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Re: Report of State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures for 2021–22, as required under Government Code section 77209(i)

Dear Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Contreras, and Ms. Parker:

Pursuant to Government Code section 77209(i), the Judicial Council is submitting the *Report of State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures for 2021–22*.

In 2021–22, \$50.3 million was expended or encumbered from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund for various programs and projects. The programs and initiatives highlight many of the judicial branch's efforts to ensure that all Californians are treated in a fair and just manner and have equal access to the courts. Detailed expenditures by program can be found in Attachment 2 of the report.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Director, Budget Services, at 916-263-1397 or

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Sincerely,

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Statutory citation: Government Code section 77209(i)

Date of report: December 31, 2022

The Judicial Council has submitted a report to the Legislature in accordance with Government Code section 77209(i). The following summary of the report is provided under the requirements of Government Code section 9795.

The State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund is an important component of the judicial branch budget. It supports statewide services for the trial courts, ongoing technology programs and infrastructure initiatives, and educational and development programs. Additionally, it funds innovative and model programs and other special projects.

In 2021–22, \$50.3 million was expended or encumbered from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund for various programs and projects. The programs and initiatives highlight many of the judicial branch's efforts to ensure that all Californians are treated in a fair and just manner and have equal access to the courts.

The full report can be accessed at www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

A printed copy of the report may be obtained by calling 415-865-7966.

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Recommendations Regarding the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund

Under Government Code section 77209(i), the Judicial Council is required to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the use of the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund (IMF), with appropriate recommendations as needed. There are no recommendations included in this report.

Resources, Expenditures, and Fund Balance Overview

In 2021–22, the IMF was supported by a variety of funding sources, including the 50-50 excess fees, fines, and forfeitures split revenue under Government Code section 77205(a); the 2 percent automation fund under Government Code section 68090.8(b); interest from the Surplus Money Investment Fund; royalties from publication of jury instructions under Government Code section 77209(h); and a transfer from the state General Fund. Including prior-year adjustments and transfers to the Trial Court Trust Fund, the total available resources were \$73.5 million (Attachment 1).

As of June 30, 2022, a total of \$50.3 million was expended or encumbered for various programs, projects, and pro rata. Of this amount, \$44.7 million was for local assistance and \$5.5 million was for administrative support and pro rata. Specifically, expenditures were made for self-help centers, education programs for judicial officers and trial court personnel, complex civil litigation programs, enhanced collections, and information technology (Attachment 2).

Based on the resources that were available for 2021–22 and the final expenditures and encumbrances, the fund ended the fiscal year with an estimated balance of \$23.2 million (Attachment 3).

Use of IMF Resources for Trial Courts During 2021–22

The council approved allocations from IMF resources for various programs and projects that seek to improve trial court administration, increase access to justice throughout the state, and improve court management, efficiency, case processing, and timeliness of trials. A description of how each project and program used its allocation is included below.

Audit Services

Approximately \$307,000 was expended for the salaries, benefits, and support costs for two auditor positions. Thirteen court audit reports were completed and published. Audit Services performs recurring audits of the state's 58 trial courts to assess their compliance with the Judicial Council's policies and procedures. These audits include the review of various aspects of court

operations, including court procurement activity, the accuracy of reported case filings, and vendor payment controls.

Branch Accounting and Procurement—Trial Court Procurement

Approximately \$148,000 was expended for one position to maintain statewide contracts for the trial courts. The statewide contracts are leveraged procurement agreements designed to consolidate the procurement needs of the courts and leverage their combined buying power to reduce prices, improve terms and conditions, and improve procurement efficiency. Branch Accounting and Procurement staff currently maintain approximately 54 statewide contracts within 18 goods/services categories on behalf of the trial courts, which are publicly accessible.

