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## REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Item No.: 25-041
For business meeting on December 12, 2025

#### Title

Trial Courts: Trial Court Trust Fund Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts for Fiscal Year 2024–25

**Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected**None

### Recommended by

Fiscal Planning Subcommittee of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair

## **Report Type**

Action Required

## **Effective Date**

December 12, 2025

#### **Date of Report**

November 12, 2025

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## **Executive Summary**

The Fiscal Planning Subcommittee of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approval of requests from trial courts for the fiscal year (FY) 2024–25 annual submission cycle for the Trial Court Trust Fund Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts program. Under the Judicial Council's approved process, a court may request that reduced allocations related to the fund balance cap be retained in the Trial Court Trust Fund for the benefit of that court. Twenty-five courts submitted 57 requests—38 new and 19 amended—for a total of \$44 million in the FY 2024–25 submission cycle. The requests will allow the courts to meet contractual obligations and fund necessary court projects or purchases.

## Recommendation

The Fiscal Planning Subcommittee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective December 12, 2025:

1. Approve a total of 38 new funding requests, totaling \$17.1 million, of which \$15.1 million is from FY 2024–25 and \$2 million is from prior fiscal years; and

2. Approve a total of 19 amended funding requests for FY 2024–25 totaling \$26.9 million, of which \$2.6 million is from FY 2024–25 and \$24.3 million is from prior fiscal years.

The new and amended requests of these courts are included as Attachments A and B, respectively, to this report.

## **Relevant Previous Council Action**

At its business meeting on April 15, 2016, the Judicial Council adopted requirements and procedures (Judicial Council—approved *Process, Criteria, and Required Information for Trial Court Trust Fund Fund Balance Held on Behalf of the Courts*) for the funds held on behalf (FHOB) of the trial courts program. Under this policy, courts can request that a reduction in their Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) allocations be retained in the TCTF as restricted fund balance for the benefit of those courts. The funds are then allocated back to the courts by the Judicial Council for the purposes stated in their approved requests. Allowable FHOB requests can include but are not limited to the following:

- Projects that extend beyond the original planned three-year process, such as delayed deployment of information systems;
- Technology improvements or infrastructure, such as a new case management system;
- Facilities maintenance or repair allowed under rule 10.810 of the California Rules of Court;
- Court efficiencies such as online and smart forms for court users; and
- Other court infrastructure projects such as vehicle or copy machine replacement.

The FHOB process is intended only for expenditures that cannot be funded by a court's annual budget or three-year encumbrance term and require multiyear savings to implement. The process also requires reporting on the use of the funds.<sup>1</sup>

Requests approved by the council since implementation of the FHOB program are shown in Table 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Trial Court Allocations: Trial Court Reserves Held in the Trial Court Trust Fund* (Mar. 25, 2016), *jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=4378277&GUID=57D6B686-EA95-497E-9A07-226CA724ADCB*; Judicial Council of Cal., mins. (Apr. 15, 2016), item 16-055, *jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=M&ID=463457&GUID=194A3350-D97F-452B-ACF4-1EBE6C105CCA*.

Table 1. FHOB Funding by Fiscal Year

Fund Balance Fiscal Year	No. of Trial Courts	Amount (in millions)
2015–16	15	\$8.3
2016–17	14	6.9
2017–18	11	1.6
2018–19	10	6.4
2019–20	15	6.1
2020–21	14	7.4
2021–22	20	12.4
2022–23	24	27.2
2023–24	27	24.0
2024–25ª	25	17.7
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Total \$118.0

At its business meeting on January 17, 2020, the Judicial Council adopted revisions to the FHOB policy. These revisions included a streamlined submission schedule, changing the recipient of the request from the Judicial Council's Administrative Director to the director of Budget Services, and amendments to better align with the timing of year-end closing for the courts, trial court allocation offsets, and requests to amend previously approved projects.<sup>2</sup>

On May 11, 2022, the Judicial Council approved the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee's (TCBAC) additional recommendation to update the policy. This update changed the requirement that courts report to the TCBAC within 90 days of completion of a project, from a quarterly reporting to an annual reporting of all projects or planned expenditures completed in a fiscal year, including status updates on projects or planned expenditures not yet completed.<sup>3</sup> Judicial

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Pending approval of requests by the Judicial Council.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Updates to the Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts Policy* (Dec. 20, 2019), *jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=7977186&GUID=6B519461-BD50-4F19-9B80-CD40F8FD64FE*; Judicial Council of Cal., mins. (Jan. 17, 2020), item 20-026, *jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=M&ID=711572&GUID=AC46528C-6E37-406A-A1CE-B41CC33E29EB*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Trial Court Budget: Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts Reporting Frequency* (Apr. 22, 2022), *jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=10830769&GUID=305F68B7-26CF-4E57-B29D-BD15D8B1CB6D*; Judicial Council of Cal., Judicial Council: Agenda Items From the May 12–13 Business Meeting (May 9, 2022), item 22-027, *jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=M&ID=869099&GUID=990E26C2-797D-4F24-BAE0-4945FB131549*.

Council Budget Services staff prepares the annual FHOB report to the TCBAC in consultation with participating trial courts.

At its business meeting on March 15, 2024, the Judicial Council adopted additional revisions to the policy (Attachment C), including (1) newly defined criteria for new and amended requests, (2) a streamlined submission process with one annual deadline, and (3) implementation of a reimbursement model to distribute funding to the participating trial courts. The revisions to the policy provide increased transparency and accountability of the program and are summarized below:

- Clarify the definitions of new and amended requests to improve transparency in the use of the funding and to streamline the tracking and reporting of approved projects;
- Reduce the number of submission cycles from three to one per year to streamline project tracking and reporting, reduce the number of committee meetings, and align with the year-end closing for court financial records;
- Ensure that courts send a representative to the Fiscal Planning Subcommittee meetings to address any questions from the members regarding requests under consideration;
- Simplify the application form to make it easier to complete and review and to ensure it includes the relevant project and fiscal information; and
- Implement a reimbursement model to properly structure the program so that requested funds are held in the TCTF on behalf of the requesting courts and distributed to the courts for actual reported expenditures.<sup>4</sup>

## Analysis/Rationale

Under Government Code section 77203, a trial court may carry over unexpended funds in an amount not to exceed 3 percent of the court's operating budget from the prior fiscal year. <sup>5</sup> Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(A) requires the Judicial Council to approve preliminary allocations to the trial courts in July of each fiscal year. Each January, after review of available trial court reserves as of June 30 of the prior fiscal year, the Judicial Council is required to finalize allocations to the courts. Each court's final allocation must be offset by the amount of reserves in excess of the 3 percent cap as described above.

