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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Title
Trial Court Allocations: Personal Computer/ Printer Replacement Funding

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected
None

Recommended by
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Action Required

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Executive Summary

The Judicial Council has statutory authority to allocate funding from statewide special funds for projects and programs that support the trial courts. This report contains staff recommendations to allocate $7.4 million to courts for the replacement of personal computers and printers, but also authorize courts to redirect their allocation funds to mitigate the impact of budget reductions, as deemed necessary by each court, in fiscal year (FY) 2011–2012.

Recommendation

1. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) recommends that, for FY 2011–2012, the council allocate $7.4 million to courts for the replacement of personal computers and printers, but also authorize courts to redirect these funds to mitigate the impact of budget reductions, as deemed necessary by each court, in FY 2011–2012.

Previous council action

In FY 2000–2001, the Legislature appropriated $7.4 million to the TCTF to partly address ongoing trial court funding needs for technology equipment replacement and software licensing upgrades. At its August 24, 2000, business meeting, the council allocated $7.4 million from the TCTF to courts for the purpose of replacing personal computers and printers on a three-year cycle. Since FY 2000–2001 courts have received an annual statewide allocation of $7.4 million from the TCTF for technology asset replacement, although in FY 2001–2002 and FY 2002–2003 the allocation was from the Improvement Fund and Modernization Fund as a result of allocated reductions of the $7.4 million from the TCTF included in the State Budget in those years. In FY 2002–2003 and FY 2009–2010, courts were permitted to redirect their technology asset replacement allocations to mitigate the impact of budget reductions in those fiscal years.

Rationale for recommendation

Given the $138.3 million statewide reduction in funding for trial court operations in FY 2011–2012, removing the restriction on the use of the personal computer and printer replacement allocations will provide courts the flexibility to redirect these funds toward more critical needs. The recommended action does not prevent courts from utilizing these funds to replace some of their technology assets. It is the opinion of AOC's Information Services Division that courts that choose to redirect their funds this fiscal year will face minimal risks with respect to personal computer and printer failures.

Comments, alternatives considered, and policy implications

Staff considered requiring courts to use the technology asset replacement funds for replacing personal computers and printer equipment. Courts that choose to redirect their funding could face the risk that some of their computers and printers will fail.

Attachments

1. Attachment A: FY 2011–2012 TCTF Personal Computer and Printer Replacement Allocation

FY 2011-2012 TCTF Personal Computer and Printer Replacement Allocation

Court	Allocation Amount
Alameda	324,826
Alpine	2,426
Amador	12,133
Butte	47,493
Calaveras	9,360
Colusa	4,853
Contra Costa	155,653
Del Norte	11,093
El Dorado	35,706
Fresno	178,533
Glenn	7,973
Humboldt	36,400
Imperial	37,440
Inyo	7,973
Kern	162,586
Kings	29,466
Lake	14,213
Lassen	8,666
Los Angeles	2,192,666
Madera	27,386
Marin	61,360
Mariposa	5,546
Mendocino	29,813
Merced	37,093
Modoc	4,506
Mono	5,893
Monterey	71,760
Napa	33,973
Nevada	24,960
Orange	600,080
Placer	49,573
Plumas	7,626
Riverside	294,666
Sacramento	280,453
San Benito	8,666
San Bernardino	326,906
San Diego	620,880
San Francisco	210,773
San Joaquin	109,546
San Luis Obispo	56,160
San Mateo	137,626
Santa Barbara	98,800
Santa Clara	317,893
Santa Cruz	51,653
Shasta	59,973
Sierra	2,426
Siskiyou	22,186
Solano	89,093
Sonoma	74,186
Stanislaus	74,533
Sutter	16,640
Tehama	16,293
Trinity	4,853
Tulare	79,386
Tuolumne	13,866
Ventura	131,040
Yolo	41,253
Yuba	18,373
Total	**7,397,151**