

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA
BUDGET SERVICES
Report to the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
Revenue and Expenditure Subcommittee
(Action Item)

Title: 2023-24 State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF)
Allocation Increase for the Judicial Council Center for Judicial Education
and Research (CJER)

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Issue

Consider adopting a recommendation to increase the 2023-24 IMF allocation for the Judicial Council's CJER by \$150,000 to provide additional judicial officer orientation to newly appointed judges as required by California Rule of Court 10.462, for consideration by the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee, and the Judicial Council at its March 15, 2024 business meeting.

Background

The Judicial Council's CJER provides education and training to all new judges and subordinate judicial officers. This education equips them with the knowledge and skills necessary to fulfill their roles effectively and is required by California Rule of Court 10.462. Annually, CJER receives an allocation from the IMF for new judge education. Historically, the average annual number of new judges and subordinate judicial officers has been stable.

In 2023-24, the judicial branch has seen a significantly higher number of judicial appointments than previous years. As a result, in August 2023, CJER identified the need for a \$150,000 increase to the Judicial Council approved Judicial Education program allocation from the IMF. This request for additional funding was approved by the Judicial Council at its November 17, 2023, business meeting.¹

Since that time, the number of judicial appointments has further increased, and an additional \$150,000 is needed to meet judicial officer education requirements in the current year. This request would increase the 2023-24 IMF allocation for Judicial Education from \$1,134,000 to \$1,284,00 (Attachment A, row 18).

¹ [Link to Judicial Council Report November 17th, 2023](#)

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Recommendation

The following recommendation is presented to the Revenue and Expenditure Subcommittee for consideration:

Increase the approved 2023-24 IMF allocation for the Judicial Education program allocation by \$150,000 to provide Judicial Council's CJER with the resources necessary so that newly appointed judicial officers can meet the education requirements for new judges as required by California Rule of Court 10.462.

This request for \$150,000 is reflected in the IMF Fund Condition Statement (Attachment B). Based on current revenue estimates, the fund is estimated to have a sufficient balance for the requested allocation increase.

Attachments

1. Attachment A: Judicial Council of California Approved 2023-24 IMF Allocations – State Operations and Local Assistance Appropriations
2. Attachment B: IMF Fund Condition Statement

Judicial Council of California
Approved 2023-24 Allocations
State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund
State Operations and Local Assistance Appropriations

Updated as per JC Approval: November 17, 2023

#	Program Name	Office	Approved 2023-24 Allocations		
			State Operations	Local Assistance	Total
A	B	C	D	E	F = (D + E)
1	Audit Services	AS	\$ 372,000	\$ -	\$ 372,000
2	Trial Court Master Agreements	BAP	182,000	-	182,000
3	Treasury Services - Cash Management	BAP	110,000		110,000
4	Data Analytics Advisory Committee	BMS		9,000	9,000
5	Budget Focused Training and Meetings	BS		25,000	25,000
6	Revenue Distribution Training	BS		10,000	10,000
7	Treasury Services - Cash Management	BS	-		-
8	Domestic Violence Forms Translation	CFCC		17,000	17,000
9	Interactive Software - Self-Rep Electronic Forms	CFCC		60,000	60,000
10	Self-Help Center	CFCC		5,000,000	5,000,000
11	Statewide Multidisciplinary Education	CFCC		67,000	67,000
12	Shriver Civil Counsel - cy près Funding	CFCC		893,000	893,000
13	Statewide Support for Self-Help Programs	CFCC		100,000	100,000
14	Court Interpreter Testing etc.	CFCC		143,000	143,000
15	CJER Faculty	CJER		48,000	48,000
16	Essential Court Management Education	CJER	40,000		40,000
17	Essential Court Personnel Education	CJER		130,000	130,000
18	Judicial Education	CJER		1,134,000	1,134,000
19	Jury System Improvement Projects	CJS		9,000	9,000
20	Trial Court Labor Relations Academies and Forums	HR		23,000	23,000
21	Data Center and Cloud Service	IT	2,215,000	4,471,000	6,686,000
22	Uniform Civil Filing Services	IT	399,000	3,000	402,000
23	California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR)	IT	418,000	537,000	955,000
24	Telecommunications	IT	-	14,500,000	14,500,000
25	Enterprise Policy & Planning (Statewide Planning and Dev Support)	IT	1,044,000	2,500,000	3,544,000
26	Data Integration	IT	703,000	993,000	1,696,000
27	Jury Management System	IT	-	665,000	665,000
28	Case Management System Replacement	IT	-	-	-
29	Telecom	IT	1,297,000	4,384,000	5,681,000
30	Digitizing Court Records	IT		721,490	721,490
31	Jury System Improvement Projects	LS		10,000	10,000
32	Regional Office Assistance Group	LS	861,000	-	861,000
33	Judicial Performance Defense Insurance	LSS		1,931,000	1,931,000
	Total		\$ 7,641,000	\$ 38,383,490	\$ 46,024,490

