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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Item No.: 25-020

For business meeting on February 21, 2025

Title

Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts: Midyear Reallocation of Court Reporter Funding

Report Type

Action Required

Effective Date

February 21, 2025

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected

None

Date of Report

January 31, 2025

Recommended by

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair
Ms. Rebecca Fleming, Vice-Chair

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Executive Summary

Senate Bill 170 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240), which amended the Budget Act of 2021, included \$30 million ongoing General Fund to the Judicial Council for establishing a methodology to allocate funding to all trial courts to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil cases. At its business meeting on July 12, 2024, the Judicial Council directed staff to survey the courts for a one-time redistribution of unspent funds in fiscal year (FY) 2024–25 to ensure the full appropriation is maximized. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends approving a midyear reallocation of court reporter funding for FY 2024–25, with the total amount of funding available for the one-time redistribution allocated as proportions of the total amount of funding requested by courts.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommends that the Judicial Council, effective February 21, 2025, approve the following:

1. Reallocate the total amount of funding available, \$820,000 of projected unspent court reporter funding in fiscal year (FY) 2024–25, to courts as proportions of the total amount of

funding requested by the courts and including any technical adjustments to account for the final amount available prior to distribution as outlined in Attachment A; and

2. Delegate authority to Judicial Council staff to reallocate unspent funding to trial courts that have identified additional unmet need in late spring 2025, in efforts to maximize the use of the full allocation.

Relevant Previous Council Action

The Judicial Council approved the allocation methodology for the first year of this funding in FY 2021–22 at its January 21, 2022, meeting and directed Judicial Council staff to update the allocation methodology used for this ongoing funding, accounting for the most recent data available each year thereafter. The council subsequently approved the allocations for FY 2023–24 at its July 21, 2023, meeting based on the same allocation methodology but with updated data. The council approved the FY 2024–25 allocations for \$20 million at its July 12, 2024, meeting and also directed staff to survey the courts for a one-time redistribution of unspent funds in FY 2024–25 to ensure the full appropriation is maximized. The council subsequently approved an additional allocation of \$10 million for FY 2024–25 at its July 21, 2023, meeting for a total of \$30 million in ongoing funding for court reporters, completing the distribution of court reporter funding for FY 2024–25 to the trial courts.

Analysis/Rationale

Judicial Council staff conducted the survey after allocations were distributed to the courts, asking for an estimate of potential unspent funding available in FY 2024–25 for the one-time reallocation process. The survey requested two key estimates needed to identify unspent court reporter funding in FY 2024–25 to be reallocated:

1. For courts that would not be able to use all their allocated funding for court reporters in FY 2024–25, an estimate of the amount of funding that would not be used in the current fiscal year and that would be available to be returned for the reallocation process; and
2. For courts that would be able to use additional funding for court reporters beyond their initial allocation in FY 2024–25, an estimate of the amount of additional funding that could be used in the current fiscal year.

A total of 18 courts indicated through the survey that they would be able to return a portion of their court reporter funding in FY 2024–25 for this reallocation process. The total amount of funding estimated by these 18 courts is \$820,000. The list of courts and estimated amount of unspent funding is outlined in Attachment B.

A total of 15 courts indicated they would be able to use additional funding for court reporters beyond their initial allocation in FY 2024–25. The total amount of funding identified by these 15 courts is \$10.2 million. The list of courts and estimated amount of additional funding requested is outlined in Attachment C.

According to the survey results, the preliminary amount of funding available for reallocation is \$820,000, which is not sufficient to cover the \$10.2 million in additional funding that is requested by the 15 courts. To ensure the funding is provided to the courts as timely as possible, the reallocation will take place in the March 2025 distribution, and the final amounts may change pending updated estimates.

Trial court feedback was received in response to the midyear survey that outlined the challenges in providing an accurate estimate for final court reporter expenditures for FY 2024–25 at the time the survey was conducted.

Reallocation methodology

On January 9, 2025, the TCBAC voted to approve (with 18 yes votes, 3 no votes, and 3 absences) a methodology for the one-time reallocation of additional funding to 15 requesting courts. This methodology would account for the total amount of funding available and allocate it to the requesting courts as proportions of the total amount of funding requested by these courts in FY 2024–25.

Additionally, the TCBAC approved a recommendation to delegate authority to Judicial Council staff to reallocate unspent funding to trial courts that have identified additional unmet need in late spring 2025 to maximize the use of the full allocation for FY 2024–25 to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil cases.

Each of the requesting courts would be allocated the same proportion (i.e., 8.02 percent) of the amount of additional funding they requested through the survey. For example, if a court requested \$100,000 in additional court reporter funding in the survey, then the court would receive 8.02 percent of this requested amount, or approximately \$8,020, in additional funding. The recommended one-time reallocation of additional funding to the 15 courts is outlined in Attachment A.

Policy implications

No policy implications are associated with this report.

Comments

No public comments were received on this item.

Alternatives considered

The Funding Methodology Subcommittee of the TCBAC considered an alternative option for the one-time reallocation of funds to the courts requesting additional funding. This alternative methodology would allocate additional funding to the requesting courts according to their proportion of the total funding initially allocated to them in FY 2024–25. For example, if a court's first allocation was 10 percent of the total funding initially allocated to the requesting courts, then that court would receive 10 percent of the \$820,000 available for reallocation, or around \$82,000, in additional funding.

Members of the Funding Methodology Subcommittee voted on this alternative reallocation methodology, which did not pass.

Fiscal and Operational Impacts

The recommended one-time reallocation of funds for FY 2024–25 would provide greater utilization of the full allocation of court reporter funding to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil cases, as intended by the budget language.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *Recommended Reallocation of Court Reporter Funding*
2. Attachment B: *Courts Returning Unused 2024–25 Funding for Court Reporter Reallocation*
3. Attachment C: *Courts Requesting Additional Funding in 2024–25 for Court Reporter Reallocation*

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Attachment A: Recommended Reallocation of Court Reporter Funding

Court	Initial Allocation	Additional Funding Requested	Amount of Funding Available for Reallocation	Funding Available as a Proportion of Amount Requested	Reallocation of Additional Funding
TOTAL	\$18,842,638	\$10,232,734	\$820,486	8.02%	\$820,486
Kings	\$124,578	\$329,372		8.02%	\$26,410
Los Angeles	\$9,553,044	\$692,000		8.02%	\$55,486
Madera	\$166,742	\$74,500		8.02%	\$5,974
Mendocino	\$74,629	\$25,000		8.02%	\$2,005
Nevada	\$72,304	\$60,000		8.02%	\$4,811
Orange	\$2,156,003	\$2,429,126		8.02%	\$194,773
Riverside	\$1,756,704	\$2,691,597		8.02%	\$215,819
San Diego	\$2,179,163	\$2,000,000		8.02%	\$160,365
San Francisco	\$703,092	\$566,000		8.02%	\$45,383
San Joaquin	\$557,652	\$55,000		8.02%	\$4,410
San Mateo	\$376,647	\$602,023		8.02%	\$48,272
Santa Barbara	\$258,026	\$76,465		8.02%	\$6,131
Solano	\$306,758	\$200,000		8.02%	\$16,037
Tuolumne	\$54,146	\$153,919		8.02%	\$12,342
Ventura	\$503,150	\$277,733		8.02%	\$22,269

Attachment B: Courts Returning Unused 2024–25 Funding for Court Reporter Reallocation

Court	Initial Allocation	Funding Returned for Reallocation Process
TOTAL	\$1,462,898	\$820,486
Alpine	\$25,000	\$16,667
Colusa	\$25,000	\$20,000
El Dorado	\$118,271	\$111,183
Glenn	\$25,000	\$25,000
Lassen	\$25,000	\$25,000
Marin	\$142,636	\$67,636
Mariposa	\$25,000	\$25,000
Merced	\$203,529	\$50,000
Modoc	\$25,000	\$25,000
Mono	\$25,000	\$25,000
Monterey	\$262,987	\$100,000
Santa Cruz	\$146,060	\$15,000
Shasta	\$173,496	\$125,000
Sierra	\$25,000	\$25,000
Siskiyou	\$42,778	\$40,000
Sutter	\$83,408	\$60,000
Tehama	\$64,733	\$40,000
Trinity	\$25,000	\$25,000

Attachment C: Courts Requesting Additional Funding in 2024–25 for Court Reporter Reallocation

Court	Initial Allocation	Additional Funding Requested for Reallocation Process
TOTAL	\$18,842,638	\$10,232,734
Kings	\$124,578	\$329,372
Los Angeles	\$9,553,044	\$692,000
Madera	\$166,742	\$74,500
Mendocino	\$74,629	\$25,000
Nevada	\$72,304	\$60,000
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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Title

Rules and Forms: Technical Form Changes
to Reflect Federal Poverty Guidelines

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected

Revise forms APP-015/FW-015-INFO, FW-001, FW-001-GC, and JV-132

Recommended by

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Action Required

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Executive Summary

Certain Judicial Council forms contain calculations based on the federal poverty guidelines, which are updated annually in January. Judicial Council staff recommend revising four Judicial Council forms to reflect the 2025 guidelines and ensure these forms remain accurate.

Recommendation

Judicial Council staff recommend that the Judicial Council, effective March 1, 2025, revise the following forms to reflect the 2025 federal poverty guidelines:

- *Information Sheet on Waiver of Appellate Court Fees—Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, Appellate Division* (form APP-015/FW-015-INFO);
- *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001);
- *Request to Waive Court Fees (Ward or Conservatee)* (form FW-001-GC); and
- *Financial Declaration—Juvenile Dependency* (form JV-132).

The revised forms are attached at pages 5–15.

Relevant Previous Council Action

The council last revised forms FW-001, FW-001-GC, and APP-015/FW-015-INFO effective April 1, 2024, to reflect the 2024 federal poverty guidelines. Form JV-132 was last revised effective April 1, 2024, to reflect the addition of the federal poverty guidelines to the criteria established in the *Guidelines for the Juvenile Dependency Counsel Collections Program* (Appendix F of the California Rules of Court) for waiving liability for reimbursement of the cost of court-appointed counsel in dependency proceedings.

Analysis/Rationale

Fee waiver forms

Government Code section 68632 determines when courts must waive filing fees and other court costs due to a litigant's financial condition. A fee waiver must be granted to litigants whose household monthly income is 200 percent or less of the current poverty guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).¹ The Judicial Council is required to annually publish a table establishing the threshold monthly household income for a fee waiver under section 68632, adjusted for household family size.²

This table is included in item 5b on *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001), in item 8b on *Request to Waive Court Fees (Ward or Conservatee)* (form FW-001-GC), and on page 1 of *Information Sheet on Waiver of Appellate Court Fees—Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, Appellate Division* (form APP-015/FW-015-INFO).

HHS released the 2025 federal poverty guidelines on January 15, 2025, and staff therefore recommend revising these three forms to reflect the new guidelines.³ To determine the new monthly income figures for the forms, the federal poverty guidelines are multiplied by 200 percent and divided by 12, as shown in Attachment A: Computation Sheet.⁴ The new figures are reflected in the revised tables on the attached forms.

Additionally, staff recommend revising form APP-015/FW-015-INFO to reflect the current jurisdictional limit of \$35,000.⁵ Pages 1 and 2 of the form contain several outdated references to the previous limit of \$25,000.

¹ Gov. Code, § 68632(b)(1).

² *Id.*, § 68632(b)(2).

³ The 2025 figures have been published in the Federal Register. See U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines, 90 FR 5917. (See Link A.)

⁴ The monthly income figures in Attachment A and the tables on the revised forms slightly exceed 200 percent of the poverty guidelines because they are rounded to the nearest cent. The language on the forms reflects this slight excess in stating that the item should be checked if the household income is “less than” the amount in the chart.

⁵ Code Civ. Proc., § 85.

Juvenile form

The Judicial Council administers a program under Welfare and Institutions Code section 903.47 to collect reimbursement of the cost of court-appointed counsel in dependency proceedings. *Guidelines for the Juvenile Dependency Counsel Collections Program* contains a statewide standard for determining an obligated person's ability to pay reimbursement. Under these guidelines, a person is presumed to be unable to pay reimbursement and is eligible for a waiver of liability if they receive qualifying public benefits or qualify for a fee waiver under the criteria of Government Code section 68632(b)(1).⁶ *Financial Declaration—Juvenile Dependency* (form JV-132) is used to determine a person's financial condition when deciding if they are eligible for a waiver of liability for the cost of court-appointed counsel.⁷

Item 3 on form JV-132 contains figures based on the federal poverty guidelines. Staff recommend revising item 3 to reflect the 2025 federal poverty guidelines. To determine the new monthly income figures for the form, the federal poverty guidelines are multiplied by 200 percent and divided by 12, as shown in Attachment A: Computation Sheet. The new figures are reflected in the revised tables on the attached form.

Policy implications

The revised forms include calculations based on the federal poverty guidelines, which have been updated for 2025. Revising the forms will ensure that litigants and courts have accurate information to decide fee waivers and liability for reimbursement of the cost of court-appointed counsel in dependency proceedings. The Judicial Council is required by statute and the California Rules of Court to annually revise these forms to reflect the current federal poverty guidelines. Accordingly, the key policy implication is to ensure that these council forms correctly reflect the current guidelines.

Comments

Public comments were not solicited for this proposal because the Rules Committee determined that the recommendations are within the Judicial Council's purview to adopt without circulation. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.22(d)(2).)

