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2019–20

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Executive Summary

Each year, the Administrative Director approves the list of entrance screening equipment to be funded that year through the Screening Equipment Replacement Program, which provides funding from the Trial Court Trust Fund to replace outdated or malfunctioning screening equipment in the trial courts. This report updates the council on the equipment that was replaced in fiscal year (FY) 2019–20 using that funding.

Relevant Previous Council Action

At its meeting on July 18–19, 2019, the Judicial Council approved the allocation of \$1.3 million from the Trial Court Trust Fund for the Screening Equipment Replacement Program managed by the Judicial Council Emergency Planning and Security Coordination unit. This amount reflects a one-time deduction to the \$2.286 million that has been allocated to the program each year since FY 2006–07.

In December 2007, the Judicial Council delegated expenditure authority of the Screening Equipment Replacement Program funds to the Administrative Director. On October 25, 2013, in its review of appropriate delegations, the Judicial Council maintained the delegation authority for

the Administrative Director. It also required an annual report to the council on the screening equipment replaced each fiscal year.

Analysis/Rationale

Since FY 2006–07, the Emergency Planning and Security Coordination unit has managed the Screening Equipment Replacement Program to replace aged and malfunctioning entrance screening equipment in trial courts. The goal of the Screening Equipment Replacement Program is to replace approximately 50 magnetometers and 50 x-ray machines each year. To address variances in the number of machines due for replacement each year, some equipment has been replaced out of cycle.

In FY 2019–20, equipment was identified for replacement or transfer in 17 courts. A total of 48 magnetometers and 29 x-ray machines were replaced. In addition, funds were used to assist in transferring equipment from one court facility to another and to remove and dispose of decommissioned x-ray machines from storage in court facilities.

Table 1 details the expenditures from the Screening Equipment Replacement Program for FY 2019–20.

Table 1. Screening Equipment Replacement Program Expenditures for FY 2019–20*

County Name	Amount Expended	Purchase Type		
		Magnetometers	X-Ray Machines	Transfer/removal /disposal
Alameda	\$37,124	1	1	
Imperial	\$59,955		2	
Kern	\$62,301		2	
Los Angeles	\$437,896	19	10	1
Madera	\$5,648	1		
Mendocino	\$5,678	1		
Modoc	\$5,600	1		
Orange	\$148,880	9	3	
Sacramento	\$53,196	4	1	
San Bernardino	\$146,504	4	4	
San Diego	\$2,380			1
San Francisco	\$58,752	2	2	
San Luis Obispo	\$5,624	1		
Sonoma	\$62,497		2	
Trinity	\$5,600	1		
Tulare	\$73,993	2	2	
Yolo	\$11,272	2		
Total Expended	\$1,182,900			
Total Budget	\$1,300,000			
Unspent Funds	\$117,100			

* Costs and expenditure amounts are rounded.

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

Equipment is generally replaced on an eight-year cycle. The program spends approximately \$31,500 for each x-ray unit and \$5,675 for each magnetometer. Costs include delivery, installation, training, five years of onsite service coverage, and estimated sales tax. After the expiration of the initial five-year service coverage period, service agreements are renewed annually until the equipment is replaced. Effective FY 2015–16, the Screening Equipment Replacement Program has been unable to reimburse courts for the purchase of service agreement extensions because of funding limitations.

Attachments and Links

None