
DISCUSSION AGENDA (ITEMS G–N)

Item G Trial Courts: Allocations from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund and Trial Court Trust Fund for Court-Related Projects and Programs

For the fiscal year (FY) 2013–2014, the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommended the allocation of \$67.09 million and \$25.14 million in funding from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (STCIMF) and the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF), respectively, for various trial court–related projects and programs. In addition, the TCBAC recommended that the Judicial Council delegate authority to the Administrative Director of the Courts to make limited adjustments to allocations approved by the council from the STCIMF, subject to certain guidelines.

Council action

The Judicial Council approved the following recommendations with one council member voting “no”:

1. Allocate \$67.09 million from the STCIMF in FY 2013–2014, which consists of \$1.13 million in funding for five new allocations, funding to maintain 26 projects and programs at their 2012–2013 allocation levels, and increases and decreases for 30 projects and programs that net to an overall decrease of \$5.96 million;
2. Allocate \$1.73 million for the Domestic Violence–Family Law Interpreter Program from the TCTF Program using the Program 45.45 (Court Interpreter) expenditure authority;
3. Allocate \$23.41 million from the TCTF Programs 30.05 and 30.15 expenditure authority in FY 2013–2014, which consists of funding to maintain three projects and programs at their 2012–2013 allocation levels and increases and decreases for six projects and programs that net to a overall decrease of \$3.37 million; and
4. Delegate to the Administrative Director of the Courts, subject to the guidelines identified in the report, the limited authority to transfer allocations between projects and programs that are funded from the STCIMF.

Item H Judicial Branch Technology: Funding for the Superior Court of Fresno County to Replace Case Management System

The Superior Court of Fresno County requested assistance not to exceed \$2,373,200 in TCTF monies over a two-year period to fund the replacement of the V2 case management system. The court is expected to go live with the V2 replacement approximately 18 months after the project starts, and from that point on the judicial branch will no longer have a financial liability tied to the maintenance and support of V2. The Judicial Council Technology Committee (JCTC) and the TCBAC have reviewed the court’s business case. The JCTC recommends to the Judicial Council to fund the replacement of the Superior Court of Fresno County V2 case management system. The TCBAC joins in the JCTC recommendation.

Council action

The Judicial Council approved distribution of funding from the TCTF, not to exceed \$2,373,200, to the Superior Court of Fresno County to replace their V2 case management system. Funding distribution will be contingent upon the following terms and conditions:

1. Verification and validation of proposed costs based on review of the technical hardware and software recommendations from the preferred vendor response to the court's case management system request for proposals (RFP), including technical specifications and resource requirements, as well as the preferred vendor's final contract proposal;
2. In line with the efforts of the branch to maintain transparency with technology projects, the court must submit notification of the project to the California Department of Technology (CalTech), according to Government Code section 68511.9, in the event the total project costs for replacement of V2 and Banner case management systems, including local court staff costs, operations costs, and the first year of maintenance costs after deployment, exceed \$5 million;
3. The funds distributed will not exceed the requested level of funding (\$2,373,200) beyond FY 2015–2016;
4. The funds will be distributed over a two-year period in accordance with the contract and upon submission of invoices for products and services necessary to acquire and deploy the court's case management system;
5. The AOC will provide monitoring for the project to ensure that distribution of funding is consistent with these recommendations and that industry standards and best practices are employed to better ensure success of the project; and
6. The court will provide the AOC with access to all records necessary to evaluate and monitor the project and will cooperate fully with efforts of the Trial Court Liaison Office to do so.

Item I Court Facilities: Court Financial Contributions

The AOC recommended that the Judicial Council adopt a new Court-Funded Facilities Request (CFR) Procedure enabling superior courts to contribute to certain future facilities costs via allocation reduction in specified circumstances, with previously approved court contributions continuing through the end of the approved project or current lease term. The AOC also recommended that the council make related delegations and require related reporting. Although legislation enacted in fiscal year 2012–2013 further reduced trial court funding and significantly restricted the courts' ability to carry fund balances, the AOC recommended adoption of a new CFR Procedure to provide courts an additional method of meeting their facilities needs where contributions remain feasible.

Council action

The Judicial Council, effective August 23, 2013:

1. Adopted a new Court-Funded Facilities Request (CFR) procedure for new superior court requests to contribute to urgent court facilities needs, not including capital