Budget Services

Treasury Services—Cash Management

Approximately \$429,000 was expended for the Treasury Services Cash Management program. The allocation was used for salary, benefits, and support costs for two positions that handle the accounting and distribution of all uniform civil fees (UCF) collected by the trial courts and other cash management and treasury duties. Responsibilities include receiving cash deposits and monthly collection reporting of UCF for the 58 trial courts, entering UCF reporting into a webbased application that calculates the statutory distributions, executing monthly cash distributions to state and local agency recipients, and completing appropriate financial accounting.

Centralized Rent for All IMF Funded Positions

Approximately \$389,000 was expended for rent for all IMF-funded position work locations.

Business Management Services—Juror Source List Update

Approximately \$34,000 was expended for the Trial Court Performance Measures Study. These funds were allocated to assist courts in complying with the requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 592 (Stats. 2019, ch. 230), which deems the list of resident state tax filers as a source list for the selection of jurors and requires the Franchise Tax Board to provide a list of resident tax filers to the jury commissioners in their respective counties in consultation with the council. These funds support court jury management systems and modules, as well as technology and supplies to address the potential increases in juror attendance following enactment of SB 592.

Education Programs

Approximately \$441,000 was expended for the following education programs: New Judge Education and Judicial Education for Experienced Judges, Faculty, and Essential Court Personnel.

New Judge Education

Approximately \$197,000 was expended for new judge education. California Rules of Court, rule 10.462(c)(1) requires all newly elected and appointed judges and subordinate judicial officers (SJO) to attend the New Judge Orientation program within six months of taking the oath of office, to take an orientation course in their primary assignment within one year of taking the oath of office, and to attend the B. E. Witkin Judicial College within two years of taking the oath of office. By rule of court, the Judicial Council Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) is the sole provider for these education programs.

- *New Judge Orientation*. ten remote and in-person sessions were delivered in 2021–22. The specific number of courses required in any given year depends on the number of SJOs appointed, elected, or hired each year.
- *Primary Assignment Orientation*. fifteen courses were delivered during 2021–22, 11 in person and four remote. These courses provide new judges and SJOs with an intense immersion into their primary assignment (civil, criminal, probate, family, juvenile, or traffic), with a strong emphasis on detailed procedures, protocols, and classroom exercises designed to test skills in the assignment.
- **B. E. Witkin Judicial College.** the two-week judicial college is normally offered once each year. However, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this program was not offered in 2021–22.

These educational courses provide staggered opportunities for new judges and SJOs to develop relationships that can support them throughout their careers.

Primary Assignment Orientation Courses for Experienced Judges

Approximately \$8,000 was expended on primary assignment courses for experienced judges. Most of these courses were held remotely in 2021–22.

- In addition to the primary assignment courses for new judges, CJER offers assignment courses for experienced judges who are moving into new assignments that are substantively more complex and nuanced than their former assignments (e.g., felony sentencing, homicide trials, and capital cases). These programs are also designed to fulfill other statutory or case law—based education requirements.
- CJER offers courses dealing specifically with domestic violence issues. These courses are funded by IMF and grant funding. By completing the domestic violence course, judges and SJOs also meet the specified education requirements and expectations of California Rules of Court, rule 10.464.

Continuing Judicial Education for Experienced Judges

Approximately \$63,000 was expended for continuing judicial education for experienced judges.

- Advanced judicial education courses for experienced judges. CJER develops and provides advanced courses for experienced judges. These continuing education courses were designed to address advanced judging issues and include such courses as "Complex Civil Litigation," "Civil and Criminal Evidence," and "Experienced Probate Law" as well as specialized courses in handling domestic violence and sexual assault cases. These statewide programs provide judges and SJOs with the opportunity to work with and learn from their colleagues and exchange techniques and strategies.
- *Judicial institutes*. In 2021–22, three institutes were held. The Cow County Institute and the Probate Law Institute were held in person, and the Family Law Institute was held remotely. CJER offers institutes in the major trial court bench assignments (civil, criminal, family, juvenile, and probate), as well as specific programs for appellate justices, rural court judges, appellate court attorneys, and trial court attorneys.
- Leadership training. In 2021–22, the Presiding Judge/Court Executive Officer Management Institute was held remotely, and the Supervising Judge Institute was held in person. These programs offer participants a chance to learn management techniques, strategies, and best practices designed for the unique environment of the courts. They enable judges to fulfill continuing education hours and expectations under California Rules of Court, rule 10.462(c)(2).

