
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 Collection Reporting Templates training.
7	Domestic Violence Forms Translation	CFCC	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.
8	Interactive Software - Self-Rep Electronic Forms	CFCC	Enables all courts to use HotDocs document assembly applications, which present court users with a Q&A format that automatically populates fields across all filing documents.
9	Self-Help Center	CFCC	Provides court-based assistance to self-represented litigants.
10	Statewide Multidisciplinary Education	CFCC	Supports the biannual Beyond the Bench conference, biannual Child & Family Focused Education Conference and annual Youth Summit.
11	Shriver Civil Counsel- <i>Cy Pres</i> Funding	CFCC	Provides funding for legal services agencies and their court partners to represent indigent persons in cases involving housing, child custody, guardianship, conservatorships, and domestic violence.
12	Statewide Support for Self-Help Programs	CFCC	Updates and expands the Self-Help Guide to the California Courts on the public website of the judicial branch and facilitates the translation of over 50 Judicial Council forms that are used regularly by self-represented litigants.
13	Court Interpreter Testing etc.	CFCC	Pays for the testing, orientation, and recruitment of new interpreters.
14	CJER Faculty	CJER	Pays for lodging, meals, and travel for faculty development participants. Primarily, this program supports development of pro bono judge and court staff faculty who will teach all CJER programs for the trial courts.
15	Essential Court Management Education	CJER	Includes national and statewide training for court leaders, including Institute for Court Management courses, CJER Core 40 and Core 24 courses, and other local and regional courses for managers, supervisors and lead staff.
16	Essential Court Personnel Education	CJER	Includes the Court Clerks Training Institute—courtroom and court legal process education in civil, traffic, criminal, probate, family, juvenile, appellate—as well as regional and local court personnel courses and the biennial Trial Court Judicial Attorneys Institute.
17	Judicial Education	CJER	Includes programs for all newly elected or appointed judges and subordinate judicial officers required by California Rule of Court, rule 10.462 (c)(1) to complete the new judge education programs offered by CJER; Judicial Institutes, which are courses for experienced judges; and programs for presiding judges, court executive officers, and supervising judges.
18, 30	Jury System Improvement Projects	CJS	Provides financial support for efforts to improve the jury system. Funds in this account are generated by royalties from sales of criminal and civil jury instructions deposited according to the Government Code.
19	Trial Court Labor Relations Training	HR	Updated by the Judicial Council's Human Resources office to align with its biennial funding model, includes a one-day, in-person session in spring for seasoned court professionals in labor relations, focusing on current trends and strategies. The funding allocation will be used to pay for conference rooms, materials, lunch for participants, and lodging for trial court attendees on a limited basis. Additionally, a three-day virtual Labor Relations Academy I is held annually in summer, aimed at court managers and human resources staff new to labor negotiations. This program reflects a comprehensive effort to enhance trial court employees' skills and knowledge in the field of labor relations within the judicial branch.
20	Data Center and Cloud Service (formerly CCTC and/or CCTC Operations)	IT	Funds the California Courts Technology Center (CCTC), which hosts services for the 58 California superior courts, the Courts of Appeal, and the Supreme Court and has over 10,000 supported users. Major installations in the CCTC include Appellate Court Case Management System, California Court Protective Order Registry, Phoenix - (trial court financial and human resources) System, Interim Case Management System, computer-aided facilities management system, Civil, Small Claims, Probate, and Mental Health Trial Court Case Management System (V3), and integrated services backbone. 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.



**State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund  
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Row #	Program Name	Office	Program Description
A	B	C	D
21	Uniform Civil Filing Services	IT	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. Over 200 fee types are collected by each court, distributed to 31 different entities (e.g., Trial Court Trust Fund, county, Equal Access Fund, law library), requiring 65,938 corresponding distribution rules that are maintained by Uniform Civil Fee System (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.
22	California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR)	IT	As a statewide repository of protective orders, contains 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.
23, 27	Telecommunications Support	IT	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, provides operational efficiencies via shared services at the CCTC, and secures valuable court information resources.
24	Enterprise Policy & Planning (Statewide Planning and Dev Support)	IT	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.
25	ISB Support (Data Integration)	IT	Provides system interfaces between Judicial Council systems and the computer systems of our justice partners, such as courts, law enforcement agencies, and the Department of Justice. Without the integrated services backbone, the current systems for sharing protective orders, for example, would not function.
26	Jury Management System	IT	Distribute funds, via the Jury Program, 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.
29	Jury System Improvement Projects	LS	Pays for expenses incurred by the Criminal Jury Instruction Advisory Committee such as online legal research software, subscriptions, meeting and travel expenses. Related to Jury Instructions and as a "self-funding" Public Contract Code with funds generated by royalties from sales of criminal and civil jury instructions. The funds are deposited under the Government Code.
30	Regional Office Assistance Group	LS	Pays 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.
31	Litigation Management Program	LS	Provides for the defense and indemnification of all judicial branch entities, their bench officers, and their employees. Defense of these parties is for government claims, prelitigation claims, and litigation, as well as for various risk-reduction measures, as required by Government Code sections 810-811.9, 825-825.6, 900.3, and 995-996.6 and California Rules of Court, rules 10.201 and 10.202.
32	Judicial Performance Defense Insurance	LSS	Pays the insurance premium for trial court judges and judicial officers for the Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP) defense master insurance policy and associated costs to provide for online enrollment and submission of compliance information. 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 Revenue Update**

