

# Court Modernization Funding



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# Background

## **May Revise:**

The COVID-19 pandemic has required the Judicial Branch to reevaluate processes and like state government, the Judicial Branch should use this crisis as an opportunity to make more convenient and efficient court operations. The May Revision includes \$25 million ongoing General Fund for modernizing court operations with the goal of achieving efficiencies and increasing access to court services online. For example, the Judicial Council may allocate this funding for projects such as enabling electronic case filing, digitizing court documents, resolving disputes online, and utilizing video technology to facilitate remote participation in hearings.

## **Trailer bill language:**

\$25,000,000 is available for expenditure by the Judicial Council for modernization efforts in the trial courts.



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# Overview of Process FY 2020/2021

## Communication of Process

- Technology Committee Chair Communicates Process to Technology Committee

## Feedback on Proposals

- Previous BCPs and BCCs reviewed by committee
- Feedback from Stakeholders (TCPJAC / CEAC, ITAC, and CIOs) on priorities of potential Projects / Programs
- JCIT maps out implementation strategy, costs, timelines, and feasibility for success

## Consolidate Project List

- Potential Projects / Programs are consolidated into master list
- Includes previous BCPs and BCCs for review

## Review & Validate Alignment

- Technology Committee reviews Projects / Programs
- Using evaluation criteria validates alignment with Strategic Plan and Branchwide Priorities
- Consults with Budget Committee and E&P
- Technology Committee final review and recommendations

## Recommendation & Approvals

1. Technology Committee submits recommendations
2. Judicial Council reviews and considers funding recommendations



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# Selection Considerations

- Does it align with branch strategic plan and technology strategic and tactical plans?
- Are there definable milestones to show success?
- Can the funding be expended or encumbered this fiscal year?
- Does the project align with court priorities?
- Can the project be implemented in discrete phases?
- Does the project modernize court operations?
- If the project is implemented in phases, can the work continue even in the absence of a permanent additional funding source?



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# Projects

- Remote Appearance Technology
- Digital Evidence
- Automated Messaging (notifications and reminders)
- Data Driven Forms
- Digitizing Documents
- Virtual Customer Service Center
- Trial Court Digital Services
- Statewide Case Index
- Judicial Branch Office of Information Security
- Next Generation Data Center and Cloud Solutions
- California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR) Mobile Access and Modernization
- Building a Digital Ecosystem
- Data Governance



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