CJER Faculty—Trial Court Faculty Costs—Statewide Education Programs

Approximately \$4,000 was expended for faculty development programs and course design workshops, which are foundational for new faculty and are designed to support specific courses or programs. This includes the new judge orientation and judicial college programs.

Essential Court Management Education

Approximately \$9,000 was expended for court manager and supervisor education. Courses were held remotely, as well as in person in 2021–22.

- Core leadership courses. The core leadership series of courses are multiple-day programs
 that provide an intensive experience for new and experienced trial court supervisors and
 managers.
- Institute for Court Management (ICM) courses. ICM courses lead to certification by the
 National Center for State Courts in many national curriculum areas related to court
 management. The courses provide relevant education for court leaders based on the core
 competencies identified by the National Association for Court Management.

Essential Court Personnel Education

Approximately \$161,000 was expended to pay for participant and faculty costs associated with court personnel education. This instruction included video, regional, and local education

offerings as well as the Trial Court Judicial Attorney Institute and the Court Clerk Training Institute.

Regional and Local Court Staff Education Courses

- Regional and local court staff courses. Courses cover a wide array of topics, including but not limited to, human resources, courtroom clerk responsibilities, and case processing in the major court assignments of civil, criminal, probate, family, and juvenile. Other courses include broad topics relevant to all court staff, such as identifying and preventing workplace sexual harassment. The CJER Advisory Committee's curriculum committee identified a need for these courses, and experienced court personnel and CJER faculty taught them. In 2021–22, in-person and remote courses were held.
- *Core Leadership and Training Skills*. This three-day course is designed for lead or senior clerks and assistant supervisors and teaches skills that contribute to effective leadership. In 2021–22, one remote session was held.

Programs for Families and Children

Domestic Violence Forms Translation

Approximately \$17,000 was expended for the translation of new and updated domestic violence forms and instructions into Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese. They were also made available at the Self-Help Guide to the California Courts.

Self-Help Centers

Approximately \$5 million was expended by the trial courts for public self-help center programs and operations. Self-help services increase the efficiency of other court operations.

Interactive Software—Electronic Forms for Self-Represented Litigants

Approximately \$59,000 was expended to develop document assembly software programs that simplify the process of completing Judicial Council forms and other pleadings. Using a "TurboTax" model, litigants enter information once and the program automatically populates that information on the form, saving substantial time and assisting self-represented litigants in preparing thorough and accurate pleadings.

Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Project

Approximately \$1.3 million was expended by legal services organizations under the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Project. This supplemental funding was provided to the programs from fees collected under Assembly Bill 590 (Stats. 2009, ch. 457). These projects provide legal representation to low-income parties on critical legal issues affecting basic human needs and are

operated by legal services nonprofit corporations working in collaboration with their local trial courts.

Statewide Multidisciplinary Education

Approximately \$65,000 was expended for statewide multidisciplinary education. Of this amount, \$45,000 was expended to support the Child and Family Focused Education Conference, which was held remotely. The 2022 conference brought together over 410 participants. The content met continuing education requirements for attendees. It included legal updates, considerations in cases involving domestic violence, equity and inclusion, and enhancement of mediation skills.

Approximately \$20,000 was expended to support the 2022 Youth Court Summit. The theme of this year's conference was "Redesigning Youth Justice," and the content addressed mass incarceration, the effects of adverse childhood experiences and trauma, and promising practices for youth courts. There were 149 registrants for the virtual summit.