Alternatives considered

Staff did not consider the alternative of taking no action because the Judicial Council is required by statute and the California Rules of Court to annually revise these forms to reflect the current federal poverty guidelines.

Fiscal and Operational Impacts

If a court provides free copies of these forms to parties, it will incur costs to print or duplicate the forms. Because the revisions are required by law, these operational impacts cannot be avoided.

⁶ Cal. Rules of Court, App. F, § 6(d)(1).

⁷ *Id.*, § 6(d)(3).

Attachments and Links

1. Forms APP-015/FW-015-INFO, FW-001, FW-001-GC, and JV-132, at pages 5–15
2. Attachment A: Computation Sheet
3. Link A: HHS Poverty Guidelines for 2025, <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>

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**INFORMATION SHEET ON WAIVER OF APPELLATE COURT FEES—
SUPREME COURT, COURT OF APPEAL, APPELLATE DIVISION**

If you file an appeal, a petition for a writ, or a petition for review in a civil case, such as a family law case or a case in which you sued someone or someone sued you, you must generally pay a filing fee to the court. If you are a party other than the party who filed the appeal or the petition, you must also generally pay a fee when you file your first document in a case in the Court of Appeal or Supreme Court. You and the other parties in the case may also have to pay other court fees in these proceedings, such as fees to prepare or get a copy of a clerk’s transcript in an appeal. However, if you cannot afford to pay these court fees and costs, you may ask the court to issue an order saying you do not have to pay these fees (this is called “waiving” these fees).

1. Who can get their court fees waived? The court will waive your court fees and costs if:

- **You are getting public assistance**, such as Medi-Cal; Food Stamps; Supplemental Security Income (not Social Security); State Supplemental Payment; County Relief/General Assistance; In-Home Supportive Services; CalWORKS; Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Cash Assistance Program for Aged, Blind, and Disabled; Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC Program); or unemployment compensation.
- **You have a low income level.** Under the law you are considered a low-income person if the gross monthly income (before deductions for taxes) of your household is less than the amount listed below:

Family Size	Family Income	Family Size	Family Income	Family Size	Family Income
1	\$2,608.33	3	\$4,441.67	5	\$6,275.00
2	\$3,525.00	4	\$5,358.33	6	\$7,191.67

If more than 6 people at home, add \$916.67 for each extra person.

- **You do not have enough income to pay for your household’s basic needs and your court fees.**

2. What fees and costs will the court waive? If you qualify for a fee waiver, the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, or Appellate Division will waive the filing fee for the notice of appeal, a petition for a writ, a petition for review, or the first document filed by a party other than the party who filed the appeal or petition, and any court fee for participating in oral argument by telephone. The trial court will also waive costs related to the clerk’s transcript on appeal, the fee for the court to hold in trust the deposit for a reporter's transcript on appeal under rule 8.130(b) or rule 8.834(b) of the California Rules of Court, and the fees for making a transcript or copy of an official electronic recording under rule 8.835. If you are the appellant (the person who is appealing the trial court decision), the fees waived include the deposit required under Government Code section 68926.1 and the costs for preparing and certifying the clerk’s transcript and sending the original to the reviewing court and one copy to you. If you are the respondent (a party other than the appellant in a case that is being appealed), the fees waived include the costs for sending you a copy of the clerk’s transcript. You can also ask the trial court to waive other necessary court fees and costs.

The court **cannot** waive the fees for preparing a reporter’s transcript in a civil case. A special fund, called the Transcript Reimbursement Fund, may help pay for the transcript. (See www.courtreportersboard.ca.gov/consumers/index.shtml#trf and Business and Professions Code sections 8030.2 and following for more information about this fund.) If you are unable to pay the cost of a reporter’s transcript, a record of the oral proceedings can be prepared in other ways, by preparing an agreed statement or, in some circumstances, a statement on appeal or settled statement.

3. How do I ask the court to waive my fees?

- **Appeal in Limited Civil Case (civil case in which the amount of money claimed is \$35,000 or less).** In a limited civil case, if the trial court already issued an order waiving your court fees *and that fee waiver has not ended* (fee waivers automatically end 60 days after the judgment), the fees and costs identified in item 2 above are already waived; just give the court a copy of your current fee waiver. If you do not already have an order waiving your fees or you had a fee waiver but it has ended, you must complete and file a *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001). If you are the appellant (the party who is appealing), you should check both boxes in item 4 on FW-001 and file the completed form with your notice of appeal. If you are the respondent (a party other than the appellant in a case that is being appealed), the completed form should be filed in the court when the fees you are requesting to be waived, such as the fee for the clerk’s transcript or telephonic oral argument, are due.

- **Writ Proceeding in Limited Civil Case (civil case in which the amount of money claimed is \$35,000 or less).** If you want the Superior Court to waive the fees in a writ proceeding in a limited civil case, you must complete a *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001). In item 4 on FW-001, check the second box. The completed form should be filed with your petition for a writ.
- **If You Are a Guardian or Conservator.** If you are a guardian or conservator or a petitioner for the appointment of a guardian or conservator, special rules apply to your request for a fee waiver on an appeal from an order in the guardianship or conservatorship proceeding or in a civil action in which you are a party acting on behalf of your ward or conservatee. Complete and submit a *Request to Waive Court Fees (Ward or Conservatee)* (form FW-001-GC) to request a fee waiver. See California Rules of Court, rule 7.5.
- **Appeal in Other Civil Cases.** If you want the court to waive fees and costs in an appeal in a civil case other than a limited civil case, such as a family law case or an unlimited civil case (a civil case in which the amount of money claimed is more than \$35,000), you must complete a *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001). In item 4 on FW-001, check the second box to ask the Court of Appeal to waive the fee for filing the notice of appeal or, if you are a respondent (a party other than the one who filed the appeal), the fee for the first document you file in the Court of Appeal. Check both boxes if you also want the trial court to waive your costs for the clerk’s transcript (if the trial court already issued an order waiving your fees *and that fee waiver has not ended*, you do not need to check the first box; the fees and costs identified in item 2 above are already waived, just give the court a copy of your current fee waiver). If you are the appellant, the completed form should be submitted with your notice of appeal (if you check both boxes in item 4, the court may ask for two signed copies of this form). If you are the respondent, the completed form should be submitted at the time the fee you are asking the court to waive is due. For example, file the form in the trial court with your request for a copy of the clerk’s transcript if you are asking the court to waive the transcript fee or file the form in the Court of Appeal with the first document you file in that court if you are asking the court to waive the fee for filing that document. To request waiver of a court fee for telephonic oral argument, you should file the completed form in the Court of Appeal when the fee for telephonic oral argument is due.
- **Writ Proceeding in Other Civil Cases.** If you want the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal to waive the fees and costs in a writ proceeding in a civil case other than a limited civil case, such as a family law case or an unlimited civil case (a civil case in which the amount of money claimed is more than \$35,000), you must complete a *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001). If you are the petitioner (the party filing the petition), the completed form should be submitted with your petition for a writ in the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal clerk’s office. If you are a party other than the petitioner, the completed form should be filed with the first document you file in the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal.
- **Petition for Review.** If you want to request that the Supreme Court waive the fees in a petition for review proceeding, you must complete a *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001) or a *Request to Waive Court Fees (Ward or Conservatee)* (form FW-001-GC). If you are the petitioner, you should submit the completed form with your petition for review. If you are a party other than the petitioner, the completed form should be filed with the first document you file in the Supreme Court.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

- **Fill out your request completely and truthfully.** When you sign your request for a fee waiver, you are declaring under penalty of perjury that the information you have provided is true and correct.
- **The court may ask you for information and evidence.** You may be ordered to go to court to answer questions about your ability to pay court fees and costs and to provide proof of eligibility. Any initial fee waiver you are granted may be ended if you do not go to court when asked. You may be ordered to repay amounts that were waived if the court finds you were not eligible for the fee waiver.
- **If you receive a fee waiver, you must tell the court if there is a change in your finances.** You must tell the court immediately if your finances improve or if you become able to pay court fees or costs during this case (file form FW-010 with the court). You may be ordered to repay any amounts that were waived after your eligibility ended. If the trial court waived your fees and costs and you settle your case for \$10,000 or more, the trial court will have a lien on the settlement in the amount of the waived fees.
- **The fee waiver ends.** The fee waiver expires 60 days after the judgment, dismissal, or other final disposition of the case or when the court finds that you are not eligible for a fee waiver.

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

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If you are getting public benefits, are a low-income person, or do not have enough income to pay for your household's basic needs and your court fees, you may use this form to ask the court to waive your court fees.

- You cannot give the court proof of your eligibility,
Your financial situation improves during this case, or
You settle your civil case for \$10,000 or more.

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Fill in case number and name:

Case Number:

Case Name:

1 Your Information (person asking the court to waive the fees):

Name:
Street or mailing address:
City: State: Zip:
Phone:

2 Your Job, if you have one (job title):

Name of employer:
Employer's address:

3 Your Lawyer, if you have one (name, firm or affiliation, address, phone number, and State Bar number):

a. The lawyer has agreed to advance all or a portion of your fees or costs (check one): Yes No

b. (If yes, your lawyer must sign here) Lawyer's signature:
If your lawyer is not providing legal-aid type services based on your low income, you may have to go to a hearing to explain why you are asking the court to waive the fees.

4 What court's fees or costs are you asking to be waived?

- Superior Court (See Information Sheet on Waiver of Superior Court Fees and Costs (form FW-001-INFO).)
Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, or Appellate Division of Superior Court (See Information Sheet on Waiver of Appellate Court Fees (form APP-015/FW-015-INFO).)

5 Why are you asking the court to waive your court fees?

- I receive (check all that apply; see form FW-001-INFO for definitions):
Food Stamps Supp. Sec. Inc. SSP Medi-Cal County Relief/Gen. Assist. IHSS
CalWORKS or Tribal TANF CAPI WIC Unemployment
My gross monthly household income (before deductions for taxes) is less than the amount listed below. (If you check 5b, you must fill out 7, 8, and 9 on page 2 of this form.)

Table with 6 columns: Family Size, Family Income, Family Size, Family Income, Family Size, Family Income. Values include 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and income amounts like \$2,608.33, \$4,441.67, \$6,275.00, \$3,525.00, \$5,358.33, \$7,191.67.

- I do not have enough income to pay for my household's basic needs and the court fees. I ask the court to:
waive all court fees and costs
waive some of the court fees
let me make payments over time

6 Check here if you asked the court to waive your court fees for this case in the last six months. (If your previous request is reasonably available, please attach it to this form and check here):

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this form and all attachments is true and correct.

Date:

Print your name here

Sign here

Your name: _____

If you checked 5a on page 1, do not fill out below. If you checked 5b, fill out questions 7, 8, and 9 only. If you checked 5c, you must fill out this entire page. If you need more space, attach form MC-025 or attach a sheet of paper and write Financial Information and your name and case number at the top.

7 Check here if your income changes a lot from month to month. If it does, complete the form based on your average income for the past 12 months.

8 Your Gross Monthly Income

a. List the source and amount of any income you get each month, including: wages or other income from work before deductions, spousal/child support, retirement, social security, disability, unemployment, military basic allowance for quarters (BAQ), veterans payments, dividends, interest, trust income, annuities, net business or rental income, reimbursement for job-related expenses, gambling or lottery winnings, etc.

- (1) _____ \$ _____
(2) _____ \$ _____
(3) _____ \$ _____
(4) _____ \$ _____

b. Your total monthly income: \$ _____

9 Household Income

a. List the income of all other persons living in your home who depend in whole or in part on you for support, or on whom you depend in whole or in part for support.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Relationship, Gross Monthly Income. Rows (1) through (4) with blank lines for entry.

b. Total monthly income of persons above: \$ _____

Total monthly income and household income (8b plus 9b): \$ _____

10 Your Money and Property

a. Cash \$ _____

b. All financial accounts (List bank name and amount):

- (1) _____ \$ _____
(2) _____ \$ _____
(3) _____ \$ _____

c. Cars, boats, and other vehicles

Table with columns: Make / Year, Fair Market Value, How Much You Still Owe. Rows (1) through (3) with blank lines for entry.

d. Real estate

Table with columns: Address, Fair Market Value, How Much You Still Owe. Rows (1) through (2) with blank lines for entry.

e. Other personal property (jewelry, furniture, furs, stocks, bonds, etc.):

Table with columns: Describe, Fair Market Value, How Much You Still Owe. Rows (1) through (2) with blank lines for entry.

11 Your Monthly Deductions and Expenses

a. List any payroll deductions and the monthly amount below:

- (1) _____ \$ _____
(2) _____ \$ _____
(3) _____ \$ _____
(4) _____ \$ _____

b. Rent or house payment & maintenance \$ _____

c. Food and household supplies \$ _____

d. Utilities and telephone \$ _____

e. Clothing \$ _____

f. Laundry and cleaning \$ _____

g. Medical and dental expenses \$ _____

h. Insurance (life, health, accident, etc.) \$ _____

i. School, child care \$ _____

j. Child, spousal support (another marriage) \$ _____

k. Transportation, gas, auto repair and insurance \$ _____

l. Installment payments (list each below):

- Paid to:
(1) _____ \$ _____
(2) _____ \$ _____
(3) _____ \$ _____

m. Wages/earnings withheld by court order \$ _____

n. Any other monthly expenses (list each below).

- Paid to: How Much?
(1) _____ \$ _____
(2) _____ \$ _____
(3) _____ \$ _____

Total monthly expenses (add 11a - 11n above): \$ _____

To list any other facts you want the court to know, such as unusual medical expenses, etc., attach form MC-025 or attach a sheet of paper and write Financial Information and your name and case number at the top.