As a way to further support trial court operations and manage within limited resources, the Judicial Council's approved TCTF FHOB of the trial courts process allows a court to request that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Trial Court Budget: Update to the Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts Policy* (Feb. 22, 2024), *jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=12700382&GUID=9C3189C0-C9AA-4818-BB78-3807018030F0*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Added as part of Senate Bill 1021 (Stats. 2012, ch. 41), later amended by Senate Bill 95 (Stats. 2019, ch. 36 § 2), effective June 27, 2019.

reduced allocations related to the fund balance cap be retained in the TCTF for the benefit of that court. This allows the courts to meet contractual obligations and fund necessary court projects or purchases, such as technology improvements or infrastructure, facilities maintenance and repair allowed by rule 10.810, court efficiency projects, and other court projects that will extend beyond the standard three-year contract encumbrance period. A summary of the new and amended requests is displayed in Table 2.

Table 2. Summary of Requests for FY 2024–25 Submission Cycle

	FY 2024–25 Contribution (in millions of dollars)	Previously Approved Fiscal Year Funding (in millions of dollars)	Proposed Total (in millions of dollars)
New Requests (Attachment A)	\$15.1	\$2.0	\$17.1
Amended Requests (Attachment B)	2.6	24.3	26.9
Total	\$17.7	\$26.3	\$44.0

## **Policy implications**

These recommendations are consistent with current law and Judicial Council policy.

### Comments

This proposal was not circulated for public comment. However, the recommendations were considered at meetings that were open to the public, and no public comments were received.

#### Alternatives considered

Alternatives considered by the trial courts include using other resources from their operating budgets, postponing implementation of the requested actions, or reducing services to the public, all of which have an impact on core operations and service levels.

## **Fiscal and Operational Impacts**

Approval of the requests does not result in additional costs to the trial courts. Judicial Council staff monitor and track the FHOB requests and allocate approved funding to the courts. If the requests are not approved, the courts' spending plans and operations will be impacted, which may affect their ability to effectively serve the public and support access to justice.

#### Attachments and Links

- 1. Attachment A: Summary and Detail of Trial Court Trust Fund Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts Applications for New Requests for FY 2024–25
- 2. Attachment B: Summary and Detail of Trial Court Trust Fund Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts Applications for Amended Requests for FY 2024–25
- 3. Attachment C: Judicial Council—approved *Process, Criteria, and Required Information for Trial Court Trust Fund Fund Balance Held on Behalf of the Courts*

	Court	FY 2024–25 Contribution Amount	Previously Approved Closed Projects - Surrendered Funding*	Proposed Project Total	Project Category
	Alpine	\$ 43,445	\$ -	\$ 43,445	
	Calaveras	29,500	-	29,500	
	Del Norte	267,000	-		Information Technology
	El Dorado	124,590	-	124,590	
_	Glenn	28,000	-	28,000	
	Glenn	134,143	-		Information Technology
	Imperial	211,843	-	211,843	
	Imperial	117,243	-		Information Technology
	Kings	223,287	-	223,287	
_	Lake	223,779	-	223,779	
11	Lake	5,687	-		Information Technology
12	Lake	30,000	-		Information Technology
13	Lake	15,399	-	15,399	Information Technology
14	Mendocino	521,705	-	521,705	
15	Mono	24,210	-		Furniture & Fixtures
16	Monterey	-	275,135	275,135	
17	Orange	509,268	-	509,268	Facility
18	Orange	1,033,331	-	1,033,331	Information Technology
19	Orange	370,000	-	370,000	Security
20	Placer	437,389	-	437,389	
21	Placer	54,821	-	54,821	Information Technology
22	Placer	1,062,079	-	1,062,079	Information Technology
23	Plumas	75,000	-	75,000	Facility
24	Plumas	50,000	-	50,000	Facility
25	Plumas	65,000	-	65,000	Facility
26	San Benito	-	1,235,209	1,235,209	Court Funded Request
27	San Bernardino	380,000	-	380,000	Emergency Response and Safety Services
28	San Bernardino	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	
29	San Bernardino	500,000	-		Information Technology
30	San Bernardino	578,285	-		Information Technology
31	San Luis Obispo	-	153,334	153,334	Information Technology
32	San Joaquin	4,616,785	265,200	4,881,985	
33	Stanislaus	255,967	25,262	281,228	
34	Sutter	238,055	-	238,055	Court Funded Request
35	Tehama	90,000	-	90,000	Fleet

	Court	FY 2024–25 Contribution Amount	Previously Approved Closed Projects - Surrendered Funding*	Proposed Project Total	Project Category
36	Tehama	100,000	-	100,000	Information Technology
37	Ventura	144,363	-	144,363	Information Technology
38	Ventura	537,343	-	537,343	Information Technology
	Total	\$ 15,097,515	\$ 1,954,139	\$ 17,051,654	

<sup>\*</sup> Per the Judicial Council–approved policy, trial courts may request to use previously approved unspent funding from a closed or surrendered project, for a new project.

Court	Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Alpine	\$43,445	2024–25	2026–27	Courtroom Renovation Maintenance and Repair: replacing worn carpet and chairs which includes installment, disposal and labor on both. Chairs severely worn after extra cleaning during 2020-2023. Carpet has several places where it is rippling and bunching which could be a potential risk. Thank you.
Calaveras	\$29,500	2024–25	2025–26	The Court's current office chairs, in use since 2013, have surpassed their 10-year life expectancy and no longer provide adequate ergonomic support, creating risks to staff health, safety, and productivity. Worn upholstery, failing adjustments, and reduced comfort underscore the need for full replacement. Procuring 57 new ergonomic chairs will ensure compliance with workplace safety standards, improve employee well-being, and provide long-term cost efficiency.
Del Norte	\$267,000	2024–25	2025–26	The Del Norte Superior Court is undertaking a critical IT infrastructure project to upgrade its existing server environment and expand data storage capacity. The court's current servers are reaching end-of-life, with limited capacity to support growing case management data, digital evidence, and administrative records. This project will implement a modernized server solution with scalable, redundant storage that ensures reliability, security, and compliance with judicial standards. Projects of this size, scope and expense are impossible to absorb into a single year budget cycle.

Court	Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
El Dorado	\$124,590	2024–25	2026–27	Tenant Improvement - Building C

In connection with the County of El Dorado, we are currently in the process of renovations affecting our Placerville Building C branch.