Totals by Office		Office	State Operations	Local Assistance	Total
Legend	C	D	E	F = (D + E)	
34	Audit Services	AS	\$ 372,000	\$ -	\$ 372,000
35	Branch Accounting and Procurement	BAP	292,000	-	292,000
36	Business Management Services	BMS	-	9,000	9,000
37	Budget Services	BS	-	35,000	35,000
38	Center for Families, Children and the Courts	CFCC	-	6,280,000	6,280,000
39	Center for Judicial Education and Research	CJER	40,000	1,312,000	1,352,000
40	Criminal Justice Services	CJS	-	9,000	9,000
41	Human Resources	HR	-	23,000	23,000
42	Information Technology	IT	6,076,000	28,774,490	34,850,490
43	Legal Services	LS	861,000	10,000	871,000
44	Leadership Services	LSS	-	1,931,000	1,931,000
	Total Allocations		\$ 7,641,000	\$ 38,383,490	\$ 46,024,490

State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund
Fund Condition Statement
November 2023

Updated: November 20, 2023

#	Description	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Estimated	
		(Year-end Financial Statement)	(Year-end Financial Statement)	(Year-end Financial Statement)	2023-24	2024-25
		A	B	C	D	E
1	Beginning Balance	21,152,288	16,886,288	23,242,054	38,128,109	32,529,619
2	Prior-Year Adjustments	2,422,000	8,176,338	8,638,611	-3,200,000	
3	Adjusted Beginning Balance	23,574,288	25,062,626	31,880,665	34,928,109	32,529,619
4	REVENUES¹:					
5	Jury Instructions Royalties	466,000	538,154	429,853	576,000	560,000
6	Interest from Surplus Money Investment Fund	242,000	210,218	1,550,086	1,727,000	1,296,000
7	Escheat-Unclaimed Checks, Warrants, Bonds	65,000	0	1,000	1,000	1,001
8	50/50 Excess Fines Split Revenue	7,288,250	4,986,200	7,504,000	2,863,000	2,720,000
9	2% Automation Fund Revenue	7,925,750	8,455,157	8,327,104	8,479,000	8,394,000
10	Other Revenues/State Controller's Office Adjustments	366,000	285,925	171,078	20,000	2,000
11	Class Action Residue	911,000	952,317	329,186	0	0
12	Subtotal Revenues	17,264,000	15,428,439	18,311,387	13,666,000	12,973,000
13	Transfers and Other Adjustments					
14	To Trial Court Trust Fund (Gov. Code, § 77209(j))	-13,397,000	-13,397,000	-13,397,000	-13,397,000	-13,397,000
15	To Trial Court Trust Fund (Budget Act)	-594,000	-594,000	-594,000	-594,000	-594,000
16	General Fund Transfer (Gov. Code § 20825.1)		-270,000	0	0	0
17	Total Revenues, Transfers, and Other Adjustments	3,273,000	1,167,439	4,320,387	-325,000	-1,018,000
18	Total Resources	26,847,288	26,230,065	36,201,052	34,603,109	31,511,619
19	EXPENDITURES:					
20	Judicial Branch Total State Operations	4,635,000	5,217,956	5,319,495	7,641,000	7,860,000
21	Judicial Branch Total Local Assistance	47,825,000	44,734,883	36,857,436	38,533,490	38,254,000
22	Pro Rata and Other Adjustments	289,000	307,171	180,012	117,000	117,000
23	Less funding provided by General Fund (Local Assistance)	-42,788,000	-47,272,000	-44,284,000	-44,218,000	-44,218,000
24	Total Expenditures and Adjustments	9,961,000	2,988,011	-1,927,057	2,073,490	2,013,000
25	Fund Balance	16,886,288	23,242,054	38,128,109	32,529,619	29,498,619
26	Fund Balance - less restricted funds	12,775,459	19,677,611	35,864,950	30,365,460	27,449,459
27	Structural Balance	-6,688,000	-1,820,572	6,247,444	-2,398,490	-3,031,000

¹ Revenue estimates are as of October 2023