Check here if you attach another page.

Important! If your financial situation or ability to pay court fees improves, you must notify the court within five days on form FW-010.

This form must be used by a guardian or conservator, or by a petitioner for the appointment of a guardian or conservator, to request a waiver of court fees in the guardianship or conservatorship court proceeding or in any other civil action in which the guardian or conservator represents the interests of the ward or conservatee as a plaintiff or defendant.

If the ward or conservatee (including a proposed ward or conservatee if a petition for appointment of a guardian or conservator has been filed but has not yet been decided by the court) directly receives public benefits or is supported by public benefits received by another for their support, is a low-income person, or does not have enough income to pay for their household's basic needs and the court fees, you may use this form to ask the court to waive the court fees.

The court may order you to answer questions about the finances of the ward or conservatee. If the court waives the fees, the ward or conservatee, their estate, or someone with a duty to support the ward or conservatee, may still have to pay later if:

- You cannot give the court proof of the ward's or conservatee's eligibility,
- The ward's or conservatee's financial situation improves during this case, or
- You settle the civil case on behalf of the ward or conservatee for **\$10,000** or more. The trial court that waives fees will have a lien on any such settlement in the amount of the waived fees and costs. The court may also charge the ward or conservatee, or their estate, any collection costs.

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

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Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Fill in case number and name:

Case Number:

Case Name:

1 Your Information (*guardian or conservator, or person asking the court to appoint a guardian or conservator*):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street or mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

2 Your Lawyer (*if you have one*): Name: _____

Firm or Affiliation: _____ State Bar No.: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

a. The lawyer has agreed to advance all or a portion of court fees or costs (*check one*): Yes No

b. (*If yes, your lawyer must sign here.*) Lawyer's signature: _____

If your lawyer is not providing legal-aid type services based on your or the ward's or conservatee's low income, you may have to go to a hearing to explain why you are asking the court to waive the fees.

3 Ward's or Conservatee's Information (*file a separate Request for each ward in a multiward case*):

Name: _____ Age and date of birth (*ward only*): _____

Street or mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

4 Ward's or Conservatee's Lawyer, if any: Name: _____

Firm or Affiliation: _____ State Bar No.: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

5 Ward or Conservatee's Job (*job title; if not employed, so state*): _____

Name of employer: _____

Employer's address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____



Name of (Proposed) Ward or Conservatee: _____

Case Number: _____

6 What court's fees or costs are you asking to be waived?

- Superior Court (See *Information Sheet on Waiver of Superior Court Fees and Costs* (form FW-001-INFO).)
- Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, or Appellate Division of Superior Court (See *Information Sheet on Waiver of Appellate Court Fees* (form APP-015/FW-015-INFO).)

7 Check here if you asked the court to waive court fees for this case in the last six months.
(If your previous request is reasonably available, please attach it to this form and check here):

8 Why are you asking the court to waive the ward's or conservatee's court fees?

- a. The ward or one or both of the ward's parents, or the conservatee or the conservatee's spouse or registered domestic partner, receive (check all that apply):
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) State Supplemental Payment (SSP) SNAP (Food Stamps)
 - IHSS (In-Home Supportive Services) CalWORKS or Tribal TANF Medi-Cal
 - County Relief/General Assistance CAPI (Cash Assistance Program for Aged, Blind, and Disabled)
 - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC Program)
 - Unemployment Compensation

(Names and relationships to ward or conservatee of persons who receive the public benefits listed above):

b. The gross monthly income of the ward's or conservatee's household (before deductions for taxes) is less than the amount listed below. (If you check 8b, you **must** fill out items 14, 15, and 16 on page 4 of this form.)*

Family Size	Family Income	Family Size	Family Income	Family Size	Family Income	If more than 6 people at home, add \$916.67 for each extra person.
1	\$2,608.33	3	\$4,441.67	5	\$6,275.00	
2	\$3,525.00	4	\$5,358.33	6	\$7,191.67	

- c. The ward's or conservatee's household does not have enough income to pay for its basic needs and the court fees. I ask the court to (check one, and you **must** fill out items 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 on page 4):*
- (1) Waive all court fees and costs.
 - (2) Waive some court fees and costs.
 - (3) Let the (proposed) guardian or conservator, on behalf of the (proposed) ward or conservatee, make payments over time.

* (Do not include income of guardian or conservator living in the household in 8b or 8c or count them in family size in 8b, unless they are a parent of the ward or the spouse or registered domestic partner of the conservatee.)

Guardians or petitioners for their appointment must complete items 9 and 10.

9 Ward's Estate: Person only, no estate. Inventory or petition estimated value:

Source (e.g., gift, inheritance, settlement, judgment, insurance): _____ Est. collection date: _____

10 Ward's Parents' Information:

- a. Name of ward's parent: _____ Deceased (date of death): _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
- b. Name of ward's parent: _____ Deceased (date of death): _____
Street or mailing address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
- c. Ward's parents are (check all that apply): married living together separated divorced
Support order for ward? No Yes Payable to (name): _____
Payor (name): _____
Court: _____ Case Number: _____
Date of order (if multiple, date of latest): _____ Monthly amount: _____



Name of (Proposed) Ward or Conservatee: _____

Case Number: _____

Conservators or petitioners for their appointment must complete items 11–13.

11 **Conservatee's Estate:** Person only, no estate.

Inventory or petition estimated value: _____

Est. collection date: _____

12 **Conservatee's Spouse's or Registered Domestic Partner's Information:**

Name of conservatee's spouse or registered domestic partner: _____ Spouse Partner

Date of marriage or partnership: _____ Deceased (date of death): _____

Street or mailing address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of employer (if none, so state): _____

Employer's address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

The conservatee's spouse or partner is is not managing, or following appointment of a conservator is planning to manage, some or all of the couple's community property outside the conservatorship estate.

If you selected "is" above: The income, money, and property shown on page 4 includes does not include the income and property managed, or expected to be managed, by the spouse/partner outside the estate.

Divorced (date of final judgment or decree): _____

Court: _____

Case Number: _____ Support order for conservatee? No Yes

Date of support order (if multiple, date of latest): _____ Monthly amount: _____

13 **The Conservatee and Trusts:**

The conservatee:

a. is is not a trustor or settlor of a trust.

b. is is not a beneficiary of a trust.

If you selected "Is" to complete any of the above statements, identify and provide, in an attachment to this Request, the current address and telephone number of the current trustee(s) of each trust, describe the general terms of and value of each trust and the nature and value of the conservatee's interest in each trust, and the amount(s) and frequency of any distributions to or for the benefit of the conservatee prior to your appointment as conservator of which you are aware. (You may use Judicial Council form MC-025 for this purpose.)

All applicants who checked item 8b or item 8c on page 2 must continue to and follow the instructions for completion of items 14–16 or items 14–18 on page 4, before signing below.

The information I have provided on this form and all attachments about the (proposed) ward or conservatee is true and correct to the best of my information and belief. The information I have provided on this form and all attachments concerning myself is true and correct. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: _____

Print your name here

Sign here



Name of (Proposed) Ward or Conservatee:

Case Number:

If you checked 8a on page 2, do not fill out below. If you checked 8b, you must answer questions 14–16. If you checked 8c, you must answer questions 14–18. If you need more space, attach form MC-025 or attach a sheet of paper, and write "Financial Information" and the ward's or conservatee's name and case number at the top.

14 Check here if the ward's or conservatee's income changes a lot from month to month. If it does, complete the form based on their average income for the past 12 months.

15 Ward's or Conservatee's Gross Monthly Income

a. List the source and amount of any income the ward or conservatee gets each month, including: wages or other income from work before deductions, spousal/child support, retirement, social security, disability, unemployment, military basic allowance for quarters (BAQ), veterans payments, dividends, interest, trust income, annuities, net business or rental income, reimbursement for job-related expenses, gambling or lottery winnings, etc.

- (1) \$
(2) \$
(3) \$
(4) \$
(5) \$

b. Total monthly income: \$

16 Ward's or Conservatee's Household's Income

a. List the income of all other persons living in the ward's or conservatee's home who depend in whole or in part on them for support, or on whom they depend in whole or in part for support.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Relationship, Gross Monthly Income. Rows 1-10.

b. Total monthly income of persons above: \$

Total monthly income and household income (15b plus 16b): \$

17 Ward's or Conservatee's Household's Money and Property

a. Cash \$

b. All financial accounts (list bank name and amount):

- (1) \$
(2) \$
(3) \$

c. Cars, boats, and other vehicles

Table with columns: Make / Year, Fair Market Value, How Much You Still Owe. Rows 1-3.

d. Real estate Address Fair Market Value How Much You Still Owe

- (1) \$
(2) \$

e. Other personal property (jewelry, furniture, furs, stocks, bonds, etc.):

Table with columns: Describe, Fair Market Value, How Much You Still Owe. Rows 1-2.

18 Ward's or Conservatee's Household's Monthly Deductions and Expenses

a. List any payroll deductions and the monthly amount below:

- (1) \$
(2) \$
(3) \$
(4) \$

b. Rent or house payment and maintenance \$

c. Food and household supplies \$

d. Utilities and telephone \$

e. Clothing \$

f. Laundry and cleaning \$

g. Medical and dental expenses \$

h. Insurance (life, health, accident, etc.) \$

i. School, child care \$

j. Child, spousal support (another marriage) \$

k. Transportation, gas, auto repair and insurance \$

l. Installment payments (list each below):

- Paid to:
(1) \$
(2) \$
(3) \$

m. Wages/earnings withheld by court order \$

n. Any other monthly expenses (list each below).

- Paid to: How Much?
(1) \$
(2) \$
(3) \$

Total monthly expenses (add 18a – 18n above): \$

To list any other facts you want the court to know, such as the (proposed) ward's or conservatee's unusual medical expenses, etc, attach form MC-025 or attach a sheet of paper and write "Financial Information" and the (proposed) ward's or conservatee's name and case number at the top.

Check here if you attach another page. []

Important! If the ward's or conservatee's financial situation or ability to pay court fees improves, you must notify the court within five days on form FW-010-GC.

Do not include income of guardian or conservator living in the household in item 16, their money and property in item 17, or their deductions and expenses in item 18 unless they are a parent of the ward or the spouse or registered domestic partner of the conservatee.

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY STATE BAR NO.: NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name):	FOR COURT USE ONLY DRAFT 1/15/2025 NOT APPROVED BY COUNCIL
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:	
CHILDREN'S NAMES:	
FINANCIAL DECLARATION—JUVENILE DEPENDENCY	CASE NUMBER:

1. Personal Information:

Name:		Social Security Number:	
Other names used:			
I.D. or Driver's License Number:		Date of Birth:	Age:
Relationship to Child: <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Other Responsible Person (specify):			
Street or Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone: Alternate Phone:
Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic partner <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed			
Name of Spouse/Partner:		Number of dependents living with you:	
Names and ages of dependents:			

2. I receive (check all that apply): Medi-Cal SNAP (food stamps) SSI SSP
- County Relief/General Assistance CalWORKS or Tribal TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- IHSS (In-Home Supportive Services) CAPI (Cash Assistance Program for Aged, Blind, and Disabled)
- California Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC Program)
- Unemployment compensation

3. My gross monthly household income (before deductions for taxes) is less than the amount listed below:

Family Size	Family Income	Family Size	Family Income	Family Size	Family Income	If more than 6 people at home, add \$916.67 for each extra person.
1	\$2,608.33	3	\$4,441.67	5	\$6,275.00	
2	\$3,525.00	4	\$5,358.33	6	\$7,191.67	

4. I have been reunified with my child(ren) under a court order (attached).

5. I am receiving court-ordered reunification services.

CHILDREN'S NAMES:	CASE NUMBER:
RESPONSIBLE PERSON'S NAME:	

6. Employment:

Your Employment				Your Spouse/Partner's Employment			
Employer:				Employer:			
Address:				Address:			
City and Zip Code:		Phone:		City and Zip Code:		Phone:	
Type of Job:				Type of Job:			
How long employed:	Working now?	Monthly salary:	Take home pay:	How long employed:	Working now?	Monthly salary:	Take home pay:
If not now employed, who was your last employer? <i>(name, address, city, and zip code):</i>				If not now employed, who was this person's last employer? <i>(name, address, city, and zip code):</i>			
Phone number of last employer:				Phone number of last employer:			

7. Other Monthly Income and Assets:

Other Income	Assets: What Do You Own?
Unemployment \$	Cash \$
Disability \$	Real Property/Equity \$
Social Security \$	Cars and Other Vehicles \$
Workers' Compensation \$	Life Insurance \$
Child Support Payments \$	Bank Accounts (<i>list below</i>)..... \$
Foster Care Payments \$	Stocks and Bonds \$
Other Income \$	Business Interest \$
Total \$	Other Assets \$
	Total \$
	Name and branch of bank:
	 Account numbers:

CHILDREN'S NAMES:	CASE NUMBER:
RESPONSIBLE PERSON'S NAME:	

8. Expenses:

Monthly Household Expenses	Reunification Plan: Monthly Cost of Required Services
Rent or Mortgage Payment \$	Parenting Classes \$
Car Payment \$	Substance Abuse Treatment \$
Gas and Car Insurance \$	Therapy/Counseling \$
Public Transportation \$	Medical Care/Medications \$
Utilities (Gas, Electric, Phone, Water, etc.)... \$	Domestic Violence Counseling \$
Food \$	Batterers' Intervention \$
Clothing and Laundry \$	Victim Support \$
Child Care \$	Regional Center Programs \$
Child Support Payments \$	Transportation \$
Medical Payments \$	In-Home Services \$
Other Necessary Monthly Expenses \$	Other \$
Total \$	Total \$

9. Loan/Expense Payments (other than mortgage or car loan):

Name of lender and type of loan/expense	Monthly payment	Balance owed
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above information is true and correct.