### As part of this project:

- •Department 8 will be moved into the renovated space in the basement of Building C, and the Fair Lane Branch will no longer be occupied by the Court.
- •Court Administration, Human Resources, Fiscal, and Court Analysts, currently located on the main floor of Building C, will move into renovated space in the basement of Building C.
- •The Information Technology (IT) Department will move into renovated space in the basement of Building C.
- •The Self-Help Center/Family Law Facilitator's Office will be relocated from the Main Street Branch into this new consolidated area.

The changes outlined above will reduce overall occupancy costs including, but not limited to, alarm services, security in coordination with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department, utility expenses, and other miscellaneous facility-related expenditures by consolidating our Court operations from five total court locations, to four. Currently, Court Administration, Human Resources, Fiscal, and Court Analysts are located adjacent to and within the County of El Dorado's Building Department. Relocating these divisions to the lower level, alongside the rest of the Court staff, will promote greater continuity and collaboration across departments.

Court	Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Glenn	\$28,000	2024–25	2025–26	On November 1, 2023 the Glenn County Superior Court moved into its newly renovated and expanded historic Willows Courthouse. The facility is two stories high and comprises over 50,000 square feet. The exterior of the historic building has many nooks and ornate details that have attracted birds and spiders. The Court is requesting \$28,000 to hire a company to clean the exterior of the building and the windows twice during the year. The Court's Janitorial staff cannot even reach the first-floor exterior building windows from the ground, as the building is raised above ground level.
Glenn	\$134,143	2024–25	2025–26	The Glenn County Superior Court is requesting \$134,142.68 for improvements and upgrades to its IT equipment and infrastructure. The request includes the purchase of a new server, Adgator monitoring hardware, upgrades to the current servers to bring them to solid state, additional laptops for the use of staff training, a scanner refresh for all staff, the final purchase of computers in our tech refresh cycle, and the minor equipment/service that would be required to connect, assemble, and store these items. Over the past two years the Court has transitioned to paperless/electronic processing in all areas of court operations and administration. Maintaining modern, up-to-date technology and infrastructure is critical in order to effectively serve the public in our paperless environment.
Imperial	\$117,243	2024–25	2025–26	<ul> <li>Courtroom Audio and Video System - Winterhaven Court</li> <li>Upgrade Access Door Controls for Security purposes</li> <li>Wireless Microphones for Criminal Court- 4 Courtrooms</li> </ul>
Imperial	\$211,843	2024–25	2025–26	<ul> <li>Office Extension - Existing Office is too small for its needs and operation.</li> <li>Modification of Parking space for State prison transportation units for security purposes.</li> <li>Front Counter Division Walls for Civil Department and IT department - to provide protection to employees.</li> </ul>

Court	Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Kings	\$223,287	2021–22	2026–27	The Court is requesting the Judicial Council of California hold TCTF funds on the Court's behalf, in the sum of \$223,286.74, for the architectural and construction activities related to the completion of Department 12's Courtroom.
Lake	\$223,779	2024–25	2027–28	Lake County Superior Court requests \$223,778.71 to be held on the court's behalf for one time project costs related to the completion and move to a new courthouse. The court is responsible for moving costs and some equipment and furnishing costs for the new Lake County Courthouse. The courthouse is a new court construction project estimated to be complete in late 2026. The New Lakeport Courthouse will replace an overcrowded, shared use facility with a new four courtroom facility of approximately 46,000 square feet. The new building will provide a safe, accessible, operationally efficient building for court staff and the Lake County community.

## Reason for Request:

The court costs of \$223,778.72 are necessary so that the new courthouse may be opened to serve the public. Given the uncertain nature of future funding for the trial courts, it is necessary and fiscally responsible to begin reserving funds for one-time project costs now when the court has the resources to do so.

According to the Guidelines for the Responsibility of Facilities Costs between the Judicial Council and Trial Courts, the court will be responsible for several categories of one-time expenses such as moving costs, break room equipment, appliances, office equipment, trash cans, copiers, postage meters, network connection, servers, telephones and VoIP system. The court intends to sequence the regular technology refresh and replacement cycle as well as telephone and copy machine replacements with the new building occupancy. Additionally, due to the increase in size of the new building, the need for copy machines, phones and other equipment will increase. The court wishes to be fully prepared to handle these costs. It may be necessary to augment the project budget if certain items important to the safe and efficient operation of the building are excluded from the project construction budget.

Court	Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Lake	\$5,687	2024–25	2027–28	Project Description In Fiscal Year 2022 the Court contracted with streamWrite to develop and implement a data dashboard to interface with the Court's case management system to provide data regarding the following:  •Eilings •Dispositions •Events •Workloads •Jury •Eiscal and staffing  Reason for Request The total project cost of \$23,998.75 was encumbered in FY22. The court has spent \$18,312 to date. \$5,686.75 was unencumbered in FY24. The court doesn't want to lose these funds due to the project's delay. The Data Dashboard experienced delays due to both the court and the vendor testing all of the changes made throughout the process to perfect the integrity of the data. The project had expected go-live dates before June 30, 2025. Most of the work has been configured; however the fine tuning has not been completed to ensure all the data will be correct. The court is requesting that funds in the amount of \$5,686.75 be held for the court through June 30, 2028.

Court	Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Lake	\$15,399	2024–25	2027–28	Project Description
				The Court contracted with Charles M. Salter Associates, Inc. for IT and AV Consulting Services

The Court contracted with Charles M. Salter Associates, Inc. for IT and AV Consulting Services on June 1, 2023 to review design documents and give guidance regarding procurement and installation of technology for the construction of the new Courthouse. This includes guidance regarding audio-visual systems, courtroom recording equipment, telecommunication systems, Wi-Fi networks, servers and overall network connectivity. The vendor will also train court personnel on operation and maintenance of systems and equipment.

