



# Overview of Trial Court Funding

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# Trial Court Funding: 2010-11 through 2014-15

(dollars in thousands)

	2007-08 <sup>1</sup>		2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 <sup>2</sup>	2014-15
Trial Court Funding	\$2,843,972		\$2,680,140	\$2,237,495	\$2,445,148	\$2,575,264
Adjustments to Trial Court Funding:						
Use of local trial court reserves				402,000	264,000	
Transfers from various special funds			216,000	298,000	256,406	56,406
Adjusted Trial Court Funding	\$2,843,972		\$2,896,140	\$2,937,495	\$2,965,554	\$2,631,670

1 For comparison purposes, court security costs are removed from trial court funding in 2007-08 (\$444.9m) as 2011 Public Safety Realignment shifted funding for court security to local law enforcement agencies beginning in 2011-12.

2 2013-14 funding amounts are as of the 2014-15 May Revision.

# **Trial Court Funding: 2014-15**

**The Budget Act provides approximately \$2.6 billion to support trial court operations, an increase of \$160 million General Fund from 2013-14.**

Significant adjustments include:

- \$86.3 million to support trial court operations, which represents growth of 5 percent.
- \$42.8 million to support employee benefit cost adjustments.
- Up to \$30.9 million to offset a potential fee revenue shortfall in the Trial Court Trust Fund.

## Other Court Funding: 2014-15

- Up to \$1 million for potential increased security costs resulting from new court construction.
- \$15 million to expand or establish collaborative courts and pretrial and risk assessment programs.
- A one-time augmentation of \$40 million to support the Judicial Branch's capital outlay and infrastructure program.

# Trial Court Funding: 2015-16 and Beyond

- An additional 5-percent increase to support trial court operations in the proposed 2015-16 Governor's Budget.
- Ongoing funding for annual employee benefit cost adjustments that are not controlled by the courts.
- Continuing support for the Workload Allocation Funding Model (WAFM) to equitably distribute court funding.
- Working with the Judicial Council and the Blue Ribbon Commission to improve the delivery of court services and incorporate potential court efficiencies into WAFM.