Statewide Support for Self-Help Programs

Approximately \$100,000 was expended to support statewide services available to court self-help centers in the 58 trial courts. The allocation supported updates to instructional materials and forms used by self-help centers and the public, a web platform for education for self-help center staff, and supported self-help center webinars. It also paid for legal updates and new content for the online Self-Help Guide to the California Courts and the new statewide Self-Help Portal.

Court Interpreters Program (CIP)—Testing, Development, Recruitment, and Education

Approximately \$143,000 was expended to support the court interpreter testing program. The council's CIP contracts with Prometric, LLC (a third-party exam administrator for the interpreting testing program) to provide the following services: administering interpreting exams, training, and managing exam proctors and raters, operating a customer support call center, updating existing and developing new exams, processing appeals, providing reports, and maintaining a web presence.

The CIP continued to work with Prometric to resume court interpreter testing under state and local health and safety requirements and to provide more testing opportunities. For the Bilingual Interpreting Examination, which is required for certified languages, testing was available for up to 300 candidates in June through August of 2022. Testing was also available year-round for the Written Examination and the Oral Proficiency Examination.

Information Technology (IT) Services

California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR)

Approximately \$718,000 was expended to fund a statewide protective order repository that provides complete, accessible information on restraining and protective orders, including images

of those orders, to the 46 participating counties, as well as limited read-only access to 14 tribal courts. The allocation covered the hosting costs of the CCPOR application at the California Courts Technology Center, application maintenance and enhancements, updates required by mandatory legislative changes, and daily operational support to the courts and their local law enforcement agency partners, who are users of the system.

Case Management System (CMS) Replacement

Approximately \$3 million was expended to provide funding to 10 trial courts (Amador, Colusa, Contra Costa, Lassen, Marin, Mariposa, Mono, Nevada, Shasta, and Solano) to replace their legacy CMSs. Two of the courts have selected an approved vendor that has a master services agreement with the Judicial Council and are in the process of deploying their new systems. One court deployed its new CMS in a previous fiscal year. In 2021–22, Colusa (Nov. 2021), Amador (Feb. 2022), Lassen (Feb. 2022), Contra Costa (Mar. 2022), Shasta (Apr. 2022), Nevada (Apr. 2022), and Mariposa (Aug. 2022) deployed their new CMSs.

Data Center & Cloud Service

Approximately \$8.2 million was expended for the Data Center & Cloud Service to provide ongoing technology center hosting for participating courts, shared services to the trial courts, and a full disaster-recovery program. Many courts leverage the contract with the vendor to receive IT services for their courts, including Microsoft Office migration assistance, help desk services, file server management, cloud migration assistance, and other services that may be needed from time to time.

Data Integration

Approximately \$1.6 million was expended to continue work with trial courts to provide system interfaces between the Judicial Council and the courts and justice system partners, including law enforcement agencies and the California Department of Justice (DOJ). Additional funding was spent to migrate from TIBCO® software to the Talend platform to reduce maintenance and support costs of data integration platforms. The allocation also covered the hosting costs of the Integration Services Backbone applications for Data Center & Cloud Service, infrastructure support, application maintenance and upgrades, and daily operational support to the courts for all environments, including testing, staging, and production.

Data integration supports the CCPOR, e-filing for appellate courts, the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System, V3 CMS, and the California Disposition Reporting Exchange (CDRE). The CDRE allows for electronic submission of disposition records to the DOJ. Currently, four trial courts (Inyo, Orange, San Joaquin, and Tulare) are live with the exchange, Lassen Superior Court has been approved for production by the DOJ, and the technology team is working to onboard additional courts.

Jury Management Systems

Approximately \$655,000 was expended in jury grants awarded to 11 courts to provide funding for 23 different jury projects. The types of jury projects that received funding included: two projects to upgrade courts' jury management systems, five for Interactive Voice Response/Interactive Web Response enhancements, 11 projects upgrading, replacing, or adding peripheral hardware such as audio systems and informational display monitors, and five projects involving imaging, form integration, and juror self-check-in.

