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Improvement and Modernization Fund
Expenditures 2020–21

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Executive Summary

Pursuant to Government Code section 77209(i), the Judicial Council is required to submit a report on the use of the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund to the Legislature by December 31 of each year. On or before December 31, 2021, the Judicial Council's Budget Services staff submitted *State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures for 2020–21*.

Relevant Previous Council Action

This report is submitted to the Legislature annually. Previous reports can be found on the “Legislative Report” page of the California Courts website at www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

Analysis/Rationale

In 2020–21, \$52.7 million was expended or encumbered from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund for various programs and projects. The annual submission of the *Report of State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures for 2020–21* to the Legislature has been designated as council information only. No recommendations are being made; therefore, no actions are required of the council.

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

No costs to the Judicial Council are associated with this report.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *Report of State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures for 2020–21*



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Re: Report of State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures for 2020–21, as required under Government Code section 77209(i)

Dear Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Contreras, and Ms. Parker:

Pursuant to Government Code section 77209(i), the Judicial Council is submitting *Report of State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures for 2020–21*.

In 2020–21, \$52.7 million was expended or encumbered from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund for various programs and projects. Those programs and initiatives highlight many of the judicial branch's efforts to ensure that all Californians are treated in a fair and just manner and have equal access to the courts. Detailed expenditures by program can be found in Attachment 2 of the report.

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

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Report title: *Report of State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures for 2020–21*

Statutory citation: Government Code section 77209(i)

Date of report: December 31, 2021

The Judicial Council has submitted a report to the Legislature in accordance with Government Code section 77209(i). The following summary of the report is provided under the requirements of Government Code section 9795.

The State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund is an important component of the judicial branch budget. It supports statewide services for the trial courts, ongoing technology programs and infrastructure initiatives, and educational and development programs. Additionally, it funds innovative and model programs and other special projects.

In 2020–21, \$52.7 million was expended or encumbered from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund for various programs and projects. Those programs and initiatives highlight many of the judicial branch's efforts to ensure that all Californians are treated in a fair and just manner and have equal access to the courts.

The full report can be accessed at www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

A printed copy of the report may be obtained by calling 415-865-7966.

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Recommendations Regarding the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund

Pursuant to Government Code section 77209(i), the Judicial Council is required to submit a report on the use of the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF) to the Legislature. Additionally, the government code requests the inclusion of appropriate recommendations, the council has no recommendations this fiscal year.

Resources, Expenditures, and Fund Balance Overview

In 2020–21,¹ the IMF was supported by a variety of funding sources, including the 50-50 excess fees, fines, and forfeitures split revenue under Government Code section 77205(a); the 2 percent automation fund under Government Code section 68090.8(b); interest from the Surplus Money Investment Fund; royalties from publication of jury instructions under Government Code section 77209(h); and a transfer from the state General Fund. Including prior-year adjustments and transfers to the Trial Court Trust Fund, the total available resources were \$69.6 million (see Attachment 1).

As of June 30, 2021, from allocations approved by the Judicial Council for 2020–21, a total of \$52.7 million was expensed and/or encumbered for various programs, projects, and pro rata. Specifically, expenditures were made for self-help centers, education programs for judicial officers and trial court personnel, complex civil litigation programs, enhanced collections, and information technology (see Attachment 2). Of the \$52.7 million expensed, \$47.8 million was related to local assistance (distributions to trial courts or payments to vendors in support of trial courts), and approximately \$4.9 million was related to administrative support provided by staff.

Given the resources that were available for the fiscal year and the resulting expenditures and encumbrances, the fund ended the year with an estimated balance of \$16.9 million (see Attachment 3).

Use of IMF Resources for Trial Courts During 2020–21

The council approved allocations of funding from IMF resources for various programs and projects that seek to improve trial court administration; increase access to justice and the provision of justice throughout the state; and improve court management, efficiency, case processing, and timeliness of trials. A description of how each project and program used its allocation of funding is included below.

¹ All further references to year ranges are to fiscal years unless otherwise indicated.

Audit Services

Audit Services expensed approximately \$274,000 for the salary, benefits, and support costs for two auditor positions during 2020–21 in the course of completing and publishing six court audit reports. Audit Services performs recurring audits of the state’s 58 trial courts to assess their compliance with the Judicial Council’s policies and procedures. These audits include reviewing various aspects of court operations, including reviewing court procurement activity, evaluating the accuracy of reported case filings, and assessing vendor payment controls.