## Reason for Request

The court encumbered \$70,000 in FY22 for the services. The court has spent \$54,600.70 to date and the remaining amount of \$15,399.30 was unencumbered at the end of FY24. The court doesn't want to lose these funds as more work is needed. The court has not yet received guidance on the procurement of needed hardware and software. The funds will play a large part in paying for these needed services. The court is asking that funds in the amount of \$15,399.30 be held through 6/30/2028

Court	Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Lake	\$30,000	2024–25	2027–28	The Court contracted with Journal Technologies on 6/29/21 to develop and implement an interface between the Probation Department and Court's case management system. The data interface will reduce staff time in case processing. The interface will also improve data accuracy between the Court and the Probation Department. Currently, a large amount of correspondence is mailed between the Court and the Probation Department. Data will no longer be required to be printed, sent to the Probation Department and then data entered into the Probation Department system, and vice versa.  Reason for Request The project cost was contracted at \$30,000. The court originally encumbered the \$30,000 in FY20; however the court was able to disencumber the funds and re-encumber the funds in FY22 due to the fact that the court's FY20 fund balance was \$30,000 under the cap. Subsequently the funds were unencumbered at the end of FY24. The Court does not wish to lose the investment. We were unable to proceed with the interface because the Probation Department was contemplating the purchase of a new case management system. A decision was made mid fiscal year 2022/23 to stay with their current system, Tyler. The project was slated to start to move forward; however due to technical requirements the project was delayed. It is anticipated that the creation of the interface will take more time as the court and the Probation Department have different case management systems that will need to interface with each other. The Court is requesting that the funds totaling \$30,000 be held on behalf of the Court through 6/30/28

Court	Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Mendocino	\$521,705	2024–25	2029–30	Construction is underway for a new 80,000 square foot courthouse in Mendocino County. The estimated completion/move in date is August 2027. The Court requests that fund be held to cover costs related to: moving of existing equipment and supplies to the new facility; technical assistance from vendors to set up equipment; purchase of artwork for the public spaces; digital reproduction on canvas or metal of many large murals from the existing courthouse, painted by local artists in the 1970s; purchase of technology and other equipment not provided by the JCC courthouse project budget; and other incidentals that cannot be foreseen at this time.  The Court is in the early stages of planning for a photography contest, similar to Shasta's contest, to solicit photographs in a number of topics of local interest (e.g. agriculture, Native tribes, industries, local landscapes, the coastline, historical events, etc.) Photographs that will be used in the new facility will have to be enlarged and either framed under glass or reproduced on metal plates. These solutions are costly but will greatly enhance the public's engagement with the new facility.  It is not yet possible to know what kinds of equipment will have to be purchased for the new courthouse so we cannot provide any more details on these purchases at this time.
Mono	\$24,210	2024–25	2027–28	The useful life of furniture and fixtures is typically estimated to be between 5 and 12 years. The court is currently at 13 years, so a plan of replacement is being made as well as more funds to be added if possible.

Court	Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year I	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Monterey	\$275,135	2021–22	2025–26	For health and wellness of Salinas Court employees, the purpose of this request is to fund the purchase and labor of converting approximately 140 regular work stations and judges chambers at the Salinas Courthouse into height adjustable work stations by utilizing existing work surfaces and purchasing height adjustable furniture legs. Height adjustable work stations have previously been installed in the Monterey, Marina, and King City Courthouses.  The court is requesting to surrender previously approved projects and funding of the following: O-272203 - \$84,493.00, O-272202 - \$62,942.00, O-272205 - \$25,000.00, O-279302 - \$102,699.84 to accommodate this new request for costs related to Salinas Courthouse Judges Chamber furniture replacement. No new funding is requested for the from the most recent fiscal year.
Orange	\$509,268	2024–25	2029–30	Facilities - Fire, Life, and Safety (FLS): expenses related to abatement, carpeting and other flooring, paint, blinds, and furniture needs arising from facility modification projects, such as the Fire, Life, and Safety Project, which is anticipated to span multiple years. According to the California Rules of Court, funding for facility modifications or improvements cannot include expenses such as carpeting and other flooring, paint, and furniture, thus requiring the court to finance these items. Additional expenses may also emerge that are required for the project to proceed but are not covered by the project funding.

Court	Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Orange	\$370,000	2024–25	2029–30	Security projects to enhance court facilities:
				Installing mirror tint on glass entry doors and windows at entrances of all courthouses to improve observation control, making it more difficult for outsiders to surveil the courthouse and identify security officer positions, security protocols, and occupancy levels.
				Installing non-ballistic barriers at the Central Justice Center weapons screening area to further enhance observation control and reduce the potential for surveillance and study of court security routines.
				Purchasing a wheelchair lift in the detention area of the West Justice Center to facilitate safer transport of ADA defendants within secure areas.
				Enhancing the security features of Central Justice Center elevators to ensure consistent safety for court personnel, including judges and commissioners, during both planned and unplanned elevator outages.
Orange	\$1,033,331	2024–25	2029–30	Technology upgrades:
				Conference room technology enhancements to improve the stability and efficiency of equipment for on-site and hybrid collaboration.
				Equipment and installation for courtroom evidence presentation systems to modernize court proceedings and enable remote access, thereby enhancing public access to justice.
				Prior year expenses for uninterruptible power supply (UPS) units and associated equipment that improved the management and distribution of network connections to end-user devices, as these expenses were unintentionally reverted.
				Refresh of credit card payment terminals to maintain compliance with Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI-DSS) and to enhance financial data security.
				Technology and computing equipment refresh, to enable better planning and timing of end-of-life cycles for court devices.

Court	Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Placer	\$437,389	2024–25	2027–28	This initiative is designed to address the significant wear and tear on the building's interior, specifically focusing on the replacement of aging carpets, flooring, and paint. The current condition of these elements not only detracts from the professional environment of this courthouse but also poses potential health and safety concerns. This project will replace outdated materials with durable, modern, and aesthetically appropriate alternatives, thereby enhancing the functionality, accessibility, and overall environment for all who use the courthouse, including judges, staff, legal professionals, and the public.
Placer	\$1,062,079	2022–23	2025–26	This is an ongoing project to replace the A/V system in ten courtrooms at the Gibson Courthouse where the encumbrance expired 6/30/2025. To preserve the funding and maintain the integrity of the project, the Court requests funds to be held for the duration of FY2025-26.
Placer	\$54,821	2022–23	2025–26	This is an ongoing project to replace the A/V system in the jury assembly room at the Gibson Courthouse where the encumbrance expired 6/30/2025. To preserve the funding and maintain the integrity of the project, the Court requests funds to be held for the duration of FY2025-26.
Plumas	\$65,000	2024–25	2027–28	Request to hold funds to install/upgrade the technology in our three courtrooms to permit audio/video evidence to be displayed on the courtroom monitors during evidentiary hearings and trials. Currently litigants are not able to project evidentiary documents, audio and/or video onto the monitors in the courtrooms. This will require the purchase of new equipment and software and a third-party vendor to install/set up.
Plumas	\$75,000	2024–25	2027–28	Request to hold funds to upgrade the work stations in the clerks offices as well as to purchase uninterrupted power supply (UPS) battery back up for all Superior Court computers in the courtrooms, conference rooms, and clerk's work stations. Currently, our computers do not have back up power supplies in the event of power loss. The court clerk desks/work stations are extremely old and need to be replaced with modern stand-up desks.
Plumas	\$50,000	2024–25	2027–28	Request to hold TCTF funds for technology need-document digital scanning and storing. The requested amount will be used to digitize physical case files held in our storage facility. this project will reduce the Court's storage costs and make case file more easily accessible to the court and public. This project involves significant one-time expenses likely over several phases, and will require third party vendor assistance.