Statewide Planning and Development Support

Approximately \$3.9 million was expended to provide enterprise products and services for use by trial courts and to support the Judicial Council in providing tools and applications to manage projects and programs at an enterprise level.

This program provides the trial courts access to a variety of products from Oracle, Adobe, and Gartner. The trial courts have access to products such as Oracle's Database Enterprise Edition, Real Application Clusters, Advanced Security, Diagnostics Pack, and WebLogic Server. Funding is provided to continue ongoing software maintenance for Adobe Forms, and for access to educational resources that offer technical research and knowledge libraries, security and risk management best practices, and consultation with subject-matter experts.

The program also funded enterprise architect (EA) support services. EA support services provide support for several branchwide initiatives that will help improve and advance infrastructure services for the trial courts. The branchwide initiatives included the initiation of identity management, a data warehouse/data share-house, the electronic Courts of Appeal Records and Transcripts (eCART) program, and technology to improve access for the public.

The identity management system will enable the trial courts to have a standardized means for enabling and managing access for the public to court digital services. The data share-house initiative is a modern method for the trial courts to manage and share data with the branch and with other justice partners. The eCART program enables the trial courts to automate the assembly of transcripts and deliver them to the Court of Appeal. The access technology initiative includes the application of intelligent chat technology, video remote access technology, and voice-to-text translation services, which are supported by data integration. In addition to the initiatives, the EA support services provided architectural oversight and guidance to existing branchwide trial court systems and programs, plus architectural and technical guidance to the trial courts, as needed.

Telecommunications Support

Approximately \$18 million was expended for the trial courts to develop, maintain, and support a standardized level of local- and wide-area network infrastructure. This infrastructure provides a foundation for the deployment and operation of both local court and enterprise IT services and applications, including those for the Data Center & Cloud Service.

Items funded include:

- The refresh at 38 trial courts of network components that have reached the end of their service life. The new network equipment will support the increase in internet and wide area network bandwidth required for remote access to court services such as hearings, data analytics, and cloud-based applications and services such as email and case management.
- The implementation of portable cellular routers at 18 courts to provide cost-effective wireless broadband for both day-to-day court business and disaster recovery.
- A comprehensive set of network security services consisting of a managed firewall, intrusion detection and prevention, vulnerability scanning, and web browser security services.
- Maintenance and support coverage for networking equipment, which provides courts with critical vendor support coverage for all network and security infrastructure.

UCF System

Approximately \$405,000 was expended to provide ongoing application support and maintenance and application software upgrades to the UCF system. This program supports the distribution and mandated reporting of UCFs collected by the 58 trial courts, with an average of \$45 million distributed per month. The system generates reports for the State Controller's Office and various entities that receive the distributed funds.

Legal Services

Judicial Performance Defense Insurance

Approximately \$1.5 million was expended to pay for the portion of the Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP) defense master insurance policy that covers claims by trial court judges and SJOs. The program covers defense costs in CJP proceedings related to CJP complaints, protects judicial officers from exposure to excessive financial risk for acts committed within the scope of their judicial duties, and lowers the risk of conduct that could lead to complaints through required ethics training for judicial officers.

Litigation Management Program

Approximately \$2.9 million was expended for attorney fees judgment in the long-standing federal litigation against a trial court for the same day press access to new unlimited civil filings.

Jury System Improvement Projects

Approximately \$300 was expended for online legal research subscriptions and software licenses for remote meetings. Meetings continued online during this period but may return to in-person attendance during 2022–23.

Regional Office Assistance Group

Approximately \$643,000 was expended to pay for 3.0 full-time equivalent attorney positions providing services to trial courts in the areas of transactions, legal opinions, and/or labor and employment.

