R E P O R T T O T H E J U D I C I A L C O U N C I L

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Title

Judicial Branch Administration: Request to use 2018-19 State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF) for 2019-20 Sustain Justice Edition (SJE) California Court Technology Center (CCTC) Hosting

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected

N/A

Recommended by

Judicial Council Technology Committee
  Hon. Marsha G. Slough, Chair
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Executive Summary

Based upon the previous Judicial Council actions, there is no authorization to use the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF) as a funding source for the costs of hosting the Sustain Justice Edition (SJE) case management system at the California Courts Technology Center (CCTC) after June 30, 2019. The Interim Case Management System (ICMS) program has IMF savings from 2018-19 which could be used to fund SJE hosted courts after June 30, 2019. This request is not for an additional allocation of IMF funding, but an extension of time to use previously approved funding for the ICMS program to cover the CCTC hosting costs of SJE in 2019-20. The Judicial Council Technology Committee (JCTC) and the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) have both approved the use of the ICMS program savings from FY 2018-19 to cover SJE CCTC hosting costs in FY 2019-20 through December 2019.

Recommendation

The Judicial Council Technology Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve the use of ICMS savings from 2018-19 to cover SJE hosting at the CCTC through December 31, 2019. This will allow time for the remaining courts which have their SJE case management system hosted at the CCTC to deploy a new case management system and leave CCTC hosting. This will also allow time for Judicial Council staff to decommission servers and other network infrastructure at the CCTC which had been used to host the SJE case management system.

Relevant Previous Council Action

At the Judicial Council's April 24, 2014 business meeting, the Judicial Council directed the JCTC to develop a plan that would result in the future elimination of subsidies from the IMF and the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) for SJE costs.

At the Judicial Council's June 24, 2016 business meeting, the Judicial Council endorsed a proposal that provided funding for six (Lake, Modoc, Plumas, San Benito, Sierra, and Trinity) of the nine SJE courts hosted at the CCTC to move to Placer hosting. Included in the Placer hosting proposal was a provision which eliminated the use of the Improvement and Modernization funding for SJE hosting at the CCTC after June 2019.

Analysis/Rationale

In April 2016, there were nine courts which had their SJE case management systems hosted at the CCTC. The Judicial Council at the June 24, 2016 business meeting endorsed a proposal to provide funding for six SJE courts (Lake, Modoc, Plumas, San Benito, Sierra, and Trinity) to move from SJE hosting at the CCTC to SJE hosting at the Placer Court. The Placer hosting proposal also included the elimination by June 30, 2019 of IMF funding for SJE hosting at the CCTC. The six courts included in the Placer hosting proposal completed their migration from CCTC hosting to Placer hosting in January 2018.

In a separate project, the Imperial Court completed their migration from SJE CCTC hosting to a locally hosted eCourt solution in November 2017.

The remaining two courts hosted at the CCTC are the Humboldt and Madera Courts. Both the Madera and Humboldt courts are in the process of deploying a new case management system and will leave CCTC hosting once their new case management systems are deployed. The Madera Court is targeting a go-live date of May 2019 for their new, cloud-hosted eCourt case management system. The Humboldt Court is targeting a go-live date for deploying eCourt locally by October 31, 2019.

As SJE courts have left CCTC hosting, servers and other network infrastructure such as data storage have been eliminated to reduce CCTC hosting costs. There have also been other cost savings strategies such as the elimination of the Quality Assurance environment implemented as courts have left CCTC hosting. The ICMS program has been able to realize more savings over

the last two fiscal years than initially anticipated from the decommissioning of servers and data storage. Additionally, the SJE courts have continued to pay for a portion of the CCTC hosting costs while hosted at the CCTC through their Schedule C contributions.

Continued CCTC funding is needed for SJE hosting in Fiscal Year 2019-20 while the Humboldt Court completes their transition to a locally hosted eCourt case management system, and potentially for Madera if their case management system go-live date is delayed. After the last court leaves CCTC hosting, time will be needed for Judicial Council staff to decommission the SJE environments at the CCTC.

Policy implications

The proposed authorization for the use of ICMS savings has no policy implications.

Comments

This proposal did not circulate for comment. Pubic comment was not received for these items when considered by the Judicial Council Technology Committee at the March 14, 2019 meeting, the Revenue & Expenditure Subcommittee at the April 8, 2019 meeting or the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee at the April 16, 2019 meeting.

Alternatives considered

There have been no funding sources identified other than the ICMS savings from FY 18-19 to cover SJE CCTC hosting costs in FY 19-20. The only other alternative would be to require the Humboldt Court to leave CCTC hosting before their new case management system is in place which is not a realistic solution as this would leave the court without a functioning case management system and result in negative operational impact to the Humboldt Court.

Fiscal and Operational Impacts

The ICMS program has FY 2018-2019 savings of $801,908 available which can be used to cover FY 2019-20 SJE CCTC hosting costs.

Estimated SJE hosting cost at CCTC through December 31, 2019 are presented in the table below with the assumption that the Humboldt Court would continue to pay their monthly Schedule C hosting costs until they leave the CCTC in October 2019:

Estimated SAIC Hosting Costs for SJE (6 mths) in FY 19/20		
Description		Amt
Estimated cost SAIC hosting charges from 7/1/2019 through 12/31/2019 (6 mths)	$	488,998
Schedule C Charges for Humboldt Court from 7/1/2019 through 10/31/2019		(62,200)
Net IMF Funding Asssitance needed for SJE CCTC hosting through 12/31/2019	*$*	*426,798*

The use of ICMS savings from 2018-19 is not an allocation of additional IMF funding in 2019-20 for SJE hosting at the CCTC. It is a request to extend the timeline for using previously

approved funding to the ICMS program to cover CCTC hosting costs while the remaining courts transition to new case management system solutions hosted outside of the CCTC.

Attachments and Links

N/A