Date:

_____ ▶ _____
 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) (SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT)

FOR FINANCIAL EVALUATION OFFICER USE ONLY

TOTAL INCOME	\$	COST OF LEGAL SERVICES	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	MONTHLY PAYMENT	\$
NET DISPOSABLE INCOME	\$	TOTAL COST ASSESSED	\$

The above-named responsible person is presumed unable to pay reimbursement for the cost of legal services in this proceeding and is eligible for a waiver of liability because

- they receive qualifying public benefits
- their household income falls below 200% of the current federal poverty guidelines
- they have been reunified with the child(ren) under a court order and payment of reimbursement would harm their ability to support the child(ren).

Date:

_____ ▶ _____
 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) (SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL EVALUATION OFFICER)

Computation Sheet

Number in Family	2025 Federal Poverty Guidelines (A)	200% of Poverty Guidelines (B) <i>(B = A x 200%)</i>	2025 California Monthly Income (C) <i>(C = B / 12)*</i>
1	\$15,650	\$31,300.00	\$2,608.33
2	21,150	42,300.00	3,525.00
3	26,650	53,300.00	4,441.67
4	32,150	64,300.00	5,358.33
5	37,650	75,300.00	6,275.00
6	43,150	86,300.00	7,191.67
For each additional person, add:	5,500	11,000.00	916.67

* These amounts have been rounded to the nearest whole cent. Language on the forms reflects this slight excess by stating that the household income is “less than” the amounts in the chart.



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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Item No.: 25-062

For business meeting on February 21, 2025

Title

Trial Court Budget: Allocation for Partial Restoration of Trial Court Operations Funding for Fiscal Year 2024–25

Report Type

Action Required

Effective Date

February 21, 2025

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected

None

Date of Report

February 3, 2025

Recommended by

Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair

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Executive Summary

The Budget Act of 2024 included an ongoing reduction of \$97 million General Fund to the trial courts, consistent with the statewide ongoing state operations reduction authorized by Control Section 4.05. The fiscal year (FY) 2025–26 Governor’s Budget included a partial restoration of \$42 million beginning in FY 2024–25, which will reduce the ongoing reduction to \$55 million. On a one-time basis, in FY 2024–25, the proposed restoration will use available reserves in the Trial Court Trust Fund for this purpose. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends allocating the partial restoration in current year consistent with the methodology that was used to allocate the initial \$97 million reduction. The increased allocation will mitigate the impact of the reduction on services provided to the public and increase access to justice.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective February 21, 2025, allocate the \$42 million partial restoration using the methodology approved by the Judicial Council at its July 12, 2024, business meeting for the initial \$97 million reduction. This approach will recalculate the reduction to trial court operations using the initial methodology with the restored funding, which results in a revised \$55 million reduction for FY 2024–25. Approval of this current year allocation is contingent upon approval of the Legislature.

Relevant Previous Council Action

The Judicial Council allocates funding to the trial courts through various methodologies including its approved Workload Formula allocation methodology. Currently, the Workload Formula policy states that allocations in fiscal years for which a budget reduction must be implemented will be addressed as needed, with special consideration toward those courts below the statewide average funding level. A methodology for applying a funding reduction will be determined in the year a reduction occurs.

At its business meeting on July 12, 2024,¹ the council approved a recommendation to apply the same methodology for the \$97 million reduction that was adopted at its business meeting on July 24, 2020² to allocate a \$167.8 million reduction that occurred due to the projected budget deficit resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. When the \$167.8 million reduction was restored in the Budget Act of 2021, the funding was allocated back to the trial courts in the exact amounts of their initial reductions.

Analysis/Rationale

The Budget Act of 2024 included an ongoing reduction of \$97 million General Fund to trial court operations. To mitigate the impact of this reduction on access to justice, the FY 2025–26 Governor’s Budget included a proposed partial restoration of \$42 million beginning in FY 2024–25. On a one-time basis, in FY 2024–25, the restoration will be funded with available reserves in the Trial Court Trust Fund. The Administration will reassess the condition of the Trial Court Trust Fund in the spring to evaluate the need for a General Fund backfill.

At its meeting on January 22, 2025,³ the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee approved the allocation of the \$42 million partial restoration using the methodology approved by the Judicial Council at its July 12, 2024, business meeting for the initial \$97 million reduction. This approach will back the \$97 million reduction out of the formula and recalculate the current year reduction to trial court operations using the revised \$55 million reduction.

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee approved this recommendation at its meeting on January 29, 2025.⁴

¹ Judicial Council of Cal., Staff Rep., *Trial Court Budget: Allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and Trial Court Allocations for Fiscal Year 2024–25* (July 12, 2024), <https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=13077708&GUID=08C509A8-B264-4D66-AFDC-B3EC97A5D296>.

² Judicial Council of Cal., Staff Re., *Trial Court Budget: Allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and Trial Courts Allocations for Fiscal Year 2020–21* (July 24, 2020), <https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8651228&GUID=27A3B6D8-9783-4865-8C5A-F6697EB58734>

³ Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Materials (January 22, 2025), <https://courts.ca.gov/system/files/file/tcbac-20250122-materials.pdf>

⁴ Judicial Branch Budget Committee Meeting Materials (January 29, 2025), <https://courts.ca.gov/system/files/file/jbbc-20250129-materials.pdf>

Under Item 0250-101-0932, Provision 4 of the Budget Act of 2024, the Judicial Council submitted a letter to the Department of Finance requesting a corresponding \$42 million increase in expenditure authority from the Trial Court Trust Fund in current year. Additionally, a 30-day notification in writing to the chairpersons of the committees and appropriate subcommittees that consider the State Budget, and the Chairperson of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee is required prior to adjusting the expenditure authority in this item.

The Judicial Council requested an expedited review period of 15-days, instead of the 30-day notification period. This will support the Judicial Council’s intent to allocate this partial restoration to the trial courts as expeditiously as possible to mitigate the impact of the reduction on core programs and services provided to the public and improve access to justice.

Policy implications

None.

Comments

This proposal was not circulated for comment. However, this recommendation was considered at meetings that were open to the public and no public comments were received.

Alternatives considered

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee also considered an alternative methodology for FY 2024–25 to allocate the \$42 million partial restoration to the trial courts proportionally based on their initial reduction amounts for the \$97 million. This methodology would represent a 42.6 percent restoration of each courts’ initial reduction.

$$\text{\$41,340,000} / \text{\$96,982,000} = 42.6\%$$

For example, Court A had an initial reduction of \$100,000 of the \$97 million. After the proportional restoration, the court will receive \$42,626 or $(\$100,000 / \$96,982,000 * \$41,340,000)$. Thus, the court’s revised reduction will be \$57,374 or $(\$100,000 - \$42,626)$.

This methodology was not recommended as it did not advance the goal of funding equity for the trial courts by using the Workload Formula model.

Fiscal and Operational Impacts

The partial restoration of \$42 million in the current year will provide additional resources for the trial courts and increase the statewide average funding level from 91.3 percent to 92.8 percent. This funding will mitigate the impact of the initial \$97 million reduction on core programs and services and improve access to justice. Trial courts have indicated that this funding will allow them to expand access to the courts by reversing staff furloughs and hiring freezes and extend counter hours to the public.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: Partial Funding Restoration for FY 2024–25

Partial Funding Restoration for FY 2024–25

Court	2024-25 Final Workload Formula Allocation	2024-25 Workload Formula	2024-25 Workload Formula Percentage (BEFORE Restoration)
	A	B	C
Alameda	88,446,403	94,645,177	93.45%
Alpine	978,500	549,681	178.01%
Amador	4,318,750	4,684,703	92.19%
Butte	13,707,099	14,689,951	93.31%
Calaveras	3,299,313	3,767,570	87.57%
Colusa	2,454,902	2,635,032	93.16%
Contra Costa	51,597,645	59,907,816	86.13%
Del Norte	4,483,485	3,875,339	115.69%
El Dorado	9,519,963	10,819,495	87.99%
Fresno	63,133,105	66,287,167	95.24%
Glenn	2,990,182	3,237,289	92.37%
Humboldt	8,900,393	9,318,361	95.51%
Imperial	10,163,038	8,073,327	125.88%
Inyo	2,512,390	2,676,571	93.87%
Kern	66,272,438	68,776,330	96.36%
Kings	10,774,613	12,025,488	89.60%
Lake	5,078,997	6,056,222	83.86%
Lassen	2,581,880	2,580,519	100.05%
Los Angeles	713,278,790	791,102,381	90.16%
Madera	12,659,634	13,875,025	91.24%
Marin	14,079,161	15,677,866	89.80%
Mariposa	1,860,977	1,846,094	100.81%
Mendocino	7,672,588	7,775,002	98.68%
Merced	16,500,078	18,264,043	90.34%
Modoc	1,372,099	1,480,959	92.65%
Mono	2,417,935	2,038,771	118.60%
Monterey	26,002,768	28,560,984	91.04%
Napa	9,487,748	10,740,134	88.34%
Nevada	6,570,957	7,425,652	88.49%
Orange	186,230,932	209,526,287	88.88%
Placer	24,862,554	27,355,659	90.89%
Plumas	1,897,592	1,629,248	116.47%
Riverside	134,884,127	155,691,163	86.64%
Sacramento	109,842,203	122,332,264	89.79%
San Benito	4,779,146	4,197,092	113.87%
San Bernardino	135,901,495	156,640,095	86.76%
San Diego	176,701,558	189,500,353	93.25%
San Francisco	64,458,077	55,305,114	116.55%
San Joaquin	49,951,911	53,533,653	93.31%
San Luis Obispo	18,523,163	19,492,482	95.03%
San Mateo	42,988,911	49,033,290	87.67%
Santa Barbara	26,681,819	29,058,002	91.82%
Santa Clara	93,382,508	97,354,039	95.92%
Santa Cruz	16,363,507	16,940,790	96.59%
Shasta	16,201,831	18,198,452	89.03%
Sierra	978,500	623,149	157.02%
Siskiyou	4,314,253	4,841,098	89.12%
Solano	28,669,037	31,445,139	91.17%
Sonoma	30,480,267	30,732,916	99.18%
Stanislaus	31,437,389	37,054,820	84.84%
Sutter	8,192,412	9,485,325	86.37%
Tehama	5,876,354	6,426,611	91.44%
Trinity	1,987,739	2,276,992	87.30%
Tulare	32,682,780	38,548,955	84.78%
Tuolumne	4,818,467	5,085,552	94.75%
Ventura	44,177,371	46,999,346	94.00%
Yolo	15,341,081	17,504,806	87.64%
Yuba	6,144,600	7,883,564	77.94%
Total:	2,481,867,415	2,718,089,203	91.31%