Attachments

- 1. Attachment 1: IMF: 2021–22 Resources
- 2. Attachment 2: IMF: 2021–22 Expenditures and Encumbrances by Program and Project
- 3. Attachment 3: IMF: 2021–22 Fund Condition Summary

State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund 2021-22 Resources

Description	Amount	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$	16,886,263
Prior Year Adjustments		8,176,363
Adjusted Beginning Fund Balance		25,062,626
Revenues and Transfers		
Revenues		
50/50 Excess Fees, Fines, and Forfeitures Split		4,986,200
2% Automation Fund		8,455,157
Interest from Surplus Money Investment Fund		210,218
Royalties from Publications of Jury Instructions		538,154
Miscellaneous Revenue and Adjustments		286,393
Class Action Residue		952,317
Transfers		
Transfer from State General Fund		47,272,000
Transfer to Trial Court Trust Fund (Gov. Code, § 77209 (j))		(13,397,000)
General Fund Transfer (Gov. Code § 20825.1)		(270,000)
Transfer to Trial Court Trust Fund (2015 Budget Act)		(594,000)
Subtotal, Revenues and Transfers		48,439,439
Total Resources	\$	73,502,065

State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund 2021-22

Expenditures and Encumbrances by Program and Project

Description	Total
Audit Services	\$ 307,101
Audit Services ¹	307,101
Branch Accounting and Procurement	\$ 148,226
Trial Court Procurement	148,226
Budget Services	\$ 818,468
Treasury Services - Cash Management ¹	429,171
Centralized Rent for IMF Staff	389,297
Business Management Services	\$ 34,300
Juror Source List Update	34,300
Education Programs	\$ 441,429
New Judge and Experienced Judge Education	267,600
CJER Faculty - Statewide Education Programs	4,263
Essential Court Management Education	8,771
Essential Court Personnel Education	160,795
Programs for Families and Children	\$ 6,672,815
Domestic Violence Forms Translation	17,000
Self-Help Centers	5,000,000
Interactive Software - Self-Represented Electronic Forms	59,115
Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Project	1,289,000
Statewide Multidisciplinary Education	64,700
Statewide Support for Self-Help Programs	100,000
Court Interpreter Program (Testing, Development, Recruitment, and Education)	143,000

State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund 2021-22

Expenditures and Encumbrances by Program and Project

Description	Total
Information Technology Services	\$ 36,487,164
$CCPOR^2$	718,257
CMS Replacement	3,033,872
Data Center & Cloud Service	8,203,490
Data Integration ²	1,641,832
Jury Management Systems	655,433
Statewide Planning and Development Support	3,869,573
Telecommunications Support	17,959,623
Uniform Civil Fees System ¹	405,084
Legal Services	\$ 5,043,336
Judicial Performance Defense Insurance	1,492,396
Litigation Mgmt Prog Judgment & Settlement	2,907,360
Jury System Improvement Projects	326
Regional Office Assistance Group ¹	643,254
Total Expenditures and Encumbrances	\$ 49,952,839
Pro-rata, Statewide General Administrative Services	 307,171
Total Expenditures, Encumbrances, and Pro-Rata	\$ 50,260,010

¹ All expenditure is for administrative support services provided by Judicial Council staff.

² Expenditures include the costs for local assistance and administrative support services provided by Judicial Council staff.

State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund 2021-22 Fund Condition Summary

Description	Amount	
Total Resources	\$	73,502,065
Program/Project Area		
Audit Services		307,101
Branch Accounting and Procurement		148,226
Budget Services		818,468
Business Management Services		34,300
Education Programs		441,429
Programs for Families and Children		6,672,815
Information Technology Services		36,487,164
Legal Services		5,043,336
Subtotal, Expenditures and Encumbrances	\$	49,952,839
Pro-rata, Statewide General Administrative Services		307,171
Total Expenditures, Encumbrances, and Pro-Rata	\$	50,260,010
Fund Balance	\$	23,242,054