Branch Accounting and Procurement

Statewide Contracts—Trial Courts

Approximately \$135,000 was expensed for a staff person to maintain statewide contracts for the trial courts. The statewide contracts are leveraged procurement agreements designed to consolidate the procurement needs of all trial courts and leverage their combined buying power to reduce prices, improve terms and conditions, and improve procurement efficiency. Branch Accounting and Procurement staff currently maintain approximately 83 statewide contracts within 30 goods/services categories on behalf of the trial courts.

Budget Services

Treasury Services—Cash Management

Approximately \$286,000 was expensed for the Treasury Services Cash Management program. The allocation was used for salary, benefits, and support costs for two accounting staff engaged in the accounting and distribution of all uniform civil fees (UCF) collected by the trial courts and other cash management and treasury duties. Responsibilities include receiving cash deposits and monthly collection reporting of UCF for all 58 trial courts, entering UCF reporting into a web-based application that calculates the statutory distributions, executing monthly cash distributions due to state and local agency recipients, and completing appropriate financial accounting.

Budget-Focused Training and Meetings

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no funds were expended to support in-person meetings of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee and its subcommittees on trial court funding policies and issues. Instead, meetings were held remotely resulting in savings to the fund.

Revenue Distribution Training

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no funds were expended for Revenue Distribution training. This is an annual training established by the Judicial Council’s Court-Ordered Debt Task Force in 2013 for court, county, city, and parking entities that perform revenue collection and distribution activities. Instead, the training was held remotely and were recorded for future viewing, as needed.

Centralized Rent for All IMF Staff

Approximately \$360,000 was expensed for rent for all IMF-funded staff.

Business Management Services

Trial Court Performance Measures Study

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were no travel expenditures in 2020–21 for members of the Workload Assessment Advisory Committee. Instead the training was held remotely and were recorded for future viewing, as needed.

Education Programs

Mandated, Essential, and Other Education for Judicial Officers

Approximately \$18,000 was expensed for three programs, New Judge Education and Primary Assignment Orientation and Continuing Judicial Education for Experienced Judges, for trial court judicial officers. Because all courses were held remotely, funds were expended to pay for the printing and shipping of participant materials, remote delivery software, and contract faculty.

New Judge Education

Approximately \$3,600 was expensed on new judge education. All newly elected and appointed judges and subordinate judicial officers are required by rule 10.462(c)(1) of the California Rules of Court to complete (1) new judge education offered by the Judicial Council’s Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) by attending the New Judge Orientation program within six months of taking the oath of office, (2) an orientation course in their primary assignment within one year of taking the oath of office, and (3) the B. E. Witkin Judicial College within two years of taking the oath of office. By rule of court, CJER is the sole provider for these audiences.

- ***New Judge Orientation (NJO).*** Although ten were scheduled, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only seven iterations of the weeklong NJO program were delivered remotely in 2020–21. The specific number of courses required during a year depends on the number of judicial officers appointed, elected, or hired (in the case of subordinate judicial officers) in each year.
- ***B. E. Witkin Judicial College.*** The two-week judicial college is normally offered once each year; however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic this program was not offered in 2020–21.
- ***Primary Assignment Orientation (PAO).*** All 14 courses were delivered during 2020–21. These courses provide new judges and subordinate judicial officers with an intense immersion into their primary assignment (e.g., civil, criminal, probate, family, juvenile, or traffic), with a heavy emphasis on detailed procedures and protocols and classroom exercises designed to test skills in the assignment.

Together, the three educational offerings provide staggered opportunities for new judges to develop relationships that can last throughout their careers.

Primary Assignment Orientation Courses for Experienced Judges

Approximately \$5,300 was expensed on primary assignment courses for experienced judges. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all courses were held remotely in 2020–21.