Reallocation of Reduction Restoration					
2024-25 Initial Reduction (\$96.982 million)	2024-25 Revised Reduction (\$55.642 million)	2024-25 Partial Restoration (\$41.34 million)	2024-25 Workload Formula Allocation (AFTER Restoration)	2024-25 Workload Formula Percentage (AFTER Restoration)	2024-25 Workload Formula Percentage CHANGE
D	E	F	G	H	I
(4,324,870)	(2,884,769)	1,440,100	89,886,503	94.97%	1.52%
-	-	-	978,500	178.01%	0.00%
(167,223)	(95,942)	71,281	4,390,031	93.71%	1.52%
(583,710)	(360,287)	223,423	13,930,522	94.83%	1.52%
(111,187)	(53,833)	57,354	3,356,668	89.09%	1.52%
(94,059)	(53,965)	40,094	2,494,996	94.69%	1.52%
(1,738,846)	(841,887)	896,959	52,494,605	87.63%	1.50%
(138,333)	(79,366)	58,966	4,542,452	117.21%	1.52%
(320,824)	(155,331)	165,492	9,685,455	89.52%	1.53%
(3,029,033)	(2,020,422)	1,008,611	64,141,716	96.76%	1.52%
(115,557)	(66,299)	49,258	3,039,440	93.89%	1.52%
(425,808)	(284,022)	141,786	9,042,179	97.04%	1.52%
(368,916)	(246,074)	122,842	10,285,880	127.41%	1.52%
(95,542)	(54,816)	40,726	2,553,116	95.39%	1.52%
(3,142,777)	(2,096,291)	1,046,485	67,318,923	97.88%	1.52%
(429,257)	(246,280)	182,977	10,957,590	91.12%	1.52%
(171,163)	(82,871)	88,292	5,167,289	85.32%	1.46%
(92,113)	(52,849)	39,265	2,621,145	101.57%	1.52%
(28,238,886)	(16,201,647)	12,037,239	725,316,029	91.68%	1.52%
(495,278)	(284,158)	211,119	12,870,753	92.76%	1.52%
(474,469)	(229,721)	244,748	14,323,909	91.36%	1.56%
(65,897)	(37,808)	28,090	1,889,067	102.33%	1.52%
(355,283)	(236,981)	118,303	7,790,891	100.20%	1.52%
(651,946)	(374,045)	277,902	16,777,980	91.86%	1.52%
(52,864)	(30,330)	22,534	1,394,633	94.17%	1.52%
(72,775)	(41,754)	31,021	2,448,957	120.12%	1.52%
(1,019,502)	(584,924)	434,578	26,437,346	92.56%	1.52%
(319,738)	(154,806)	164,932	9,652,680	89.87%	1.54%
(221,442)	(107,214)	114,228	6,685,185	90.03%	1.54%
(6,276,002)	(3,038,614)	3,237,387	189,468,320	90.43%	1.55%
(976,477)	(560,239)	416,238	25,278,792	92.41%	1.52%
(58,157)	(33,367)	24,790	1,922,382	117.99%	1.52%
(4,545,609)	(2,200,820)	2,344,789	137,228,916	88.14%	1.51%
(3,701,694)	(1,792,227)	1,909,467	111,751,670	91.35%	1.56%
(149,818)	(85,956)	63,862	4,843,008	115.39%	1.52%
(4,579,894)	(2,217,420)	2,362,474	138,263,969	88.27%	1.51%
(6,764,332)	(3,880,936)	2,883,396	179,584,953	94.77%	1.52%
(2,527,201)	(1,685,691)	841,510	65,299,587	118.07%	1.52%
(2,430,393)	(1,616,188)	814,205	50,766,116	94.83%	1.52%
(890,721)	(594,128)	296,593	18,819,756	96.55%	1.52%
(1,448,731)	(701,423)	747,307	43,736,218	89.20%	1.52%
(1,037,243)	(595,103)	442,140	27,123,960	93.34%	1.52%
(4,448,653)	(2,967,335)	1,481,318	94,863,826	97.44%	1.52%
(774,120)	(516,352)	257,767	16,621,274	98.11%	1.52%
(546,003)	(264,355)	281,648	16,483,479	90.58%	1.55%
-	-	-	978,500	157.02%	0.00%
(145,391)	(70,393)	74,998	4,389,251	90.67%	1.55%
(1,122,454)	(643,991)	478,462	29,147,499	92.69%	1.52%
(1,404,359)	(936,734)	467,625	30,947,892	100.70%	1.52%
(1,059,443)	(512,944)	546,499	31,983,888	86.32%	1.47%
(276,085)	(133,670)	142,415	8,334,826	87.87%	1.50%
(229,402)	(131,616)	97,786	5,974,139	92.96%	1.52%
(66,987)	(32,433)	34,554	2,022,293	88.81%	1.52%
(1,101,413)	(533,265)	568,148	33,250,929	86.26%	1.47%
(232,387)	(155,007)	77,381	4,895,848	96.27%	1.52%
(2,147,664)	(1,432,532)	715,132	44,892,503	95.52%	1.52%
(516,996)	(250,311)	266,685	15,607,767	89.16%	1.52%
(207,074)	(100,258)	106,816	6,251,416	79.30%	1.35%
(96,982,000)	(55,642,000)	41,340,000	2,523,207,415	92.83%	1.52%

Floor courts (2)
Cluster 1 courts (13)



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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Item No.: 25-029

For business meeting on February 21, 2025

Title

Report to the Legislature: Superior Court
Lactation Rooms Funding and Expenditures

Report Type

Action Required

Effective Date

February 21, 2025

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected

None

Date of Report

January 31, 2025

Recommended by

Judicial Council staff
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Executive Summary

Under Government Code section 69894.2, the Judicial Council is required to submit a report to the Legislature before March 1, 2025, and by March 1 of each year thereafter, on how funds previously appropriated by the Legislature for superior court lactation rooms have been expended. To date, a total of 103 lactation room projects are planned for completion with the expenditure of all \$15 million in funds previously appropriated by the Legislature through the passage of the Budget Act of 2022. Judicial Council staff recommends the Judicial Council approve the report and direct staff to submit it to the Legislature.

Recommendation

Judicial Council staff recommends that the Judicial Council, effective February 21, 2025, approve the *Superior Court Lactation Rooms Funding and Expenditures* (see Attachment A) and direct staff to submit it to the Legislature.

Relevant Previous Council Action

The council has taken no previous action as this proposal is the first report to the Legislature to meet the reporting requirement under Government Code section 69894.2.

Analysis/Rationale

Under Government Code section 69894.2, the Judicial Council is required to submit a report to the Legislature on or before March 1, 2025, and by March 1 of each year thereafter, on how funds previously appropriated by the Legislature have been expended, including but not limited to funds appropriated through the passage of the Budget Act of 2022, to assist the superior courts in providing lactation rooms in compliance with Government Code section 69894.

Government Code section 69894 states that “the superior court shall provide any court user access to a lactation room in any courthouse in which a lactation room is also provided to court employees” and that room “shall be located within the court facility in an area that is accessible to the public or in any location that is reasonably accessible to the public using the court facility.” (Gov. Code, § 69894(a).) It also states that “the superior court shall use the most cost effective means possible to construct or renovate lactation rooms in courthouses, including by installing portable lactation rooms where appropriate, due to operational, financial, or space limitations.” (Gov. Code, § 69894(b).)

A total of 103 lactation room projects are planned for completion with the expenditure of all \$15 million in funds previously appropriated by the Legislature through the passage of the Budget Act of 2022. All \$15 million in funds will be fully expended by June 30, 2026.

As of December 31, 2024, progress toward completion of these 103 planned lactation room projects is as follows:

- 32 projects have been completed at an average cost of \$109,700; and
- 71 projects are in design or construction as follows:
 - 35 are lactation pod installations at an average cost of \$138,200; and
 - 36 are alterations to existing space at an average cost of \$142,000.

As described below, additional funding is required to address the remaining, assessed need for lactation rooms in superior court facilities statewide—which equates to 154 lactation room projects—for compliance with Government Code section 69894. In comparison to projects completed or in design or construction, these projects involve more complex facility modifications to create a lactation room, and therefore, their average cost is higher.

Policy implications

None.

Comments

Public comments were not solicited for this proposal because the recommendation is within the Judicial Council’s purview to approve without circulation.

Alternatives considered

No alternatives to the recommended action were considered, as this reporting requirement is mandated by statute, and starting in 2025, it is required annually until either the superior courts fully comply with Government Code section 69894 or all funds previously appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose of compliance with Government Code section 69894 are expended.

Fiscal and Operational Impacts

Additional funding is needed to address the remaining, assessed need for lactation rooms in superior court facilities statewide for compliance with Government Code section 69894. This need equates to a total of 154 lactation room projects statewide. To address this need, the proposed Governor’s Budget for fiscal year 2025–26 includes \$5.4 million to complete 22 of those projects, and an additional \$50.5 million, including costs for anticipated path of travel and accessibility upgrades required at the court facilities, is required to complete the remaining 132 projects as they involve more complex facility modifications to create a lactation room within these courthouses.

The superior courts will be in full compliance with Government Code section 69894 by June 30, 2029, assuming funding is appropriated by the Legislature as described above—\$5.4 million through the passage of the Budget Act of 2025, and \$50.5 million through the passage of the Budget Act of 2026.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *Superior Court Lactation Rooms Funding and Expenditures*



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HON. KYLE S. BRODIE

Chair, Technology Committee

Re: *Superior Court Lactation Rooms Funding and Expenditures*, as required under Government Code section 69894.2

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

Under Government Code section 69894.2, the Judicial Council is submitting *Superior Court Lactation Rooms Funding and Expenditures*, a report on how funds previously appropriated by the Legislature have been expended.

The Judicial Council is required to submit a report to the Legislature on or before March 1, 2025, and by March 1 of each year thereafter, regarding how funds previously appropriated by the Legislature have been expended, including but not limited to funds appropriated through the passage of the Budget Act of 2022, to assist the superior courts in providing lactation rooms in compliance with Government Code section 69894.

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If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Jagan Singh, principal manager, Facilities Services, at 415-865-7755 or jagandeep.singh@jud.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Item No.: 25-064

For business meeting on February 21, 2025

Title

Trial Courts: Quarterly Investment Report
for First Quarter Fiscal Year 2024–25

Report Type

Information

Submitted by

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Date of Report

January 27, 2025

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Executive Summary

This quarterly investment report covers the period from July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, and provides the financial results for the funds invested by the Judicial Council on behalf of the trial courts as part of the judicial branch treasury program. The report is submitted under the Resolutions Regarding Investment Activities for the Trial Courts, approved by the Judicial Council on February 27, 2004.

Relevant Previous Reporting or Action

At its meeting on February 27, 2004, the Judicial Council approved several resolutions on investment activities for the trial courts. The resolutions direct that the Judicial Council develop an investment program for the trial courts, name the director of the Judicial Council's Finance Division¹ as the treasurer of invested trial court funds, and authorize the investment of trial court funds into (1) the State of California's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF); (2) Bank of America, N.A., investment funds; or (3) other investments as approved by the Judicial Council's Administrative Director. They also provide for quarterly reporting of investment results by the

¹ Effective October 1, 2012, the Judicial Council's Finance Division was renamed Fiscal Services and was part of the Judicial and Court Administrative Services Division. The office has since been renamed Budget Services and reports to the Administrative Director.

director of the Judicial Council’s Budget Services office to the Judicial Council, the Administrative Director, and the senior manager of the Judicial Council’s Audit Services office.

On June 1, 2009, the Judicial Council’s Executive and Planning Committee, acting on behalf of the council, approved the investment of trial court monies in any share class of the two previously approved money market funds—the Bank of America Cash Reserves Fund (formerly Columbia Cash Reserves Fund) and the Bank of America Treasury Reserves Fund (formerly Columbia Treasury Reserves Fund)—and the addition of another money market fund, the Bank of America Government Reserves Fund (formerly Columbia Government Reserves Fund).

On July 11, 2016, the following three U.S. government money market funds were approved as additional eligible investments under the Administrative Director’s delegation of authority granted under the Resolutions Regarding Investment Activities for the Trial Courts: the BlackRock FedFund, the Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Funds Treasury Portfolio, and the Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Funds Government Portfolio. All three money market funds are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the federal Investment Company Act of 1940, operated in accordance with Commodity and Securities Exchanges, 17 Code of Federal Regulations part 270.2a-7, and in the highest money market fund-rating categories of two nationally recognized rating agencies: Standard & Poor’s and Moody’s.

At its meeting on July 21, 2023, the Judicial Council approved an update to the *Statement of Investment Policy and Investment Activities for Trial Courts* designating the director of Branch Accounting and Procurement (BAP)² as treasurer of invested trial court funds. This action was taken to align trial court investment responsibilities with the new reporting relationship wherein the Treasury unit resides in the BAP organizational structure.

Analysis/Rationale

For purposes of Table 1, FedFund is the institutional share class of the BlackRock FedFund money market fund, Govt Fund is the institutional share class of the Morgan Stanley Government Portfolio money market fund, T-Fund is the institutional share class of the BlackRock T-Fund money market fund, and LAIF is the Local Agency Investment Fund.

Funds held in the judicial branch treasury: total investment portfolio

As of the close of business on September 30, 2024, total investment balances held by the trial courts purchased from bank accounts directly managed by the Judicial Council’s Branch Accounting and Procurement office were as specified in Table 1.

² Effective January 1, 2023, the Treasury Services unit was moved to the Judicial Council’s Branch Accounting and Procurement office.

Table 1. Trial Court Investment Balances Managed by Judicial Council Branch Accounting and Procurement

Investment Description	FedFund	Govt Fund	T-Fund	LAIF	Total
All dollar amounts reported in thousands (\$000)					
Section A, Book Values					
Beginning Balance–07/01/2024	\$93,802	\$471,565	\$331,945	\$22,175	\$919,487
Net Purchases/(Sales) ^a	570,700	(57,900)	1,163	0	513,963
Interest Paid ^b	5,175	5,290	4,171	250	14,886
Total Change	575,875	(52,610)	5,334	250	528,849
Ending Balance–09/30/2024	\$669,677	\$418,955	\$337,279	\$22,425	\$1,448,336
Section B, Fair Values–09/30/2024					
Net Unrealized Gain/(Loss) in Fair Value ^c	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$46	\$46
Ending Balance	669,677	418,955	337,279	22,471	1,448,382
Ending Balance Plus Unpaid Interest Earned ^d	\$669,677	\$418,955	\$337,279	\$22,737	\$1,448,648
Section C, Earnings and Statistics–09/30/2024					
Interest Earned ^e	\$5,175	\$5,290	\$4,171	\$266	\$14,902
Unpaid Interest Earned ^f	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$266	\$266
Average Yield ^g	5.14%	5.15%	5.13%	4.71%	5.13%
Dollar-Weighted Maturity (Days)	31	39	30	231	36
Credit Quality	Highest Rated	Highest Rated	Highest Rated	Gov. Code, § 16430 ^h	
Percentage of Investment Portfolio ⁱ	46.22%	28.94%	23.29%	1.55%	100.00%

^a “Net Purchases/(Sales)” is the net amount of court investment principal purchases and sales completed during the period.

^b “Interest Paid” is the total amount of interest paid to the investment account during the period and is included in the Ending Balance.

^c “Net Unrealized Gain/(Loss)” is the difference between the investment balance’s book value and its fair value at the end of the period. The net gain or loss is “unrealized” because the valuation at fair value is only for assets held by the fund at the end of the period. This net unrealized gain or loss would be “realized” (become an actual gain or loss) only in the event that all participants’ holdings in each portfolio were liquidated by the end of the period. Realized gains and losses are included in the average yield of the investment for the period.

^d “Ending Balance Plus Unpaid Interest Earned” is the ending balance at fair value plus interest earned that is unpaid as of the end of the period. This figure represents the liquidation value including unpaid interest earned only in the event that all participants’ holdings in each portfolio were liquidated at the end of the period.

