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New Judgeships Funding in 2018–19

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Executive Summary

The Budget Act of 2007 (Stats. 2007, ch. 171/172) requires that the Judicial Council report to the Legislature on January 1 of each year the allocation of funding for support of new judgeships authorized in 2007–08 until all judgeships are appointed and new staff hired. The Judicial Council’s Budget Services staff submitted *Report on Allocation of Funding in 2018–19 for Support of New Judgeships Authorized in 2007–08* to the Legislature on January 1, 2020 (Attachment A).

Relevant Previous Council Action

In 2018–19, a total of \$4.001 million was allocated in support of new judgeships: \$3.549 million for operations costs from the Trial Court Trust Fund to 22 courts, and \$452,000 for facilities costs from the Court Facilities Trust Fund for three courts.

Of the \$4.001 million, \$2.105 million of ongoing funding was provided in the 2007 Budget Act and allocated to the trial courts in support of new judgeship positions. In addition, \$1.896 million of a \$2.92 million appropriation included in the 2018 Budget Act (Stats. 2018, ch. 29) was allocated by the Judicial Council at its business meeting on January 15, 2019, to the Superior Court of Riverside County to support two new judgeships.

The \$1.896 million excludes \$768,000 for judges’ compensation and \$256,000 for court interpreters as these funds were not provided directly to Riverside for trial court operations.

This report has been submitted to the Legislature annually since 2008, as required by the Budget Act of 2007. Previous reports are available at www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

Analysis/Rationale

The Budget Act of 2007 included \$27.767 million in 2007–08 to support 50 new judgeships and staff. Of this amount, \$25.662 million was for one-time facility related costs, and \$2.105 million was for ongoing support staff and facilities costs. Expenditure of the funding was contingent on the passage of legislation authorizing the establishment of the judicial positions. The Budget Act of 2018 provided \$2.92 million in new ongoing funding to support two new judgeships in the Superior Court of Riverside County.

The authorizing legislation, Assembly Bill 159 (Stats. 2007, ch. 722), was signed by the Governor and enacted into law on October 14, 2007. Provision 11 of the Budget Act of 2007 provided that “[t]he Judicial Council shall report to the Legislature on January 1, 2008, and each January 1 thereafter, until all judgeships are appointed, and new staff hired, on the amount of funds allocated to each trial court to fund the new portions.”

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

For 2018–19, a total of \$4.001 million was allocated in support of new judgeships: \$3.549 million for operations costs from the Trial Court Trust Fund to 22 courts, and \$452,000 for facilities costs from the Court Facilities Trust Fund for three courts.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *Report on Allocation of Funding in 2018–19 for Support of New Judgeships Authorized in 2007–08*



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Re: Report on Allocation of Funding in 2018–19 for Support of New
Judgeships Authorized in 2007–08

Dear Ms. Boyer-Vine, Ms. Contreras, and Ms. Parker:

Pursuant to the requirements under the Budget Act of 2007 (Stats. 2007, ch. 171/172), the Judicial Council submits the report below on allocation of funding for support of new judgeships in 2018–19.

The Budget Act of 2007 included \$27.767 million in 2007–08 to support 50 new judgeships and staff. Of this amount, \$25.662 million was for one-time facility related costs, and \$2.105 million was for ongoing support staff and facilities costs. Expenditure of the funding was contingent on the passage of legislation authorizing the establishment of the judicial positions. The Budget Act of 2018 (Stats. 2018, ch. 29) provided \$2.92 million in ongoing funding to support two new judgeships in the Superior Court of Riverside County. Of this amount, \$1.896 million was allocated to the court for support of trial court operations.

The authorizing legislation, Assembly Bill 159 (Stats. 2007, ch. 722), was signed by the Governor and enacted into law on October 14, 2007. Provision 11 of the Budget Act of 2007 provided that “[t]he Judicial Council shall report to the Legislature on January 1, 2008, and each January 1 thereafter, until all judgeships are appointed, and new staff hired, on the amount of funds allocated to each trial court to fund the new portions.”

For 2018–19, a total of \$4.001 million was allocated in support of new judgeships: \$3.549 million for operations costs from the Trial Court Trust Fund to 22 courts, and \$452,000 for facilities costs from the Court Facilities Trust Fund for three courts.

The table below displays the 2018–19 allocation of the ongoing funding for operations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and the ongoing facilities funding from the Court Facilities Trust Fund, by court.

Court	Operations	Facilities	Total
Butte	28,234		28,234
Contra Costa	38,395		38,395
Del Norte	30,041		30,041
Fresno	118,390		118,390
Kern	99,042		99,042
Kings	27,244		27,244
Los Angeles	39,581		39,581
Madera	28,370		28,370
Merced	61,809		61,809
Monterey	32,093		32,093
Orange	36,812		36,812
Placer	72,835		72,835
Riverside	2,121,528 ¹		2,121,528
Sacramento	222,156		222,156
San Bernardino	224,715	19,972	244,687
San Joaquin	106,611		106,611
Shasta	29,747		29,747
Solano	35,189	251,709	286,898
Sonoma	40,672	180,319	220,991
Stanislaus	67,770		67,770
Tulare	56,781		56,781
Yolo	30,874		30,874
Total:	3,548,889	452,000	4,000,889

¹ Of the \$2.92 million provided in the 2018 Budget Act, \$768,000 for judges’ compensation and \$256,000 for court interpreters is excluded from the table because these funds were not provided to Riverside for trial court operations. The remaining \$1.896 million was provided to the court for support of trial court operations.

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If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Director, Judicial Council Budget Services, at 916-263-1397.

Sincerely,

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Date of report: January 1, 2020

The Judicial Council has submitted a report to the Legislature in accordance with the Budget Act of 2007 (Stats. 2007, ch. 171/172).

The following summary of the report is provided under the requirements of Government Code section 9795.

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