- In addition to the PAO courses, CJER offers assignment courses for experienced judges who are moving into new assignments that are substantively more complex and nuanced (e.g., felony sentencing, homicide trials, and capital cases). These programs are designed for experienced judges who are required to take a course in their new primary assignment or to fulfill other statutory or case law–based education requirements. These three programs, which constitute primary assignment education required under rule 10.462(c)(4), have been determined by the CJER Advisory Committee to be essential for new judges and subordinate judicial officers and are specifically designed for that audience by various curriculum committees appointed by the CJER Advisory Committee.
- CJER also offers courses dealing specifically with domestic violence issues. These courses are funded by a grant and IMF funds. By attending the domestic violence programming, judges and subordinate judicial officers also meet the provisions of California Rules of Court, rule 10.464, which state the education requirements and expectations for judges and subordinate judicial officers on domestic violence issues.

Continuing Judicial Education for Experienced Judges

Approximately \$9,200 was expensed on continuing judicial education for experienced judges.

- ***Advanced judicial education courses for experienced judges.*** CJER develops and provides a small number of advanced courses for experienced judges. These continuing education courses were designed to address advanced judging issues and include such courses as Complex Civil Litigation, Civil and Criminal Evidence, and Experienced Probate Law, as well as specialized courses in handling domestic violence and sexual assault cases. These statewide programs provide judges and subordinate judicial officers with the opportunity to work with and learn from their colleagues and exchange techniques and strategies.
- ***Judicial institutes.*** In 2020–21, four institutes were held remotely: the Cow County Institute, the Civil Law Institute, the Criminal Law Institute, and the Juvenile Law Institute. CJER offers institutes in all the major trial court bench assignments (civil, criminal, family, juvenile, and probate), as well as specific programs for appellate justices, rural court judges, appellate court attorneys, and trial court attorneys.
- ***Leadership training.*** The Presiding Judge/Court Executive Officer Management Institute and the Supervising Judges Institute were offered remotely in 2020–21. These programs offer participants a chance to learn management techniques, strategies, and best practices

designed for the unique environment of the courts. These programs enable judges to fulfill continuing education hours and expectations under rule 10.462(c)(2) of the California Rules of Court.

Essential and Other Education for Court Executives, Managers, and Supervisors

Court Manager and Supervisor Training

Approximately \$600 was expensed to pay for printing and shipping costs associated with court manager and supervisor education. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all courses were held remotely in 2020–21.

- ***Core leadership courses.*** The Core leadership series of courses are multiple-day programs that provide an intensive experience for new and experienced trial court supervisors and managers.
- ***Institute for Court Management (ICM) courses.*** ICM courses lead to certification by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) in many national curriculum areas related to court management. The courses provide relevant education for court leaders based on the core competencies identified by the National Association for Court Management,

Essential and Other Education for Court Personnel

Court Personnel Institutes

A total of \$1,200 was expensed to pay for participant and faculty costs associated with court personnel education. This included video, regional, and local education offerings as well as the Trial Court Judicial Attorney Institute and the Court Clerk Training Institute. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only one of six courses usually offered as part of the Court Clerk Training Institute was provided.

Regional and Local Court Staff Education Courses

- ***Regional and local court staff courses.*** Courses cover a wide array of topics—including human resources, courtroom clerk responsibilities, and case processing in the major court assignments of civil, criminal, probate, family, and juvenile—as well as broad topics relevant to all court staff, such as identifying and preventing workplace sexual harassment. These courses identified by the CJER Advisory Committee’s curriculum committees and taught by experienced CJER faculty. In 2020–21, several courses were held remotely to meet the demand.
- ***Core Leadership and Training Skills.*** This three-day course is designed for lead/senior clerks and assistant supervisors and teaches participants skills that contribute to effective leadership. In 2020–21 one session was held remotely.

Faculty Development

Trial Court Faculty Costs—Statewide Education Programs

Because courses were held remotely, no funds were expended for faculty development “train the trainer” programs, course design workshops, and faculty development programs, which are foundational for new faculty and are designed to support specific courses or programs, including the NJO and judicial college programs.

Distance Learning

Online Video, Webinars, Podcasts, Satellite

Because all videos were filmed using remote software, no funds were expended for CJER’s delivery of distance education to all judicial branch audiences.

Programs for Families and Children

Domestic Violence Forms Translation

A total of \$17,000 was expensed to pay for the translation of new and updated domestic violence forms and instructions into Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese, and to make them available on the California Courts Online Self-Help Center and to all courts.

Self-Help Centers

A total of \$5 million was distributed to the courts for public self-help center programs and operations. All 58 trial courts receive funding for their self-help centers. Self-help services increase the efficiency of other court operations.

