

Fiscal Year 2026–27 Judicial Branch Budget Change Proposals

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Fiscal Year (FY) 2026–27 Judicial Branch Budget Change Proposals (BCPs)

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee reviews and makes recommendations annually to the council on submitted budget change proposals for the judicial branch, coordinates these budget change proposals, and ensures that they are submitted to the council in a timely manner.

(Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.15(b)(2))

FY 2026–27 Judicial Branch BCPs

- Reflect branch values and highest priorities
- Acknowledge the state's multi-year projected deficit
- Support greater access to justice for all Californians
- Assist California's most vulnerable populations
- Represent input of various advisory bodies

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Branch priorities in key areas:

- Inflationary and equity funding adjustments for trial courts
- Facilities support, security assessment, and capital outlay funding
- Court-appointed counsel programs
- Litigation Management Program
- Language access in the California courts

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- Judicial Branch Budget Committee did not prioritize the BCPs
- Provides greater flexibility for Chief Justice and Administrative Director

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Recommendation:

Approve BCPs for submission to the Department of Finance in September 2025 for consideration in FY 2026–27 Governor's Budget

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Thank you to advisory committees, Judicial Branch Budget Committee members, and Judicial Council staff