^e “Interest Earned” is the total amount of interest earned during the reporting period.

^f “Unpaid Interest Earned” is the amount of interest earned during the period that is unpaid as of the end of the reporting period.

^g “Average Yield” is the simple average of the 30-day yields for each calendar month during the period, including any realized gains and losses, net of the investment’s operating expenses. The total average yield is a dollar-weighted average of the investment components.

^h The LAIF may invest the fund money only in debt obligations as prescribed in Government Code section 16430.

ⁱ The portfolio balance percentages are calculated using the book values at the end of the period.

The ratio of each investment’s fair value to its book value (Fair Value Factor) as of September 30, 2024, was as follows:

- FedFund 1.000000000
- Govt Fund 1.000000000
- T-Fund 1.000000000
- LAIF 1.002061084

The Fair Value Factor is 1.000 for the FedFund, Govt Fund, and T-Fund because all holdings in those funds are valued at fair value daily, and “fair value” is the price for all daily redemptions and reinvestment transactions. Because the LAIF’s operating rules permit the redemption, at any time, of all or a portion of any participating court’s LAIF balance at its original purchase price, the court’s redemption price is not affected by unrealized gains or losses.

Section A of Table 1 provides the investment balances and activity for the period at book value or at original cost, plus or minus the straight-line amortization of any applicable discount or premium.

Section B provides the investment balances at their fair value at the end of the period. “Fair value” is the value at which an asset could be bought or sold in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a liquidation.

Section C provides the investment earnings, the dollar-weighted average maturity, the credit quality, and each investment’s percentage of the total investment portfolio. The investment balances in Table 1 include the combined balances of both trial court operating funds and agency funds.³

Investment portfolio components

The FedFund, Govt Fund, and T-Fund are money market funds registered with the SEC under the federal Investment Company Act of 1940 and operated in accordance with Commodity and Securities Exchanges, 17 Code of Federal Regulations part 270.2a-7. Investment purchases and redemptions of FedFund, Govt Fund, and T-Fund shares are transacted when Judicial Council Treasury staff review the account balance daily at 11 a.m. PST and invest or return funds as

³ “Agency funds” are balances held in trust pending resolution of civil or criminal court proceedings, as well as funds held on behalf of state and local agencies before their statutory distribution. Agency funds include the following categories: civil trust; criminal bail trust; uniform civil fees; and criminal fines, fees, and penalties.

appropriate to maintain the bank account’s established target balance. A purchase transaction takes place when the cash balance in the account exceeds the target balance, and a redemption transaction takes place when the cash balance is less than the target balance.

In accordance with the aforementioned Code of Federal Regulations, the FedFund, Govt Fund, and T-Fund must maintain a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with their objective of maintaining a stable net asset value per share, not to exceed 60 days, and must contain only first-tier money market debt obligations receiving a short-term rating from a nationally recognized statistical rating organization in the highest short-term rating category for debt obligations.

FedFund

The FedFund is in the highest fund-rating category of Aaa-mf by Moody’s and AAAM by Standard & Poor’s. It invests only in high-quality money market instruments and invests at least 99.5 percent of its net assets in cash, U.S. Treasury bills, notes, and other obligations issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. government, its agencies, or instrumentalities, as well as in repurchase agreements secured by such obligations or cash. As of September 30, 2024, the FedFund portfolio composition was as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. FedFund Portfolio Composition as of September 30, 2024

High-Quality Instruments	Percentage of Portfolio
U.S. Treasury debt	47.2
U.S. Treasury repurchase agreement	26.4
U.S. government agency repurchase agreement	16.7
U.S. government agency debt (coupon-paying notes)	7.7
U.S. government agency debt (no coupon discount notes)	2.0

Included as Attachment A is the monthly fact sheet for the BlackRock FedFund institutional shares reported as of September 30, 2024.

Govt Fund

The Govt Fund is in the highest fund-rating category of AAAMmf by Fitch, Aaa-mf by Moody’s, and AAAM by Standard & Poor’s. It invests only in high-quality money market instruments and invests at least 99.5 percent of its net assets in cash, U.S. Treasury bills, notes, and other obligations issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. Treasury, as well as repurchase agreements secured by such obligations or cash. The Govt Fund has also adopted a policy that provides that, under normal circumstances, at least 80 percent of the fund’s assets will be invested in obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government and its agencies and instrumentalities, as well as in repurchase agreements collateralized by such securities. As of September 30, 2024, the Govt Fund portfolio composition was as shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Govt Fund Portfolio Composition as of September 30, 2024

High-Quality Instruments	Percentage of Portfolio
Repurchase agreements	58.60
U.S. Treasury debt	28.81
U.S. government agency debt	12.59

Included as Attachment B is the monthly fact sheet for the Morgan Stanley government fund institutional shares reported as of September 30, 2024.

T-Fund

The T-Fund is in the highest fund-rating category of Aaa-mf by Moody’s and AAAm by Standard & Poor’s. It invests only in high-quality money market instruments and invests at least 99.5 percent of its net assets in cash, U.S. Treasury bills, notes, and other obligations issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. Treasury, as well as in repurchase agreements secured by such obligations or cash. As of September 30, 2024, the T-Fund portfolio composition was as shown in Table 4.

Table 4. T-Fund Portfolio Composition as of September 30, 2024

High-Quality Instruments	Percentage of Portfolio
U.S. Treasury debt	52.6
U.S. Treasury repurchase agreement	47.4

Included as Attachment C is the monthly fact sheet for the BlackRock T-Fund institutional shares reported as of September 30, 2024.

LAIF

The LAIF is a money market fund held and managed by the State Treasurer’s Office and is part of the Pooled Money Investment Account (PMIA). The PMIA is the short-term investment pool for the state General Fund; special funds held by state agencies; and monies deposited by cities, counties, and other entities into the LAIF. The LAIF is a voluntary program created by statute; it began in 1977 as an investment alternative for California’s local governments and special districts. The enabling statute for the LAIF is Government Code section 16429.1 et seq.

By law, PMIA monies can be invested only in the following categories: U.S. government securities; securities of federally sponsored agencies; domestic corporate bonds; interest-bearing time deposits in California banks, savings and loan associations, and credit unions; prime-rated commercial paper; repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements; security loans; bankers’ acceptances; negotiable certificates of deposit; and loans to various bond funds.

The LAIF’s primary objectives are to maintain the safety of principal and provide daily liquidity. These objectives are met by investing in high-credit, high-quality debt instruments, maintaining an average maturity of between 120 days and 18 months, and providing daily availability of the entire invested balance. The LAIF’s investment yield is consistent with these very conservative objectives.

The *PMIA/LAIF Performance Report*—including the portfolio’s composition as of September 30, 2024, as reported by the State Treasurer’s Office—is included as Attachment D. The State Treasurer’s Office has not identified a money market fund suitable for benchmark comparison to the LAIF.

Historical Trend

The Historical Trend shows the total book balances and yields for each quarter from the current quarter to the same quarter from the previous year.

Table 5. Historical Trend

	09/30/2024	06/30/2024	03/31/2024	12/31/2023	09/30/2023
Total Book Balances (in thousands \$000)	\$1,448,336	\$919,487	\$1,141,751	\$1,464,138	\$1,381,143
Fed Fund Yield	5.14%	5.19%	5.20%	5.24%	5.16%
Govt Fund Yield	5.15%	5.21%	5.21%	5.25%	5.18%
T-Fund Yield	5.13%	5.18%	5.20%	5.24%	5.16%
LAIF Yield	4.71%	4.55%	4.30%	4.00%	3.59%
Total Average Yield	5.13%	5.18%	5.19%	5.22%	5.14%

Trial court balances begin each fiscal year higher due to the funding methodology of front loading the courts to be able to better manage their cash outflows. Balances subsequently decline over the course of the fiscal year. Investment yields have decreased slightly due to easing inflation concerns causing the Federal Reserve Bank to begin to make cuts to the Fed Funds target rate. Yields will continue to drop further in future quarters as a result of prior rate cuts. LAIF yields lag changes to the Federal Funds Rate due to the way the portfolio is managed. LAIF yields are continuing to catch up. With the Federal Reserve expected to continue to cut rates this fiscal year, LAIF yields may surpass the yields on money market funds leading to a shift in allocation of funds into LAIF.

Funds held outside the judicial branch treasury

As of June 30, 2024, 24 trial courts maintained \$326 million in total operating and agency fund investments outside the judicial branch treasury, as reported in Attachment E, *Trial Court Investments Held Outside of the Judicial Branch Treasury, as of June 30, 2024*. Funds held outside the judicial branch treasury are invested with the courts’ respective counties or with other financial institutions.

The investment balances reported in Attachment E are presented as reported by the trial courts, without independent verification from the custodians holding the investments on behalf of the trial courts.

Attachment E is prepared from summary information gathered annually, as of June 30 of each year, to comply with State Controller’s Office requirements for the trial courts’ Annual

Comprehensive Financial Report. This attachment is typically not available when submitting our Annual Investment Report and is now being presented for your information.

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

This report fulfills the quarterly reporting of investment activities requirement created by the Resolutions Regarding Investment Activities for the Trial Courts, approved by the Judicial Council on February 27, 2004. There is no fiscal impact.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: BlackRock: FedFund (Institutional shares), as of September 30, 2024
2. Attachment B: Morgan Stanley: Govt Funds (Institutional shares), as of September 30, 2024
3. Attachment C: BlackRock: T-Fund (Institutional shares), as of September 30, 2024
4. Attachment D: *PMIA/LAIF Performance Report as of October 16, 2024* (with LAIF Quarterly Performance, Quarter Ended September 30, 2024)
5. Attachment E: *Trial Court Investments Held Outside of the Judicial Branch Treasury, as of June 30, 2024*

BlackRock Liquidity Funds

FedFund (Institutional shares)

September 2024 Factsheet

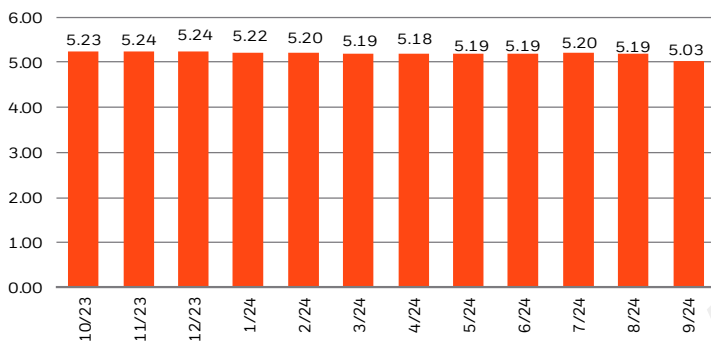
Investment objective

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Investment policy

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Performance (30-day yield %)*,1



7-day SEC yield as of 9/30/24 was 4.83%².

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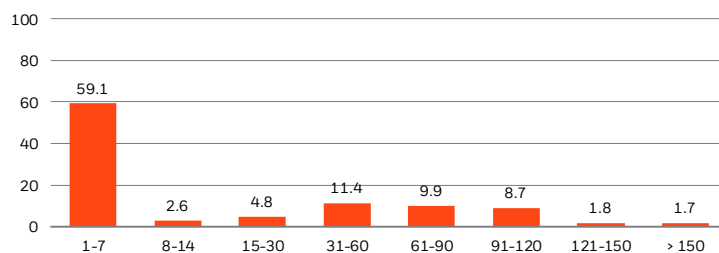
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% Net total return³ (9/30/24)

1 year	3 year	5 year	10 year	Since inception
5.33	3.49	2.24	1.57	2.96

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% Maturity distribution (days)

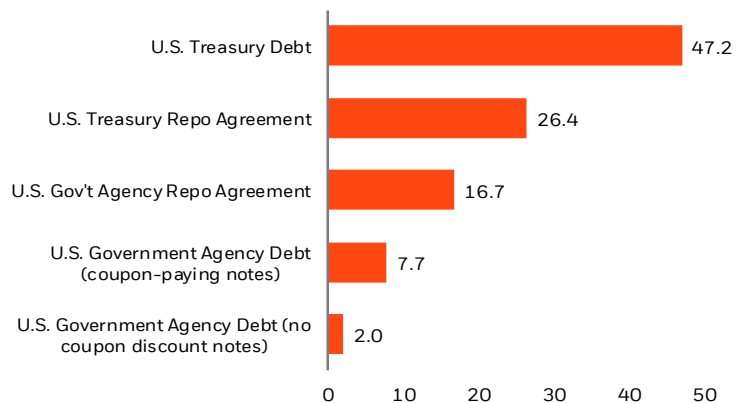


Fund details

Symbol	TFDXX
Size	\$170,837.9 million
Inception	October 1, 1975
Strategy	Government
Fund type	Institutional
NAV type	Constant
Minimum investment	\$3 million
Trading deadline	5pm (ET)
Weighted average maturity (WAM) ⁴	31 days
Weighted average life (WAL) ⁵	82 days
Standard and Poor's ⁶	AAAm
Moody's ⁶	Aaa-mf
Gross expense ratio [†]	0.19%
Net expense ratio [†]	0.17%
CUSIP #	09248U700
Portfolio #	0081

[†] Expenses are as of the most current prospectus. BlackRock has contractually agreed to waive or reimburse certain fees through June 30, 2025. Contractual waivers are terminable upon 90 days' notice by a majority of the funds non-interested trustees or by a vote of the majority of the outstanding voting securities of the fund. The investment advisor and/or other service providers may also voluntarily agree to waive or reimburse certain fees and expenses which can be discontinued at any time without notice. When waivers or reimbursements are in place, the operating expenses are reduced and total returns to the shareholder in the fund increase. **Please see the prospectus for additional information.**

Asset allocation %[†]



[†] Does not reflect other receivables and payables.