Self-Help Document Assembly Programs

A total of \$60,000 was expensed to develop document assembly software programs that simplify the process of completing Judicial Council forms and other pleadings. Using a “TurboTax” model, litigants enter information only once: the program automatically fills in that information on the rest of the form, saving substantial time and assisting self-represented litigants in preparing understandable and legible pleadings.

Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Project

Approximately \$1.6 million was distributed to legal services organizations under the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel project. This supplemental funding was provided to the programs from fees collected pursuant to Assembly Bill 590 (Feuer, Chapter 457 Statutes of 2009,). These projects provided legal representation to low-income parties on critical legal issues affecting basic human needs and are operated by legal services nonprofit corporations working in collaboration with their local superior courts.

Statewide Multidisciplinary Education

Approximately \$56,000 was expended for statewide multidisciplinary education. Of that amount, \$36,000 was expended to support the Child and Family Focused Education Conference, which was held virtually. The 2021 conference brought together over 390 participants. The conference content met continuing education requirements for attendees. It included legal updates, considerations in cases involving domestic violence, racial bias, and strategies for providing services during the pandemic.

A total of \$20,000 was expended to support the 2021 Youth Court Summit. There were 360 registrants for the virtual summit. The theme of this year's conference was "Empowered Youth Ending the School-to-Prison Pipeline," and included content on addressing mass incarceration, the effects of adverse childhood experiences and trauma, and promising practices for youth courts.

Statewide Support for Self-Help Programs

Approximately \$99,000 was expended to support statewide services available to court self-help centers in all of California's 58 trial courts. The allocation supported updates to instructional materials and forms used by self-help centers and the public. It also paid for legal updates and new content for the California Courts Online Self-Help Center and the new statewide Self-Help Portal.

Court Interpreter Program (Testing, Development, Recruitment, and Education)

A total of \$143,000 was expended to support the interpreter testing program. The council's Court Interpreters Program contracts with Prometric, LLC (a third-party exam administrator for the interpreting testing program) to provide the following services: administering exams, training and managing exam proctors and raters, a customer support call center, updating existing and developing new exams, processing appeals, providing reports, recommendations on assessment of interpreters, and maintaining a web presence.

The Court Interpreter Program worked with Prometric to resume court interpreter testing under state and local health and safety requirements and to provide more testing opportunities for targeted candidates. For the Bilingual Interpreting Examination (BIE), which is required for certified languages, testing through June 2021 was limited to 200 candidates staggered over several months in four highly interpreted languages in California's courts—Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Human Resources Services

Trial Court Labor Relations Academies and Forums

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no funds were expended for the trial court labor relations academies and forums.

Information Technology Services

California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR)

Approximately \$1.2 million was expensed to fund a statewide protective order repository that provides complete, accessible information on restraining and protective orders—including images of those orders—to the 46 counties currently participating, and with limited read access to 14 tribal courts. The allocation covered the hosting costs of the CCPOR application at the California Courts Technology Center, application maintenance and enhancements, mandatory legislative changes, and daily operational support to the courts and their local law enforcement agency partners who are users of the system.

California Courts Technology Center (CCTC)

Approximately \$8.6 million was expensed to provide ongoing technology center hosting for participating courts, shared services to the trial courts, and a full disaster-recovery program. Many courts leverage the contract with the CCTC vendor to receive IT services for their courts, including Microsoft Office migration assistance, help desk services, file server management, cloud migration assistance, and other services that may be needed from time to time.

Case Management System Replacements

Approximately \$6.4 million was expended to provide funding to 10 superior courts (Amador, Colusa, Contra Costa, Lassen, Marin, Mariposa, Mono, Nevada, Shasta, and Solano) to replace their legacy case management systems (CMSs). There are 9 courts that have each selected an approved vendor that has a master services agreement with the Judicial Council and are in the process deploying their new CMSs. The Superior Court of Mono County deployed their new CMS in June 2021.

Data Analytics and Futures Commission IT Directives

A total of \$853,000 was expended to provide remote access support for the courts. The funding helped the courts prepare their facilities for remote hearings and procure Zoom government-level licenses to ensure remote hearings were securely conducted and managed.