Court	Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
San Benito	\$1,235,209	2020–21	2026–27	The court is requesting a new project to create a CFR that will be used to make modifications and upgrades to our existing facility. The request will enhance the efficiency and/or effectiveness of court operations by creating a new courtroom to accommodate the court's expanding criminal and civil calendars and jury trials, and creating a chamber for visiting judges hearing trials on a biweekly basis.  The court is surrendering two projects of previously approved funding to accommodate this request. A remaining balance of \$1,229,342.86 from O-359305 and \$5865.66 from O-359303,
				for a total of \$1,235,208.52.
San Bernardino	\$500,000	2024–25	2025–26	In alignment with the San Bernardino Superior Court Strategic Plan, the court is seeking to further strengthen its disaster recovery capabilities by implementing a redundant site at our secondary data center to ensure business continuity in the event of physical damage or failure at the primary data center. This site will provide seamless failover capabilities and serve as a backup resource for replacing failed equipment, enhancing resilience, reliability, and disaster recovery preparedness.
				The entire project amount – \$500,000 – will be incurred in FY 2025-26 and is requested to be held in the Trial Court Trust Fund.
San Bernardino	\$578,285	2024–25	2027–28	In alignment with the San Bernardino Superior Court's (SBSC) Strategic Plan, the Technology Advancement Project will allow the court to continue to pursue technology initiatives by adopting or expanding software applications, enhancing our data warehouse, developing financial tools, and implementing hardware solutions that are critical to our operations. These technology advancements apply to multiple functional areas of the court (i.e., Operations, HR and Finance). The Court requests that \$578,284.80 be held in the Trial Court Trust Fund for this project with estimated completion in FY 2027-28.

Court	Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
San Bernardino	\$2,000,000	2024–25	2027–28	The San Bernardino Superior Court requests that \$2,000,000.00 be held in the Trial Court Trust Fund for critical facility improvements at the Victorville and Juvenile Delinquency (Justice) courthouses, both of which are grosly outdated, deteriorating, and in desperate need of public trust and confidence improvements. We are unable to pursue construction or structural renovations due to constraints in facilities. This request includes non-construction upgrades such as interior painting, carpet replacement, ergonomic furniture for staff and public areas, counter space enhancements, and judicial chambers and courtroom improvements.  Additionally, both facilities suffer from limited public seating in lobby and public hallways. These improvements do not qualify under the Trial Court Facility Modification fund, but are considered critical for our court. These enhancements directly support the court's Strategic Plan 2024–2028 by transforming the court experience, empowering a productive workforce, and building a future-ready court. The improvements will also advance statewide judicial goals related to service quality, infrastructure, and sustainable funding, while addressing urgent operational needs, courtroom facility improvements, safety improvements, accessibility, and staff morale.
San Bernardino	\$380,000	2024–25	2026–27	The San Bernardino Superior Court requests that \$380,000.00 be held in the Trial Court Trust Fund to enhance and modernize our Emergency Response and Safety Services (ERSS) program. This initiative is designed to modernize and elevate the court's emergency preparedness and safety infrastructure. Funding will support the acquisition of critical resources including emergency training software, communication platforms, radios, and training program development. These investments will enable the court to implement standardized emergency protocols, conduct drills, improve coordination with local agencies, and ensure continuity of operations during crises. The ERSS program aligns with the court's strategic goals of fostering resilience, protecting life and property, and instilling public trust through proactive safety measures and responsive service delivery. Up until now, our court has not had the funding to invest in this space. Safety and emergency response is a priority for our court given our geography and current climate.

Court	Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
San Joaquin	\$4,881,985	2022–23	2029–30	The Court would like to accumulate savings to pay for the repairs and upgrades from our future facility improvements.  The Court seeks to allocate funds from its FHOB account to address future facility improvements needs.  We will establish a CFR specifically for future facility improvements and create a single WBSE number to manage work across our four courthouses—Stockton, Manteca, Lodi, and French Camp. The Court requests approval to use its current FY 2024/25 FHOB balance of \$4,616,785.39, along with \$265,200 from WBSE 0-399303 (PA Project – TCTF Funds Held FY 22/23 PA STK CFR022), for a total of \$4,881,985.39 to fund future facility improvements.  We also intend to close WBSE 0-399303 (PA Project), as an upcoming software upgrade will bring our PA system in line with our preferred requirements.  By submitting a single, broad FHOB request covering all of our court locations, the Court seeks the flexibility to prioritize and address future facility improvements, as needed. This approach will help prevent overlap with future facility improvements items already funded by the Judicial Council and allow us to reroute funds to other approved projects as appropriate.  We respectfully request the Judicial Council's approval of this allocation and approach.
San Luis Obispo	\$153,334	2023–24	2025–26	The San Luis Obispo Superior Court requests that \$153,334 be held in the Trial Court Trust Fund to allow the court to fund IT modernization projects including CMS integration and reporting and courtroom audio and video upgrades to be completed in FY 2025-26.

Court	Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Stanislaus	\$281,228	2023–24	2026–27	In July 2026, the Court plans to consolidate all operations into a new courthouse located in downtown Modesto. Currently, court operations are distributed across five facilities throughout the County and the consolidation will result in a significant increase in the need for employee parking. We can currently provide parking for approximately 80 employees in a County owned parking structure. However, this is not enough parking to meet the anticipated demand after we relocate to the new facility. Upon relocation, we will need to accommodate parking for an additional 130 employees to support centralized operations. Due to limited parking availability in the downtown area, the Court has identified a nearby lot that may be leased to meet this need. However, the property requires improvements—such as repaving, striping, and lighting—to ensure it is safe and suitable for employee use.  To facilitate this transition and maintain operational continuity, the Court requests to hold funds in the FHOB program to cover the necessary property improvements and/or the initial lease payments. Lease payments after the initial term would be incorporated into the court's annual budget. These expenditures are essential to support the Court's workforce and ensure accessibility and safety at the new courthouse. Utilizing FHOB funds for this purpose aligns with the program's intent to support facility-related needs and will enable the Judicial Council to act swiftly once lease terms are finalized and improvement costs are confirmed.
Sutter	\$238,055	2024–25	2026–27	The requested funds will be used to replace worn and outdated carpeting throughout the courthouse that the Court cannot cover within its annual budget. The current carpet is nearly 10 years old, with visible wear, fraying, and heavy staining in areas like the public elevators that cannot be cleaned effectively.
Tehama	\$100,000	2024-25	2026–27	Phone System Replacement-Update and replace existing phone system.
Tehama	\$90,000	2024–25	2025–26	Vehicle Replacement(s)
Ventura	\$144,363	2024–25	2027–28	These funds would be used for eCourt case management for: cloud services, credit card machines, portal installation and court reservation system for civil case type for other services to enhance the system use.
Ventura	\$537,343	2024–25	2026–27	Upgrade remote/hybrid technology in all courtrooms in the Hall of Justice. There are 11 remaining that need this technology. We are working with Judicial Counsel Technology to ensure compliance with AB716.
Total	\$17,051,654			