Updated: May 29, 2024

#	Description	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Estimated		
		(Year-End Financial Statement)	(Year-End Financial Statement)	(Year-End Financial Statement)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
		A	B	C	D	E	E
1	Beginning Balance	21,152,288	16,886,288	23,242,054	38,128,109	32,611,659	28,942,659
2	Prior-Year Adjustments	2,422,000	8,176,338	8,638,611	-3,200,000	0	0
3	<b>Adjusted Beginning Balance</b>	<b>23,574,288</b>	<b>25,062,626</b>	<b>31,880,665</b>	<b>34,928,109</b>	<b>32,611,659</b>	<b>28,942,659</b>
4	<b>REVENUES<sup>1</sup>:</b>						
5	Jury Instructions Royalties	466,000	538,154	429,853	576,000	560,000	560,000
6	Interest from Surplus Money Investment Fund	242,000	210,218	1,550,086	2,521,000	1,890,000	1,890,000
7	Escheat-Unclaimed Checks, Warrants, Bonds	65,000	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
8	50/50 Excess Fines Split Revenue	7,288,250	4,986,200	7,504,000	2,863,000	2,720,000	2,720,000
9	2% Automation Fund Revenue	7,925,750	8,455,157	8,327,104	7,877,000	7,877,000	7,877,000
10	Other Revenues/State Controller's Office Adjustments	366,000	285,925	171,078	85,000	2,000	2,000
11	Class Action Residue	911,000	952,317	329,186	118,000	0	0
12	<b>Subtotal Revenues</b>	<b>17,264,000</b>	<b>15,428,439</b>	<b>18,311,387</b>	<b>14,041,000</b>	<b>13,050,000</b>	<b>13,050,000</b>
13	<b>Transfers and Other Adjustments</b>						
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	-13,397,000
15	To Trial Court Trust Fund (Budget Act)	-594,000	-594,000	-594,000	-594,000	-594,000	-594,000
16	General Fund Transfer (Gov. Code, § 20825.1)		-270,000	0	0	0	0
17	<b>Total Revenues, Transfers, and Other Adjustments</b>	<b>3,273,000</b>	<b>1,167,439</b>	<b>4,320,387</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>-941,000</b>	<b>-941,000</b>
18	<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>26,847,288</b>	<b>26,230,065</b>	<b>36,201,052</b>	<b>34,978,109</b>	<b>31,670,659</b>	<b>28,001,659</b>
19	<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>						
20	Judicial Branch Total State Operations	4,635,000	5,217,956	5,319,495	8,184,400	8,401,000	8,733,000
21	Judicial Branch Total Local Assistance	47,825,000	44,734,883	36,857,436	38,283,050	38,231,000	36,859,000
22	Pro Rata and Other Adjustments	289,000	307,171	180,012	117,000	314,000	314,000
23	Less funding provided by General Fund (Local Assistance)	-42,788,000	-47,272,000	-44,284,000	-44,218,000	-44,218,000	-44,218,000
24	<b>Total Expenditures and Adjustments</b>	<b>9,961,000</b>	<b>2,988,011</b>	<b>-1,927,057</b>	<b>2,366,450</b>	<b>2,728,000</b>	<b>1,688,000</b>
25	<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>16,886,288</b>	<b>23,242,054</b>	<b>38,128,109</b>	<b>32,611,659</b>	<b>28,942,659</b>	<b>26,313,659</b>
26	<b>Fund Balance - less restricted funds</b>	<b>12,775,459</b>	<b>19,677,611</b>	<b>35,864,950</b>	<b>30,447,500</b>	<b>26,828,500</b>	<b>24,199,500</b>
27	<b>Structural Balance</b>	<b>-6,688,000</b>	<b>-1,820,572</b>	<b>6,247,444</b>	<b>-2,316,450</b>	<b>-3,669,000</b>	<b>-2,629,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revenue estimates are as of 2024-25 May Revision