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Executive Summary

The Trial Court Trust Fund provides funding through the Screening Equipment Replacement Program to replace outdated or malfunctioning screening equipment in the trial courts. Each year, the Administrative Director approves entrance screening equipment to be replaced through the program. This report updates the council on the equipment that was replaced in fiscal year 2024–25 using that funding.

Relevant Previous Reporting or Action

At its meeting on July 12, 2024, the Judicial Council approved the allocation of \$2.511 million from the Trial Court Trust Fund for the Screening Equipment Replacement Program managed by the Judicial Council Emergency Planning and Security Coordination Unit. This amount reflects a one-time increase from the previously requested amount of \$2.286 million that has been allocated to the program each year since fiscal year (FY) 2006–07.

In December 2007, the Judicial Council delegated expenditure authority of the Screening Equipment Replacement Program funds to the Administrative Director. On October 25, 2013, in its review of appropriate delegations, the Judicial Council maintained the delegation authority for

the Administrative Director. It also requires an annual report to the council on the screening equipment replaced each fiscal year.

Analysis/Rationale

Since FY 2006–07, the Emergency Planning and Security Coordination Unit has managed the Screening Equipment Replacement Program to replace aged and malfunctioning entrance screening equipment in trial courts. To address variances in the number of machines due for replacement each year, some equipment has been replaced out of cycle.

In FY 2024–25, equipment was identified for replacement or transfer in 23 courts. A total of 66 magnetometers and 59 x-ray machines were replaced. In addition, funds were used to assist in transferring equipment from one court facility to another and to remove and dispose of decommissioned x-ray machines from storage in court facilities.

Table 1 details the expenditures from the Screening Equipment Replacement Program for FY 2024–25.

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

Equipment is generally replaced on an eight-year cycle. The program spends approximately \$33,586 for each standard x-ray unit, \$42,563 for each compact x-ray unit, and \$6,419 for each magnetometer. Costs include delivery, installation, training, five years of onsite service coverage, and estimated sales tax. After the expiration of the initial five-year service coverage period, service agreements are renewed annually until the equipment is replaced. Effective FY 2015–16, the Screening Equipment Replacement Program has been unable to reimburse courts for the purchase of service agreement extensions because of funding limitations.

Table 1. Screening Equipment Replacement Program Expenditures for FY 2024–25

County Name	Amount Expended*	Magnetometers	X-Ray Machines	Transfer/Removal/ Disposal
Alameda	81,344	2	2	
Contra Costa	117,357	1	3	
Fresno	120,453	3	3	
Inyo	12,775	2		
Kern	61,987		2	
Los Angeles	430,429	14	10	
Marin	33,960		1	
Mendocino	76,324	2	2	
Monterey	6,437	1		
Napa	12,725	2		
Nevada	1,305			1
Orange	159,697		5	1
Placer	6,363	1		
Riverside	208,539	2	6	
Sacramento	180,459	7	4	1
San Bernardino	169,016		5	
San Diego	42,524		1	
Santa Barbara	161,587	5	4	1
Santa Clara	214,588	15	4	
Santa Cruz	82,395	3	2	
Solano	122,988	2	3	
Sonoma	100,895	4	2	1
Sutter	2,466			1
Total Expended	\$2,406,613	66	59	6
Total Budget	\$2,511,000			
Unspent Funds	\$104,387			

* Cost and expenditure amounts are rounded.

Attachments and Links

None