Attachment B Summary and Detail of Trial Court Trust Fund Funds Held on Behalf of the Trial Courts Applications for Amended Requests for FY 2024–25

	Court	Approved Project Total	FY 2024–25 Contribution Amount	Proposed Project Total	Project Category
1	Imperial	\$ 74,139	\$ -	\$ 74,139	Court Funded Request
2	Kern	1,982,274	-	1,982,274	Information Technology
3	Lake	41,098	3,902	45,000	Information Technology
4	Lake	9,229	4,771	14,000	Information Technology
5	Mono	90,000	-	90,000	Information Technology
6	Mono	50,000	-	50,000	Information Technology
7	Mono	100,003	-	100,003	Information Technology
8	Sacramento	3,946,130	66,907	4,013,037	Facility
9	San Bernardino	2,341,300	275,371	2,616,671	Information Technology
10	San Bernardino	2,000,000	200,000	2,200,000	Information Technology
11	San Bernardino	600,000	-	600,000	Information Technology
12	San Bernardino	3,221,609	1,904,473	5,126,082	Records Management
13	San Mateo	2,501,098	3,901	2,504,999	Court Funded Request
14	Stanislaus	3,138,708	-	3,138,708	Facility
15	Stanislaus	124,900	-	124,900	Information Technology
16	Sutter	406,669	-	406,669	Facility
17	Tehama	481,816	41,958	523,774	Information Technology
18	Tehama	1,328,074	83,627	1,411,701	Information Technology
19	Ventura	1,917,292	-	1,917,292	Information Technology
	Total	\$ 24,354,340	\$ 2,584,910	\$ 26,939,249	

Court	Proposed Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:	Amendment Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Imperial	\$74,139	2023–24	2025–26	Project approved last year- To repair walls and doors for a Courtroom (Dept. 1). We are requesting to extend the deadline to June 30, 2026 to be able to complete this project. During the FY 24/25, JCC changed the CFR approval process and we didn't have enough time to complete the project before year end (FY24/25).	We are requesting to extend the deadline to June 30, 2026 to be able to complete this project. During the FY 24/25, JCC changed the CFR approval process and we didn't have enough time to complete the project before year end (FY24/25).
Kern	\$1,982,274	2016–17	2025–26	The Court continues to make steady progress toward the implementation of eCourt. While we have navigated some challenges, we've worked closely with Journal Technologies and our justice partners to address them collaboratively. Our go-live date remains scheduled for October 6, 2025, as noted in our last update. These funds will be used when we are billed after go-live.	Our go-live date extends beyond the June 30, 2025 date referenced in our previous extension request. In light of the timeline, I am requesting an extension of the Funds Held on Behalf through June 30, 2026.

Court	Proposed Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:	Amendment Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Lake	\$45,000	2021–22	2027–28	Project Description The Court contracted with Journal Technologies on 6/15/20 to develop and implement three interfaces with the Court's case management system. The Dept of Child Support Services interface was completed in FY22. The following two interfaces have not been completed. •Electronic Citation interface -\$15,000 •Warrant interface with the Sheriff's Department -\$30,000  Reason for Amended Request The total project cost is \$45,000. \$41,098 is currently being held on behalf of the court. The court had encumbered the additional \$3,902 in FY22 and the funds were subsequently unencumbered in FY24. The court doesn't want to lose these funds due to the project's delay. The court is requesting that the \$3,902 be held along with the \$41,098 for total of \$45,000. The Electronic Citation and Warrant Interfaces experienced delays due to the Sheriff's Department connectivity issues and the Police Department change of staff. The interfaces had expected go-live dates by June 30,2024; however the agencies were unable to accomplish their portion of the work within the expected timeframe. The court is dependent on the other agencies for the work to be completed. The court is requesting that funds in the amount of \$45,000 be held for the court through June 30, 2028.	requested for FY2024-25). Request to extend the time period out to 2027-28 due to contractor delays.

Court	Proposed Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:	Amendment Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Lake	\$14,000	2022–23	2027–28	The Court contracted with Journal Technologies on 6/29/21 to configure three change projects to the Court's case management system. The Pre-trial diversion minutes project was completed in FY23. The following two configurations have not been finished:	Request to amend the total project amount from \$9,229 to \$14,000 (additional \$4,771 is being requested for FY2024-25). Request to extend the time period out to 2027-28 due to contractor delays

1.Fix several work queues that have outstanding tasks. -

2. Create workflow for destruction of cannabis cases per

Reason for Amended Request

HS11361.5 -\$3,500

\$10,500

The current contracted cost for the two unfinished projects is \$14,000. \$9,229 is currently being held on behalf of the Court. The Court had encumbered the additional \$4,771 in FY22 and the funds were subsequently unencumbered in FY24. The Court doesn't want to lose these funds due to the projects' delays. The Court is requesting that the \$4,771 also be held for a total of \$15,000.

The Court and Journal Technologies have both put significant resources toward these necessary projects. The configuration for the work queue changes was recently tested and needs further work on the vendor side. We have been pushing for a resolution for the second configuration change to create a workflow for destruction/deletion of cannabis cases per HS11361.5 but according to the vendor this project cannot be completed until all courts using the eCourt case management system agree on a consistent workflow for the destruction and/or sealing of eligible cannabis cases. To date there has been no agreement. The Court is requesting that the amount of \$14,000 be held through 6/30/2028.