Data Integration

Approximately \$2.1 million was expensed to continue work with trial courts to provide system interfaces between the Judicial Council and the courts and justice system partners, including law enforcement agencies and the Department of Justice. The allocation also covered the hosting costs of the Integrated Services Backbone applications at the CCTC, infrastructure support, application maintenance and upgrades, and daily operational support to the courts for all environments, including testing, staging, and production.

Data integration supports the CCPOR, e-filing for appellate courts, updates data in the Appellate Court Case Management System and the California Disposition Reporting Exchange. The exchange allows for electronic submission of disposition records to the California Department of

Justice. Currently 4 superior courts (San Joaquin, Tulare, Orange, and Inyo) are live with the exchange and the team is working to onboard additional courts.

Jury Management Systems

Approximately \$636,000 was expensed in jury grants to courts to provide some level of funding to all 18 courts that requested jury grants and represents 26 different jury projects. The types of jury projects that received funding included 13 projects to upgrade courts' jury management systems; 10 projects upgrading, replacing, or adding peripheral hardware such as audio systems and informational display monitors; and three projects involving imaging and juror self check-in.

Statewide Planning and Development Support

Approximately \$3.8 million was expensed to provide enterprise products and services for use by the trial courts and to support the Judicial Council in providing tools and applications to manage its projects and programs at an enterprise level.

This program provides the trial courts cost-free access to a variety of products from Oracle, Adobe, and Gartner. The trial courts have access to products such as Oracle Database Enterprise Edition, Oracle Real Application Clusters, Oracle Advanced Security, Oracle Diagnostic Pack, Oracle WebLogic Server, and are provided funding to continue the ongoing software maintenance for Adobe Forms, and educational resources which provide access to technical research and knowledge libraries, security and risk management best practices, and consultation with subject matter experts.

The program also funded enterprise architect (EA) support services. EA support services provide support for several branchwide initiatives that will help improve and advance infrastructure services for the trial courts. The supported branchwide initiatives included the initiation of identity management, a data warehouse, and technology to improve access for the general public. The identity management system will enable the trial courts to have a standardized means for enabling and managing access for the general public to court digital services. The data share-house initiative develops a modern method to enable the trial courts to manage and share data with the branch and with other justice partners. The access technology initiative included research into and the application of intelligent chat technology, video remote access technology, and voice-to-text translation services, which are also supported by data integration. In addition to the initiatives, the EA support services provided architectural oversight and guidance to existing branchwide trial court systems and programs, plus architectural and technical guidance to the trial courts, as needed.

Telecommunications Support

Approximately \$18.7 million was expensed to provide a program for the trial courts to develop, maintain, and support a standardized level of local and wide area network infrastructure. This infrastructure provides a foundation for the deployment and operation of both local court and enterprise IT services and applications, including those based at the California Courts Technology Center.

Items funded include:

- The replacement of network components at 40 trial courts that have reached the end of their service life;
- Refreshed network equipment to support the increase in internet and WAN bandwidth required for remote access to court services such as remote hearings, data analytics, and cloud-based applications and services such as email and case management;
- A comprehensive set of network security services consisting of a managed firewall, intrusion detection and prevention, vulnerability scanning, and web browser security services; and
- Maintenance and support coverage for networking equipment, which provides courts with critical vendor support coverage for all network and security infrastructure.

Uniform Civil Fees System

Approximately \$297,000 was expensed to provide ongoing application support and maintenance and application software upgrades of the Uniform Civil Fees System (UCFS). This program supports the distribution and mandated reporting of uniform civil fees collected by all 58 superior courts, with an average of \$43 million distributed per month. The system generates reports for the State Controller’s Office and various entities that receive the distributed funds.

Legal Services

Judicial Performance Defense Insurance

Approximately \$1.3 million was expensed to pay for the portion of the Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP) defense master insurance policy that covers claims by superior court judges and subordinate judicial officers. The program covers defense costs in CJP proceedings related to CJP complaints, protects judicial officers from exposure to excessive financial risk for acts committed within the scope of their judicial duties, and lowers the risk of conduct that could lead to complaints through required ethics training for judicial officers.

Jury System Improvement Projects

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no funds were expended for jury system improvement projects. The typical in-person meetings that were supported with this funding were converted to remote meetings.

Regional Office Assistance Group

Approximately \$689,000 was expensed to pay for a percentage of time for four attorneys, the equivalent time of 3.0 full-time equivalent positions, providing services to trial courts in the areas of transactions, legal opinions, and/or labor and employment.

