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Executive Summary

The Screening Equipment Replacement Program has been in operation since fiscal year (FY) 2006–2007 and provides \$2.286 million in funding from the Trial Court Trust Fund to replace outdated or malfunctioning screening equipment in the trial courts. Each year the Administrative Director approves the list of entrance screening equipment to be funded that year through this program. This report updates the council on the entrance screening equipment that was replaced in FY 2015–2016 using that funding.

Previous Council Action

On July 25, 2013, the Judicial Council approved the allocation of \$2.286 million from the Trial Court Trust Fund for the Screening Equipment Replacement Program managed by the Judicial Council Security Operations unit. This amount has been allocated to the program each year since FY 2006–2007. In December 2007, the Judicial Council delegated to the Administrative Director the authority to approve the expenditures of these funds.

On October 25, 2013, in its review of appropriate delegations to the Administrative Director, the Judicial Council maintained this delegation but required an annual report to the council on the screening equipment replaced in that year.

Policy and Cost Implications

Since FY 2006–2007, the Security Operations unit has managed the Screening Equipment Replacement Program to replace aged and malfunctioning entrance screening equipment in trial courts. As a result of limited funding and improvements in the life cycle of the equipment, in recent years, program funding has also been used to support extensions of service agreements that accompanied the initial purchase. Such agreements provide a cost-effective means to maintain the equipment for a longer life span and reduce costs for replacement equipment.

Equipment is generally replaced on an eight-year cycle. Replacement could happen sooner if the equipment gets very heavy use or breaks down and cannot be repaired, or later if it gets little use and remains in working condition. The program spends approximately \$36,000 for each x-ray unit and \$5,600 for each magnetometer, including delivery, installation, and training, as well as five years of on-site service coverage and estimated sales tax. After the expiration of the five-year service agreement, service agreements are renewed annually at a cost of \$5,600 per year for an x-ray machine and \$1,400 per year for a magnetometer. The cost of some service agreements may vary based on model type.

In FY 2015–2016 equipment was identified for replacement in 37 courts and 22 courts utilized the option to receive an advance. This reduced the burden on their cash flow and allowed them to make the recommended purchases earlier in the fiscal year.

The program budget has not changed since the program began, but the amount of equipment and the cost of replacement and service agreements have increased, resulting in a budget shortfall. To address this, the replacement of some equipment was delayed in prior years, but that did not prove to be a viable alternative, as the cost of maintaining older equipment can be higher and some parts were no longer available. Effective FY 2015–2016, the Screening Equipment Replacement Program no longer reimburses the courts for the purchase of service agreement extensions.

Table 1 details the expenditures from the Screening Equipment Replacement Program for FY 2015–2016 and includes the name of each court that received equipment, the type of equipment, and the actual expenditures. Total expenditures for the fiscal year were \$2.286 million. The entire program budget was expended.

Table 1. Screening Equipment Replacement Program Expenditures for FY 2015–2016*

County Name	Purchase Type	No. of Items Purchased	Average Cost Per Item (\$)	Amount Expended (\$)
Alameda	Magnetometer	6	5,600	33,650
Amador	Magnetometer	1	5,600	5,533
	X-ray	1	36,000	34,853
	Transfer	1	2,317	2,317
Butte	Magnetometer	1	5,600	5,509
	X-ray	3	36,000	103,150
Colusa	Magnetometer	1	5,600	5,509
	X-ray	1	36,000	34,737
Contra Costa	Magnetometer	6	5,600	33,387
Del Norte	Magnetometer	2	5,600	11,041
	X-ray	1	36,000	33,490
Fresno	Magnetometer	5	5,600	27,717
	X-ray	4	36,000	136,061
Glenn	Service Agreement	1	1,400	1,400
Humboldt	Magnetometer	1	5,600	5,569
	X-ray	1	36,000	35,184
Inyo	Magnetometer	2	5,600	11,665
	X-ray	3	36,000	101,626
Kern	Magnetometer	11	5,600	60,716
Kings	Transfer	1	975	975
Lake	X-ray	1	36,000	35,010
Los Angeles	Magnetometer	1	5,600	5,580
	X-ray	2	36,000	65,738
Merced	X-ray	2	36,000	67,451
Modoc	X-ray	1	36,000	34,579
Mono	X-ray	1	36,000	35,075
Monterey	X-ray	1	36,000	35,112
Napa	Magnetometer	2	5,600	11,065
	X-ray	1	36,000	35,010
Nevada	Magnetometer	1	5,600	5,551
Placer	Magnetometer	4	5,600	22,035
	X-ray	2	36,000	69,786
Riverside	Magnetometer	26	5,600	143,897
San Bernardino	X-ray	1	36,000	34,752
San Diego	Magnetometer	15	5,600	83,134
	X-ray	2	36,000	72,097
San Francisco	X-ray	1	36,000	35,184

County Name	Purchase Type	No. of Items Purchased	Average Cost Per Item (\$)	Amount Expended (\$)
San Joaquin	Magnetometer	2	5,600	11,137
	X-ray	1	36,000	34,421
San Luis Obispo	Magnetometer	1	5,600	5,533
	X-ray	3	36,000	101,029
San Mateo	X-ray	1	36,000	34,982
Santa Barbara	Magnetometer	4	5,600	22,143
	X-ray	2	36,000	70,019
Santa Clara	Service Agreement	2	6,500	13,000
	Equipment Removal	3	2,000	6,000
Shasta	Magnetometer	1	5,600	5,509
	X-ray	2	36,000	69,473
Stanislaus	Magnetometer	5	5,600	27,574
	X-ray	4	36,000	136,945
	Transfer	1	2,618	2,618
Tehama	Magnetometer	1	5,600	5,521
	X-ray	1	36,000	34,951
Tulare	Magnetometer	3	5,600	16,622
	X-ray	1	36,000	35,068
Tuolumne	X-ray	3	36,000	104,855
Ventura	Magnetometer	6	5,600	33,053
Yuba	Magnetometer	1	5,600	5,509
	X-ray	1	36,000	34,893
Total Expended				2,286,000
Total Budget				2,286,000
Unspent Funds				0

* Costs and expenditure amounts are rounded.