Court	Proposed Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:	Amendment Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Mono	\$50,000	2020–21	2026–27	Additional time is needed to start the project so we are requesting to change the start date from FY 25-26 to FY 26-27.	Additional time is needed to start the project so we are requesting to change the start date from FY 25-26 to FY 26-27.
Mono	\$100,003	2023–24	2026–27	Request to hold TCTF funds for uninterrupted power supply (UPS) server replacement. Our current UPS server is 10 years old and we recently purchased a 3-year extended warranty and this equipment will need to be replaced once the warranty expires.	Additional time is needed to start the project so we are requesting to change the start date from FY 25-26 to FY 26-27.
Mono	\$90,000	2020–21	2027–28	The court has received requests from our justice partners (Sheriff, Mammoth Police, Probation, Alliance One) to employ interfaces with our case management system. We recently implemented Journal Technology's eCourt solution. At the time of development an interface with the District Attorney's office was included in the scope of the project. These additional interfaces are still in the planning phase and will have staggered deployments.	Additional time is needed to work with various justice departments to complete the CMS interfaces. Mono is requesting the time to be changed to completion during FY's 26-27 & 27-28.

Court	Proposed Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:	Amendment Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Sacramento	\$4,013,037	2022–23	2026–27	The new 18-story Sacramento courthouse is nearing completion. From a security standpoint, this new courthouse will operate much differently from the current	Sacramento Superior Court is requesting an amendment to the existing FHOB project to include additional \$66,906.52 to support critical

six-story courthouse. In order for court security to track inmate movement between 18 floors, over 90 holding cells, secured computer network in the new 18-story and support court operations, the compatible infrastructure Sacramento courthouse. This amendment will allow must be installed to run the Sheriff's secured computer network throughout the building. These funds will be used to install the necessary equipment and wire the Intermediate Distribution Frame (IDF) closets on each floor, each floor, ensuring secure inmate movement and Total cost to support this imperative one-time request related to our move to the new court house is approximately \$166,700.13 (Infrastructure cost: \$93,556.66 plus Equipment cost: \$73,143.47). The Sacramento Sheriff's Department will fund the equipment costs, while the court will be responsible for the infrastructure costs. The court is requesting approval of this amended FHOB request to help offset a portion of these expenses. Due to current budget constraints, these additional funds are necessary to help absorb the unexpected costs.

infrastructure costs associated with the Sheriff's the court to offset one-time expenses required to install necessary equipment and wire the Intermediate Distribution Frame (IDF) closets on overall operational readiness in the new facility.

Court	Proposed Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:	Amendment Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
San Bernardino	\$5,126,082	2023–24	2026–27	In alignment with San Bernardino Superior Court's (SBSC) Strategic Plan, the Digital Transformation Project will transition to the use of the electronic case file as the original court record in all litigation types, eliminating paper files and destroying paper documents following the Court's Administrative Policy: Preservation of Court Documents. After a QC process, older files in warehouses and courthouses will be converted to a digital format using a vendor. As a result, the court will rely on the electronic record. Transitioning to a digital record ensures a complete and accurate record, increases efficiencies, results in cost savings and improved service to stakeholders.  The amendment for this FHOB is in the amount of \$1,904,472.70 and will generate the resources needed to successfully transfer SBSC's paper record to digital and ensure proper quality assurance is in place for record integrity. Additionally, the end date is being extended to FY 2026-27.	SBSC requests to amend the total project amount by \$1,904,472.70, increasing the FHOB to \$5,126,081.99. After netting expenses that have been incurred and reimbursed (\$2,126,081.99), the project balance will be \$3,000,000. Additionally, the end date is being extended to FY 2026-27.
San Bernardino	\$600,000	2022–23	2027–28	San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) is currently engaged in a limited expansion of its existing "For the Record" (FTR) service agreement that includes "speech-to-text" real-time technologies. The FHOB was previously applied for in 2023 for \$600,000.00. Of this amount, \$53,585.49 has been spent, leaving a balance of \$546,414.51 as of June 30, 2025. This amendment seeks to adjust the fiscal year end date to FY 2027-28.	SBSC is requesting to amend the fiscal year end date of the project to FY 2027-28 as it continues to assess opportunities in this space. It should be noted that \$53,585.49 of this funding has been spent, leaving a balance of \$546,414.51.

Court	Proposed Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:	Amendment Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
San Bernardino	\$2,616,671	2022–23	2027–28	San Bernardino Superior Court's (SBSC) Juvenile case management system is the last case type to transition from its existing 30 year old legacy system. After framing out the requirements for the project, this amendment seeks the necessary funding (an additional \$275,371.12) to execute on its expanded scope. This includes, but is not limited to, implementation costs, integration with partner agency systems, and portal access for allowed parties to case file records.	
San Bernardino	\$2,200,000	2023–24	2026–27	The court seeks a new Jury Management System (JMS) with newer technology since the current (legacy) system has reached its end-of-life and can no longer be updated. The court is currently evaluating proposals and based on the information obtained, it was determined that an amendment to increase the FHOB project amount by \$200,000.00 was needed to cover the expenses to be incurred. Expected implementation of the system will be in FY 2026-27.	The amendment request is to increase the JMS FHOB by \$200,000.00, bringing the total project to \$2,200,000.00. The end-date for the project is also being amended to FY 2026-27.

Court	Proposed Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:	Amendment Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
San Mateo	\$2,504,999	2018–19	2027–28	The County will build two new courtrooms, two chambers, and a new conference room on the first floor of the Hall of Justice (HOJ), along with renovations to the civil clerk's office. The Court will be responsible for all furniture, fixtures, and equipment associated with the new courtrooms, conference room, and the remodeled civil clerk's office.	Request to amend the total contribution from \$2,501,098.15 to \$2,504,999.27 with an increase of \$3,901.12, related to FY24-25 Fund balance over the cap.
				The Court has committed \$5 million toward this project, which has a total estimated cost of \$15 million. Of this amount, the Court has already paid \$4.2 million to San Mateo County in FY 2024-25. The remaining \$0.8 million will be paid in four annual installments of \$0.2 million from FY 2025-26 through FY 2028-29.	
				We respectfully request that the Judicial Council hold the FY 2024-25 fund balance over the cap (\$3,901.12) on behalf of the Court, which the Court plans to apply towards any amount owed to the County.	
Stanislaus	\$124,900	2023–24	2026–27	,	This project consists of 18 forms that need to be converted to Robotic Process Automation (RPA). The conversion of forms is time consuming and may not be completed by the current project completion date of 6/30/26. We are requesting an extension on this project to end date to 6/30/27.