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¹ Average annualized 30-day SEC yields are based on net investment income excluding distributed gains or losses for the period shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Yields will fluctuate as market conditions change. ²The 7-Day yield is computed in accordance with methods prescribed by the SEC. The 7-Day SEC yield excludes distributed capital gains/losses. ³The fund's current yield more closely reflects the current earnings of the fund than the total net return quotations. ⁴ Weighted Average Maturity: Calculated by the final maturity for a security and the interest rate reset date held in the portfolio. This is a way to measure a fund's sensitivity to potential interest rate changes. ⁵Weighted Average Life: Measurement of a fund's sensitivity to a deteriorating credit environment; potential credit spread changes or tightening liquidity conditions. The WAL calculation is based on a security's stated final maturity date or, when relevant, the date of the demand feature when the fund may receive payment of principal and interest. ⁶ BlackRock provides compensation in connection with obtaining or using third-party ratings and rankings. The Fund is currently rated by S&P and Moody's. Ratings by S&P and Moody's apply to the credit quality of a portfolio and are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities of a Fund, are subject to change, and do not remove market risks associated with investments in the Fund. For complete information on the methodology used by each rating agency, please visit the following websites.

S&P - http://www.standardandpoors.com/en_US/web/guest/article/-/view/sourceld/504352;

Moody's - https://www.moody.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBC_79004.

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Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Funds Government Portfolio

Investment Objective

The Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Funds (MSILF) Government Portfolio seeks preservation of capital, daily liquidity and maximum current income.

Investment Philosophy

We believe that a conservatively managed portfolio of liquid, high-quality debt securities issued by the U.S. government may maximize current income while preserving capital and liquidity.

Investment Process

The management team follows an investment process that seeks to select maturities based on the shape of the money market yield curve and on expectations as to future shifts in the level and shape of the curve, taking into consideration such factors as current short-term interest rates, Federal Reserve policy regarding interest rates and U.S. economic activity.

Fund Highlights

The MSILF Government Portfolio offers the following benefits:

Security: the fund is rated AAAMmf by Fitch, AAAM by S&P, and Aaa-mf by Moody's, reflecting the credit quality, diversification and security of the fund.

Liquidity: competitive trading deadlines and same-day access give you flexibility and control.

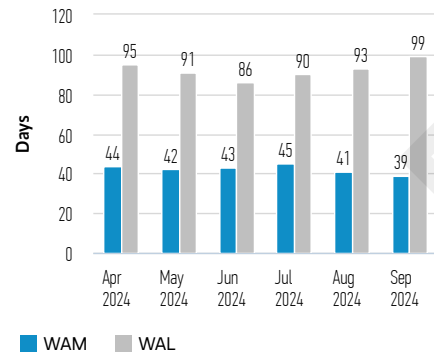
Yield: provides a competitive rate of return.

30-Day Current Yield (%)

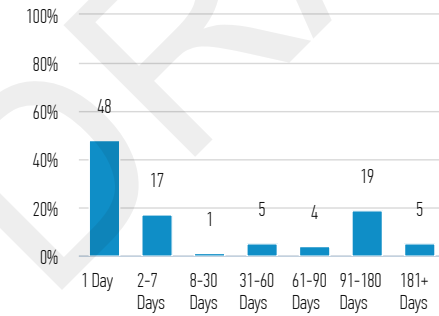
	SEP 2024	AUG 2024	JUL 2024	JUN 2024	MAY 2024	APR 2024	MAR 2024	FEB 2024	JAN 2024	DEC 2023	NOV 2023	OCT 2023
Class IN	5.04	5.19	5.21	5.21	5.21	5.21	5.21	5.21	5.22	5.25	5.25	5.25

Performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results, and current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. For the most recent month-end performance figures, please visit www.morganstanley.com/liquidity. Investment returns will fluctuate and fund shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Yield quotation more closely reflects the current earnings of the Portfolio than the total return. Yields are subsidized.

Average Portfolio Maturity (Month-end figures)



Maturity Distribution



The maturity distribution reflects the final maturity date except for floating rate securities for which the next reset date is reflected.

GLOBAL LIQUIDITY TEAM

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Web: www.morganstanley.com/liquidity

Fund Facts

Fund number	8302
Total net assets	\$ 145,736.15 million
Purchase deadline	5 PM ET
Redemption deadline	5 PM ET

Share Class

Share Class	CLASS IN
Inception date	08/09/2004
Ticker	MVRXX
CUSIP	61747C707
Net asset value (\$)	1.00
Dividends declared	Daily
Minimum initial investment (\$)	10,000,000
1-day liquidity (%)	66.35
7-day liquidity (%)	84.68
7-day current yield subsidized (%)	4.83
30-day effective yield subsidized (%)	5.16

Yields are subsidized. As of September 30, 2024, the fund's 7 day and 30 day unsubsidized yields were 4.78% and 5.10%, respectively, and its simple (7-day) yield, gross of all fee waivers and expense reimbursements, was 4.98%.

Yield quotations more closely reflect current earnings of the money market fund than total return quotations. Yields are subject to change.

Recent and any future declines in interest rate levels could cause these funds' earnings to fall below the funds' expense ratios, resulting in a negative yield.

Characteristics

Characteristics	FUND
Weighted Average Maturity (Days)	39
Weighted Average Life (Days)	99

Breakdown by Instrument (%)

Instrument	FUND
Repurchase Agreements	58.60
US Treasury Debt	28.81
US Government Agency Debt	12.59

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DEFINITIONS

Unsubsidized yield The unsubsidized yield reflects what the yield would have been had a fee and/or expense waiver not been in place during the period shown. **Total return** A measure of a fund's performance that encompasses all elements of return: dividends, capital gain distributions, and changes in net asset value. Total return is the change in value of an investment over a given period, assuming reinvestment of any dividends and capital gain distributions, expressed as a percentage of the initial investment. **Weighted average life** measures the weighted average of the maturities of the portfolio's individual holdings. **Weighted average maturity** measures the weighted average of the maturities of the portfolio's individual holdings, taking into account reset dates for floating rate securities. **Yield definitions** The 7-day current yield is an annualized net yield which assumes dividends are not reinvested in the fund. The 30-day effective yields are annualized net yields that describe 1-year earnings assuming dividends are reinvested at the average rate of the last 30 days. The 7-day simple yield describes the annualized income earned over the last 7 days.

IMPORTANT RATINGS DISCLOSURES

Ratings represent the opinions of the rating agency as to the quality of the securities they rate. Standard & Poor's, Moody's, Fitch and NAIC ratings rate the investment quality of the fund's shares. Independent rating agency ratings include, but are not limited to, a regular analysis of a fund's liquidity, diversification, operational policies and internal controls, its management characteristics and the creditworthiness of its assets.

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RISK CONSIDERATIONS

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Market values can change daily due to economic and other events (e.g. natural disasters, health crises, terrorism, conflicts and social unrest) that affect markets, countries, companies or governments. It is difficult to predict the timing, duration, and potential adverse effects (e.g. portfolio liquidity) of events. The prices of fixed income securities respond to interest rate changes. Indeed, prices tend to be inversely affected by changes in interest rates. Accordingly, the portfolio is subject to interest rate risk, and in a rising interest rate environment, portfolio shares can decline in value.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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Fund adviser The Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Funds (MSILFs) are managed by Morgan Stanley Investment Management, Inc.

MSILF returns are net of fees and assume the reinvestment of all dividends and income. Returns for less than one year are cumulative (unannualized). MSILF returns are reported for Institutional class shares. Performance for the other classes will differ. The Portfolio's "Adviser" and "Administrator," Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc., has agreed to reduce its advisory fee, its administration fee and/or reimburse the Portfolio's Institutional Class so that Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses, excluding certain investment related expenses, taxes, interest and other extraordinary expenses (including litigation), will not exceed 0.20%. The fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements will continue for at least one year or until such time as the Board of Trustees of Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Funds (the "Fund") acts to discontinue all or a portion of such waivers and/or reimbursements when it deems such action is appropriate.

Expenses are based on the fund's current prospectus, in effect as of the date of this fact sheet. For information on the applicable fund's current fees and expenses, please see the fund's current prospectus.

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BlackRock Liquidity Funds

T-Fund (Institutional shares)

September 2024 Factsheet

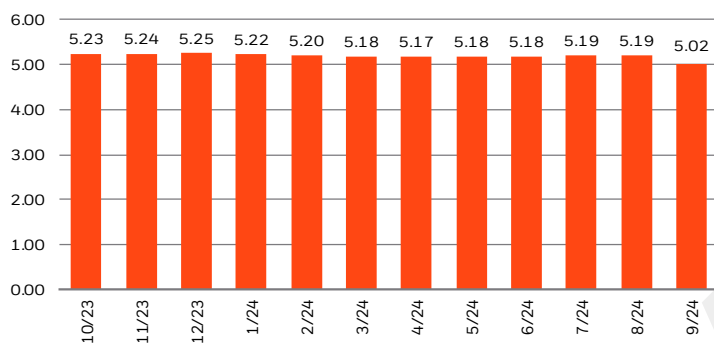
Investment objective

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Investment policy

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Performance (30-day yield %)*,1



7-day SEC yield as of 9/30/24 was 4.83%².

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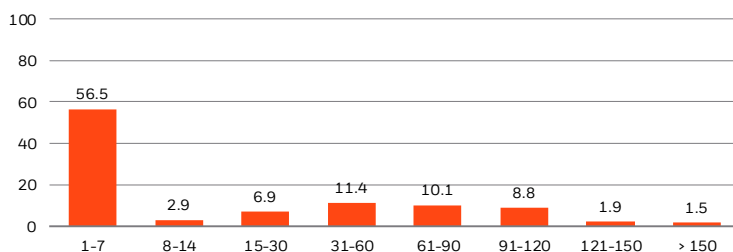
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% Net total return³ (9/30/24)

1 year	3 year	5 year	10 year	Since inception
5.33	3.48	2.23	1.55	2.88

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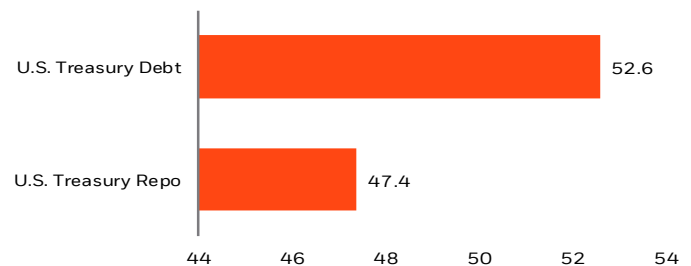
Fund details

Symbol	TSTXX
Size	\$109,812.8 million
Inception	March 3, 1980
Strategy	Government
Fund type	Institutional
NAV type	Constant
Minimum investment	\$3 million
Trading deadline	5pm (ET)
Weighted average maturity (WAM) ⁴	30 days
Weighted average life (WAL) ⁵	78 days
Standard and Poor's ⁶	AAAm
Moody's ⁶	Aaa-mf
Gross expense ratio [†]	0.19%
Net expense ratio [†]	0.17%
CUSIP #	09248U718
Portfolio #	0030

This Fund fits an exemption from that rule which permits a state regulated insurance company to report shares of this fund as debt. Representatives of state regulated insurance companies should contact the NAIC's Securities Valuation Office for further information on the criteria for listing on the U.S. Direct Obligations/Full Faith and Credit Exempt List (<https://content.naic.org/sites/default/files/publication-mmf-zs-money-market-fund-list.pdf>).

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Asset allocation %[†]



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Moody's - https://www.moody.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBC_79004.