Attachments

1. Attachment 1: State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund: 2020–21 Resources

2. Attachment 2: State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund: 2020–21 Expenses and Encumbrances by Program and Project
3. Attachment 3: State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund: 2020–21 Fund Condition Summary

State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund

2020-21

Resources

Description	Amount
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 21,152,455
Prior Year Adjustments	2,422,417
Adjusted Beginning Fund Balance	23,574,872
Revenues and Transfers	
<i>Revenues</i>	
50/50 Excess Fees, Fines, and Forfeitures Split	7,288,250
2% Automation Fund	7,925,456
Interest from Surplus Money Investment Fund	242,481
Royalties from Publications of Jury Instructions	465,860
Miscellaneous Revenue and Adjustments	430,181
Class Action Residue	910,634
<i>Transfers</i>	
Transfer from State General Fund	42,788,000
Transfer to Trial Court Trust Fund (Gov. Code, § 77209 (j))	(13,397,000)
Transfer to Trial Court Trust Fund (2015 Budget Act)	(594,000)
Subtotal, Revenues and Transfers	46,059,862
Total Resources	\$ 69,634,734

State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund

2020-21

Expenditures and Encumbrances by Program and Project

Description	Total
<i>Audit Services</i>	\$ 273,667
Audit Services ¹	273,667
<i>Branch Accounting and Procurement</i>	\$ 135,105
Trial Court Procurement	135,105
<i>Budget Services</i>	\$ 646,585
Treasury Services - Cash Management ¹	286,387
Budget Focused Training and Meetings	-
Revenue Distribution Training	-
Centralized Rent for IMF Staff	360,198
<i>Business Management Services</i>	-
Trial Court Performance Measures Study	-
<i>Education Programs</i>	\$ 19,908
New Judge Education	3,590
Primary Assignment Orientation (PAO) Courses for Experienced Judges	5,262
Continuing Judicial Education for Experienced Judges	9,241
Court Manager and Supervisor Education	615
Court Personnel Education	1,200
<i>Programs for Families and Children</i>	\$ 6,946,024
Domestic Violence Forms Translation	17,000
Self-Help Centers	5,000,000
Self-Help Document Assembly Programs	60,000
Shriver Civil Counsel	1,570,692
Statewide Multidisciplinary Education	55,965
Statewide Support for Self-Help Programs	99,367
Court Interpreter Program (Testing, Development, Recruitment and Education)	143,000
<i>Human Resources Services</i>	\$ -
Trial Court Labor Relations Academies and Forums	-

State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund

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Expenditures and Encumbrances by Program and Project

Description	Total
<i>Information Technology Services</i>	\$ 42,436,905
California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR) ²	1,153,715
California Courts Technology Center (CCTC) ²	8,517,342
CMS Replacement	6,358,222
Data Analytics/Futures	853,000
Data Integration ²	2,145,118
Jury Management Systems	635,535
Statewide Planning and Development Support	3,762,894
Telecommunications Support	18,713,619
Uniform Civil Fees System (UCFS) ¹	297,460
<i>Legal Services</i>	\$ 2,001,942
Judicial Performance Defense Insurance	1,312,692
Jury System Improvement Projects	-
Regional Office Assistance Group ¹	689,250
Total Expenditures and Encumbrances	\$ 52,460,136
Pro-rata, Statewide General Administrative Services	288,335
Total Expenditures, Encumbrances, and Pro-Rata	\$ 52,748,471

¹ All expenditure is for administrative support services provided by Judicial Council staff.

² Expenditures include the costs for local assistance and administrative support services provided by Judicial Council staff.

State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund 2020-21 Fund Condition Summary	
Description	Amount
Total Resources	\$ 69,634,734
Program/Project Area	
Audit Services	273,667
Branch Accounting and Procurement	135,105
Budget Services	646,585
Business Management Services	-
Education Programs	19,908
Programs for Families and Children	6,946,024
Human Resources Services	-
Information Technology Services	42,436,905
Legal Services	2,001,942
Subtotal, Expenditures and Encumbrances	\$ 52,460,136
Pro-rata, Statewide General Administrative Services	288,335
Total Expenditures, Encumbrances, and Pro-Rata	\$ 52,748,471
Fund Balance	\$ 16,886,263