Court	Proposed Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:	Amendment Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Stanislaus	\$3,138,708	2021–22	2026–27	This project is in regard to the Construction of the New Modesto Courthouse which has been under construction since December 2021. The Court will need to cover certain costs to move to that building. Previous requests have identified specific goods or equipment needed. Due to delays in construction of the building, we have been given a new completion date. This Funds Held on Behalf (FHOB) amended request is to extend the project timeline according to our new estimated completion date of April 2026.	building, we have now been given an estimated completion date of April 2026 which means we
Sutter	\$406,669	2023–24	2026–27	The Court will be using the funds on facility enhancements such as furniture moves and replacement, wall painting and repair, as well as carpet/flooring replacement. We also intend to use the funds on technical enhancements such as A/V upgrades, queuing system enhancements, and asset lifecycle replacements. Finally, the Court intends to use the funds on security enhancement such as networking equipment, intrusion detection/prevention systems, and adding/replacing security cameras.	The Court respectfully requests extending the time period to FY 26-27 due to contractor delays. No changes to the requested project amount.
Tehama	\$523,774	2017–18	2026–27	Case Management System Improvement. Tehama Superior Court entered into a contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Support Account Manager (SAM) services to enhance court operations through more effective and efficient use of the case management system. The project is intended to deliver dedicated and customized services needed to expedite the implementation and utilization of various functionality and interfaces.	One more year of enhanced services contract. To be extended until 9/30/2026.

Court	Proposed Project Total	Project Time Period - Starting Fiscal Year	Project Time Period - Ending Fiscal Year	Project Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:	Amendment Summary - As provided by the requesting trial court:
Tehama	\$1,411,701	2017–18	2026–27	The Court has accumulated a large volume of paper files over many years and continues to execute a plan to modernize its records storage practices. This project will require some staff time, the use of a third-party vendor, and some new equipment in order to be fully completed.	Continuation of previously approved plan for records destruction and modernization. Amendment is to allow for additional time and expense.
Ventura	\$1,917,292	2024–25	2027–28	Ventura Superior Court continues to work through its upgrade from legacy case management systems and will end the use of the County system, Vision and become independent on our own platform under eCourt for Criminal/Traffic/Family Law/Juvenile Dependency/Adoptions. The Court currently has \$1,335,151 held on its behalf to successfully complete this upgrade project. We anticipate a go-live in the next 18-24 months for all case types. We are requesting to please continue to hold this money for our upgrade of case manage. The Court's new leadership and also Bench Leadership is committed to making this transition as quickly as possible.	The Court initially stated it would be used to update the County system but the Court has decided to move to its own platform under eCourt.
Total	\$26,939,249				

# Process, Criteria, and Required Information for Trial Court Trust Fund Fund Balance Held on Behalf of the Courts

## Recommended Process for Trial Court Trust Fund Fund Balance Held on Behalf of the Courts

- 1. Trial Court Trust Fund fund balance will be held on behalf of trial courts only for expenditures or projects that cannot be funded by a court's annual budget or three-year encumbrance term and that require multiyear savings to implement. The program is not intended to address ongoing activities or commitments.
  - a. Allowable categories or activities include, but are not limited to:
    - Projects that extend beyond the original planned three-year term process such as expenses related to the delayed opening of new facilities or delayed deployment ofnew information systems;
    - ii) Technology improvements or infrastructure such as installing a local data center, datacenter equipment replacement, case management system deployment, converting to a new telephone system, desktop computer replacement, and replacement of backup emergency power systems;
    - iii) Facilities maintenance and repair allowed under rule 10.810 of the California Rules of Court such as flooring replacement and renovation as well as professional facilities maintenance equipment;
    - iv) Court efficiency projects such as online and smart forms for court users and systems for tracking case files; and
    - v) Other court infrastructure projects such as vehicle replacement and copy machine replacement.
- 2. The submission, review, and approval process is as follows:
  - a. All funds held on behalf requests for the prior fiscal year will be submitted once per year in the fall, after courts complete their year-end close-out, for consideration by the Judicial Council at its January business meeting.
  - b. Requests will be submitted to the Judicial Council's Director of Budget Services by the court's presiding judge or court executive officer.
  - c. Budget Services staff will review the request, ask the court to provide any missing or incomplete information, draft a preliminary report and share it with the court for any comments, revise as necessary, and issue the report to the Fiscal Planning Subcommittee of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC). The subcommittee will meet to consider the request and hear any presentations from representatives of the requesting courts. Budget Services staff will issue a final report on behalf of the subcommittee for consideration by the Judicial Council.

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- d. The final report to the subcommittee and the Judicial Council will be provided to the requesting court before the report is made publicly available on the California Courts website.
- 3. The court is strongly encouraged to send a representative to the subcommittee meetings and may send a representative to the Judicial Council meetings to respond to questions. To be considered at the January Judicial Council business meeting, requests must be submitted to the Director of Budget Services no later than September 25.
- 4. The Judicial Council may consider including appropriate terms and conditions that courts must accept for the council to approve designating TCTF fund balance be held on the court's behalf.
  - a. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions will result in the immediate change in the designation of the related TCTF fund balance from restricted to unrestricted and no longer held on behalf of the court unless the council specifies an alternative action.
- 5. Request for funds held on behalf of the trial courts may be submitted for the following:
  - a. Requests for new projects or planned expenditures using prior fiscal year funding.
  - b. Requests for new projects or planned expenditures using unspent funding from a previously approved project that has been completed or surrendered by the requesting court.
  - c. Requests to amend previously approved projects or planned expenditures to adjust the amount of funding needed and/or the expenditure period to complete the original project.
  - d. Denied requests will result in the immediate change in the designation of the related TCTF fund balance from restricted to unrestricted and will no longer be held on behalf of the requesting court unless the Judicial Council specifies an alternative action.
- 6. Courts will be reimbursed monthly for actual expenses submitted for the approved project and recorded in the Judicial Council's Phoenix SAP accounting system.
  - a. Distribution of funding may be approved without a recorded expense at the discretion of the Judicial Council's Director of Budget Services. The court must submit a request and justification explaining why the funding is needed prior to incurring and reporting expenditures for the project.
- 7. Courts are required to report to the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee annually on the status of each project or planned expenditure and how the funds were expended until the project is completed. For completed projects a final report must be submitted, and then no further reporting is required.

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8. During the required trial court audit cycle, a review of any funds that were held on behalf of the courts will be made to confirm that they were used for their approved purpose.

## Recommended Criteria for Eligibility for TCTF Fund Balance Held on Behalf of the Courts

TCTF fund balance will be held on behalf of the trial courts only for expenditures or projects that cannot be funded by the court's annual budget or three-year encumbrance term and that require multiyear savings to implement.

# Recommended Information Required to Be Provided by Trial Courts for TCTF Fund Balance Held on Behalf of the Courts

Trial courts are required to provide all applicable information as requested on the *Application* for TCTFFunds Held on Behalf of the Court.

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