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PMIA/LAIF Performance Report as of 10/16/24



Quarterly Performance Quarter Ended 09/30/24

LAIF Apportionment Rate ⁽²⁾ :	4.71
LAIF Earnings Ratio ⁽²⁾ :	0.00012912073474208
LAIF Administrative Cost ^{(1)*} :	TBD
LAIF Fair Value Factor ⁽¹⁾ :	1.002061084
PMIA Daily ⁽¹⁾ :	4.58
PMIA Quarter to Date ⁽¹⁾ :	4.56
PMIA Average Life ⁽¹⁾ :	231

PMIA Average Monthly Effective Yields⁽¹⁾

September	4.575
August	4.579
July	4.516
June	4.480
May	4.332
April	4.272

Pooled Money Investment Account Monthly Portfolio Composition ⁽¹⁾ 9/30/24 \$161.6 billion

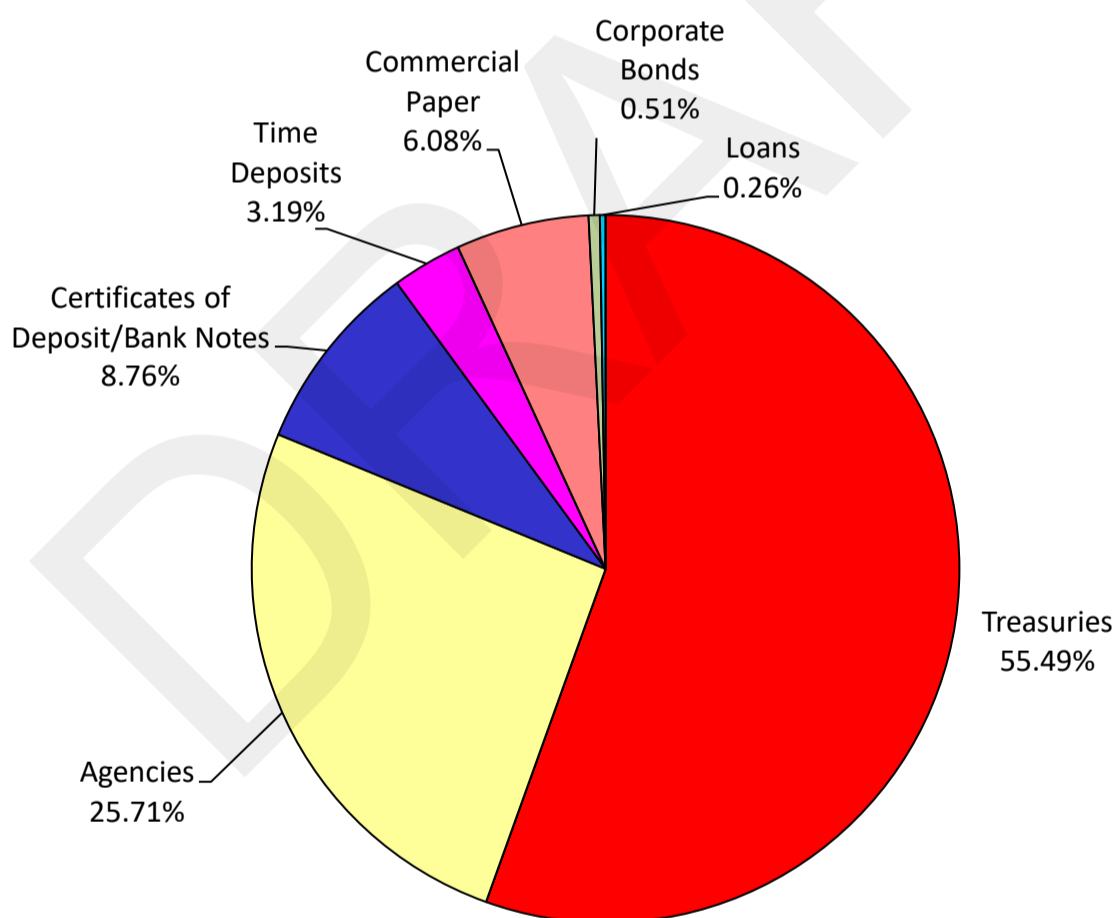


Chart does not include \$1,343,000.00 in mortgages, which equates to 0.001%. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

Daily rates are now available here. [View PMIA Daily Rates](#)

Notes: The apportionment rate includes interest earned on the CalPERS Supplemental Pension Payment pursuant to Government Code 20825 (c)(1) and interest earned on the Wildfire Fund loan pursuant to Public Utility Code 3288 (a).

*The percentage of administrative cost equals the total administrative cost divided by the quarterly interest earnings. The law provides that administrative costs are not to exceed 5% of quarterly EARNINGS of the fund. However, if the 13-week Daily Treasury Bill Rate on the last day of the fiscal year is below 1%, then administrative costs shall not exceed 8% of quarterly EARNINGS of the fund for the subsequent fiscal year.

Source:

⁽¹⁾ State of California, Office of the Treasurer

⁽²⁾ State of California, Office of the Controller

Trial Court Investments Held Outside of the Judicial Branch Treasury
As Of June 30, 2024

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Total as of 06/30/24</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>WAM (Days)*</u>
<i>County Investment Pools</i>	\$ 326,451,830	4.158% **	627 **
Total	\$ 326,451,830	4.158% **	627 **

* WAM - Weighted Average Maturity

** Dollar Weighted Average



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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Item No.: 25-070

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Title

Report to the Legislature: Measures to Promote Fair and Efficient Administration of Justice

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Executive Summary

The attached report, *Standards and Measures That Promote the Fair and Efficient Administration of Justice*, reports on judicial branch progress in the following areas:

(1) provision of equal access to courts and respectful treatment for all court participants; (2) case processing, including the efficient use of judicial resources; and (3) general court administration.

The report relies on performance data obtained from the courts.

Relevant Previous Council Action

By November 1, 2007, the Judicial Council was required to adopt and annually report on judicial administration standards and measures that promote the fair and efficient administration of justice per Government Code section 77001.5.

The 2025 report, submitted as an Information item to the Judicial Council at its November 15, 2024 meeting, is being replaced as resubmitted to correct the reference to the most recent Judicial Needs Assessment, which is the 2022 assessment.

Analysis/Rationale

This annual report to the Legislature focuses the analysis on four key quantitative measures of trial court performance:

- Caseload clearance rates;
- Time to disposition;
- Stage of case at disposition; and
- Trials by type of proceeding.

These measures are reported annually in the *Court Statistics Report*, with the most recent data from fiscal year 2022–23.

In addition to these measures, this report also provides information on the availability of judicial branch resources that contribute to the fair and efficient administration of justice, including:

- Assessed need for new judgeships (Gov. Code, § 69614); and
- Status of the conversion of subordinate judicial officer positions to judgeships (Gov. Code, § 69615).

Finally, the report provides a brief narrative describing the Judicial Council–approved weighted caseload models, both judicial and staff, and how they relate to standards and measures of judicial administration.

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

This report relies on already-published measures of court performance, so the fiscal impact to produce it is minimal, apart from staff costs to assemble and transmit the report. Several courts continue to undergo case management system upgrades that have made production of these data elements difficult; this year, 14 courts were unable to report complete disposition data for all case types. However, many were missing only one or two disposition case type reports. Several years may pass before their case management systems are stable enough to produce complete and reliable data for all trial courts.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *Standards and Measures That Promote the Fair and Efficient Administration of Justice*

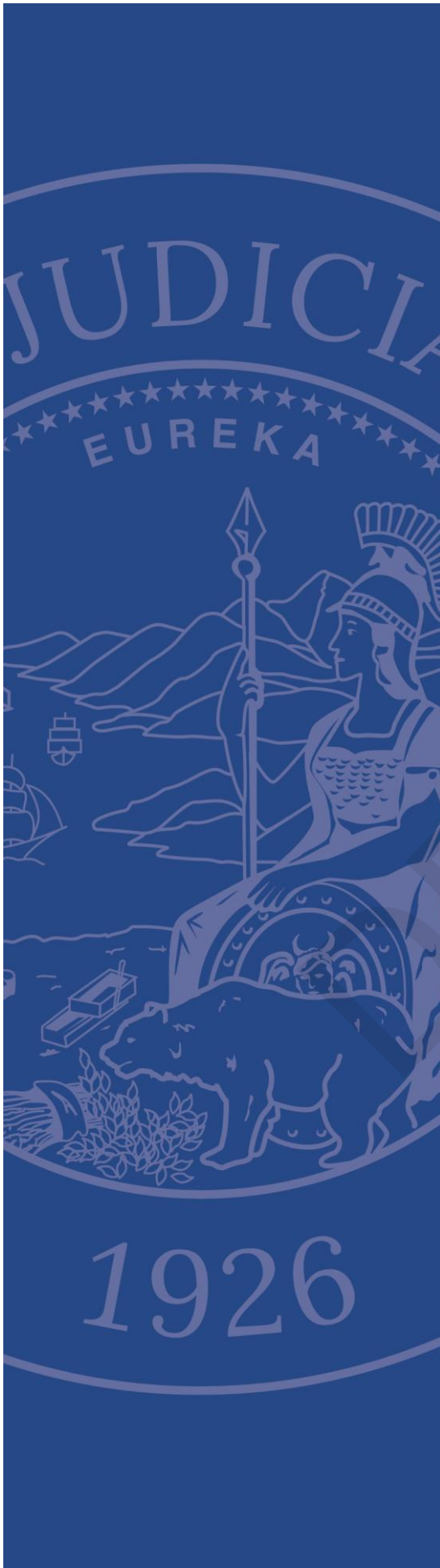
November 1, 2024

Standards and Measures That Promote the Fair and Efficient Administration of Justice

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE UNDER
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 77001.5



Judicial Council of California



Introduction

Government Code section [77001.5](#) required the Judicial Council to adopt and annually report on judicial administration standards and measures that promote the fair and efficient administration of justice, including but not limited to:

- Provision of equal access to courts and respectful treatment for all court participants;
- Case processing, including the efficient use of judicial resources; and
- General court administration.

Standards and Measures

The Judicial Council has identified measures and collected data that respond to the reporting requirements. The following standards and measures of judicial administration are reported in the annual *Court Statistics Report*:¹

- Caseload clearance rates;
- Time to disposition;
- Stage of case at disposition; and
- Trials by type of proceeding.

Judicial Workload and Other Branch Programs and Resources

The need for new judgeships is a calculation of the judicial need among courts that have fewer judgeships than their workload demands. Based on the most recent Judicial Needs Assessment (2022), 17 courts need new judgeships, for a total need of 98 judges statewide (see Appendix A).

Conversions of subordinate judicial officer (SJO) positions were authorized in fiscal year (FY) 2011–12 (Gov. Code, § 69616).² Although the conversion of SJO positions does not provide the courts with much-needed additional judicial officer positions, it does provide the courts with greater flexibility in the assignment of its judicial officers. Specifically, judges are authorized to preside over a broader range of proceedings than subordinate judicial officers are. A total of 157 SJO positions have been converted to judgeships since FY 2007–08. Five positions remain to convert (see Appendix B).

Workload Models Update

Finally, this report provides a brief narrative describing the Judicial Council–approved weighted caseload models, both judicial and staff, and how they relate to standards and measures of judicial administration.

¹ Judicial Council of Cal., *2024 Court Statistics Report: Statewide Caseload Trends 2013–14 Through 2022–23*, www.courts.ca.gov/13421.htm.

² As authorized by Government Code section 69615(c)(1)(C).

The Judicial Council has approved workload models that use weighted caseloads to assess where new judgeships and additional nonjudicial resources are most urgently needed and will have the biggest impact. The relative weight applied to different types of cases, however, requires periodic review because of changes in the law, rules of court, technology, and practice, all of which affect the average amount of time required for case processing. Periodic review and, where necessary, revision of caseweights ensure that the allocation formulas reported to the Legislature and the Governor accurately reflect the current average amount of time required to resolve cases.

The Judicial Council's Workload Assessment Advisory Committee recommended that judicial and staff workload models be updated every five years to ensure that the models used to measure workload and to allocate resources use the most up-to-date information possible.³ Updates to the workload models were delayed because of the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and its resulting impact on court operations. The staff workload model is currently being updated for use in FY 2025–26 trial court budget allocations. The judicial workload model was updated in 2018, and new weights were finalized in 2019. The next update is planned to begin in 2025, with updates reflected in the 2026 legislatively mandated report on assessed judicial need.

Conclusion

This report has highlighted *quantitative* measures of trial court performance that promote the fair and efficient administration of justice.

Appendixes

1. Appendix A: 2022 Judicial Needs Assessment
2. Appendix B: SJO Conversions to Date

³ The Workload Assessment Advisory Committee sunsetted on September 14, 2022, and its duties and responsibilities were assumed by the Data Analytics Advisory Committee, which was formed on March 11, 2022.

Appendix A.2022 Judicial Needs Assessment

Court	Authorized and Funded Judicial Positions*	2022 Assessed Judicial Need	Number of Judgeships Needed [†] (B – A)	Percentage Judicial Need Over AJP (C / A)
Tehama	4.3	5.6	1	23%
Lake	4.7	5.5	1	21%
Humboldt	8.0	9.3	1	13%
Shasta	13.0	14.9	1	8%
Orange	144.0	145.3	1	1%
Madera	10.3	12.3	2	19%
Kings	10.6	13.0	2	19%
Placer	15.5	17.5	2	13%
Merced	13.0	15.1	2	15%
Stanislaus	26.0	28.1	2	8%
Tulare	25.0	28.6	3	12%
Sacramento	77.5	82.2	4	5%
San Joaquin	35.5	41.8	6	17%
Fresno	53.0	60.0	7	13%
Kern	47.0	58.8	11	23%
Riverside	89.0	111.7	22	25%
San Bernardino	100.0	130.5	30	30%
Total			98	

Appendix B. SJO Conversions to Date

Summary of SJO Conversions

	Positions Eligible for Conversion	SJO Conversions																	Total Conversions to Date	Positions Remaining to Convert	
		07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12*	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24			
Courts Still Eligible for SJO Conversions																					
Placer	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unallocated SJO Conversion Positions**																					
	3																				
Courts That Have Completed Their SJO Conversions																					
Alameda	6	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Contra Costa	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
El Dorado	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Fresno	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Imperial	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kern	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles	79	4	5	7	7	8	6	7	7	7	5	5	9	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	79
Marin	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Merced	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Napa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Orange	17	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Riverside	6	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Sacramento	6	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
San Diego	7	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
San Francisco	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
San Luis Obispo	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
San Mateo	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Santa Barbara	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Santa Cruz	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Solano	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Sonoma	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Stanislaus	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tulare	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Yolo	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	162	16	16	16	16	20	13	11	9	11	6	6	15	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	157

Last Updated: September 2024

* Note: The total conversions in FY 2011-2012 exceed 16 because of the enactment of Senate Bill 405, which increased the number of allowable conversions in specific circumstances for this fiscal year.
 **Note: Three positions became newly available for reallocation as a result of the Contra Costa Superior Court's elimination of 3 conversion eligible SJO positions.
 Shaded rows represent courts that have completed all of the conversions for which they are eligible.