



## JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

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# REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

For business meeting on May 17, 2019:

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Agenda Item Type</b>
Judicial Council Budget: Adjustments to Judicial Council-Approved 2018-19 Allocations from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund	Action Required
	<b>Effective Date</b> May 17, 2019
<b>Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected</b> None	<b>Date of Report</b> March 27, 2019
<b>Recommended by</b> Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair	<b>Contact</b> Jason Haas, 916-643-7061 Jason.Haas@jud.ca.gov

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### Executive Summary

The Judicial Council's Jury Management Program in the Information Technology office has identified a funding need of \$252,000 in addition to the 2018–19 Judicial Council–approved allocations from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF). The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving the augmentation requests for the current fiscal year.

### Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee unanimously recommends that the Judicial Council approve the total 2018–19 augmentation request from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund of \$252,000 for Jury Management Program in the Information Technology office, effective May 17, 2019.

### Relevant Previous Council Action

On July 20, 2019, the council approved allocations from the IMF for 2018–19 in the amount of \$57.137 million (Link A). Included in the approved allocations was \$465,000 for the Jury

Management Program in the Judicial Council Information Technology office.

### **Analysis/Rationale**

The purpose of the IMF is to pay the cost of automated administrative system improvements for the trial courts as well as implement other trial court projects approved by the Judicial Council. Details for the current-year IMF augmentation request is as follows:

- **Information Technology: \$252,000 for the Jury Management Program**

Government Code § 77209 provides specific funding for improvement of the jury systems:

“Royalties received from the publication of uniform jury instructions shall be deposited in the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund and used for the improvement of the jury system.” (Gov. Code, § 77209(h).)

As of the end of 2017-18, the balance of this revenue held in reserve within the IMF was \$783,318, and by Government Code is to be used solely for the improvement of jury systems. The program has requested to augment the Judicial Council–approved allocation of \$465,000 by an additional \$252,000 to spend these resources. Approval of this request would leave an estimated balance of approximately \$696,000 at the end of 2018-19 to be used in the future. The TCBAC voted in support of this request on March 21, 2019.

### **Policy implications**

The recommended augmentation has no policy implications.

### **Comments**

This augmentation proposal did not circulate for comment.

### **Alternatives considered**

The funds to support the recommended augmentation are available and/or earmarked, for the identified purposes, therefore, no alternatives to this proposal were considered (Attachment A).

### **Fiscal and Operational Impacts**

This proposal recommends an augmentation of \$252,000 to the 2018–19 Judicial Council–approved allocations from the IMF. The funds designated for the Information Technology office – Jury Management System, are to be used solely for that program and cannot be used for any other purpose. The augmentation of \$252,000 will provide for the allocation of an additional four courts and 17 additional jury projects. Without this funding augmentation, courts receiving this funding may have to cease work in the current year until funding is available in 2019-20.

### **Attachments and Links**

1. Attachment A: IMF Jury Management Restricted Fund Balance
2. Link A: Judicial Council Report, Fiscal Year 2018-19 Allocations from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund,

<https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=6353562&GUID=974B4384-C082-473B-9395-78256248329F>

**Jury Management  
Restricted Fund Balance  
As of January 31, 2019**

Description	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Actual	2018-19 Estimated	2019-20 Estimated	2020-21 Estimated
Beginning Balance	801,573	866,369	1,088,161	783,318	695,798	665,339
Royalty Revenue*	540,751	689,192	503,746	648,480	688,541	747,029
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>1,342,324</b>	<b>1,555,561</b>	<b>1,591,907</b>	<b>1,431,798</b>	<b>1,384,339</b>	<b>1,412,368</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Jury System Improvement	10,956	12,697	8,562	19,000	19,000	19,000
Jury Management System	464,999	454,703	800,027	717,000	700,000	700,000
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>475,955</b>	<b>467,400</b>	<b>808,589</b>	<b>736,000</b>	<b>719,000</b>	<b>719,000</b>
<b>Available Royalty Balance</b>	<b>866,369</b>	<b>1,088,161</b>	<b>783,318</b>	<b>695,798</b>	<b>665,339</b>	<b>693,368</b>

\*2018-19 and beyond are estimates. All past amounts are the actual receipts and expenditures for the fiscal years posted.