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State Controller's Office (SCO) Trial Court Revenue Distribution:

- Trial Court Revenue Distribution Guidelines (Revision 36)
- Previous Revisions to Distribution Guidelines (29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35)
- Listserv Notifications (Updates and Changes to Statutes)
- Frequently Asked Questions
- TC-31 Remittance Form and Guidelines for Revised TC-31 Forms
- TC-31 Frequently Asked Questions
- TC-31 Submission Training
- Audit Reports

Judicial Council Revenue Distribution and Collections:

- Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedules (2026)
- Court-Related Legislation
- Revenue Distribution Worksheets
- Crosswalk Guide
- Audit Reports
- Collections Reporting Template 2024–25, Instructions, and Glossary
- Cost Recovery Guidelines and Standards, Distribution Template, and Report Template
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) template
- Report to Legislature: Statewide Collection of Court-Ordered Debt for 2024–25
- Intercounty Probation Case Transfer Fiscal Procedures
- Performance Measures and Benchmarks
- Collections Best Practices
- Discharge from Accountability Information Sheet
  - Discharge from Accountability Application Sample and Sample Report
- Statewide Master Agreements for Collections Services
- AB 199 Frequently Asked Questions
- Ability to Pay FAQs and MyCitations
- Trial Court Financial Policies and Procedures Manual, 13th Edition

Other Resources:

California State Assembly
California State Senate
California Legislative Information (Leg Info)
JCC Resources Network
California Revenue Officers Association (CROA)
Franchise Tax Board Court-Ordered Debt Collections Program (FTB-COD)
Franchise Tax Board Interagency Intercept Collections Program (FTB-IIC)

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Judicial Council–Sponsored Legislation: Amendments to Collections-Related Statutes

The Judicial Council at its business meeting of December 12, 2025[1], approved a recommendation of the Judicial Branch Budget Committee to sponsor legislation to amend Penal Code section 1463.007 and Government Code section 68514. These amendments will improve compliance with the annual reporting requirements to the Legislature and the Department of Finance regarding court-ordered debt collections. The amendments will also help the court and county collections programs comply with existing requirements and report consistent statewide data. The changes will be used in the fiscal year 2026-27 reporting period and reflected in the annual report due by December 31, 2027

[1] Judicial Council of Cal., Report: *Judicial Council–Sponsored Legislation: Collections-Related Statutes,* December 12, 2025: https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=14974839&GUID=8CF6081E-994E-473F-A9E1-95D2B247B3A1

Proposition 36 Funding: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) December 10, 2025

The Budget Act of 2025 (set forth in SB 101 and AB 102) provides funding for the courts to support the implementation of Proposition 36: The Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act. The funding is intended to be used to address increased workload and expanding or establishing collaborative courts for the implementation of Proposition 36 (2024). Additional information about Proposition 36 can be found on the Judicial Resources Network (here). This document addresses some frequently asked questions related to Proposition 36 funding and data tracking.

The courts received $19 million that must be spent or encumbered by June 30, 2028. Proposition 36 funds may be used for staffing, data collection and reporting, administrative support and overhead costs, contracting for treatment or supervision services, information technology, and other activities or items intended to address workload issues and support or expand collaborative justice court type programs.

How is funding and program support structured?
On September 2, 2025, the Judicial Council approved trial court allocations by circulating order (see CO-25-06). Allocations are based on the court's share of non-traffic misdemeanor and felony filings (this accounts for 50% of the allocation), and the court's Proposition 36 filings (50% of the allocation). Please note: Any funds that remain unspent or unencumbered at the end of the program term (June 30, 2028) will revert to the General Fund.

Have the courts received Prop 36 funding?
Yes. Funding was distributed through the regular court funding cycle.

Will we have to track how we spend the funding?
Yes. The Judicial Council must provide an annual report to the Legislature that includes high level information on how the courts spent the funding and how much is spent annually. Courts should have received Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) codes to aid in this tracking. The Judicial Council will survey the courts each year and will request information on how the funding is used.

What can Prop 36 funding be used for?
Under AB 102 and SB 101, the Legislature specified that funding "shall be used to address increased workload and expanding or establishing collaborative courts for the implementation of Proposition 36." This authorizes courts to use their funding allocation for staffing costs to address increased workload of processing felony cases, as well as for the implementation or expansion of collaborative courts or similar programs that combine treatment with judicial oversight. The funds can be used for staffing, contracting, information technology, administrative costs, or related travel and training costs, as appropriate. Funding may also cover treatment-court related expenses such as contracts with probation departments, county behavioral health, or other partners that provide services needed to implement Proposition 36. Courts may use the funding to support current collaborative courts if they are being used to process Proposition 36 cases or to develop new Proposition 36 collaborative court type programs. Appropriate use of the funds to support those programs could include items to promote compliance with treatment plans for program participants, such as bus passes or incentives, including modest gift cards.

What does "federal financial participation" mean under AB 102?
AB 102 requires that "courts shall collaborate with county departments and treatment providers to ensure maximum federal financial participation for eligible services." County treatment providers need to ensure that services eligible for federal reimbursement, such as treatment or evaluations covered by Medi-Cal, Medicare, or other programs, are billed to those programs. This allows state and local funds to be maintained while still supporting Prop 36 implementation.

Can pretrial funding be used to support Prop 36 cases?
The main purpose of pretrial funding is to provide courts with information and resources to support: (a) judicial officers in making pretrial release decisions that impose the least restrictive conditions to address public safety and return to court; and (b) implementation of appropriate monitoring practices and provision of services for released individuals.

While SB 101 initially included language allowing a portion of statewide pretrial funding to support Prop 36 implementation efforts; that provision was superseded by AB 102, which removed the reference. The legislation neither explicitly authorizes nor prohibits the use of pretrial funds for Proposition 36 cases. No state funding was provided to probation departments for Proposition 36 implementation. The appropriate use of the pretrial funding will be determined locally and depends on the nature of the pretrial program and local Prop 36 implementation processes. Courts are encouraged to collaborate with justice system partners to identify the most appropriate use of the limited funding.

What are the reporting requirements for Prop 36?
Courts must provide annual Proposition 36 data, measuring workload from January 1-December 31, by January 15 of the following year for each year program funding is available. The first submission of data from January 1 – December 31, 2025, will be due on January 15, 2026. The final submission of data from January 1- December 31, 2028, will be due on January 15, 2029. AB 102 contains a description of the data requested. The Judicial Council will send out a survey with the required data elements in December of each year.

Where can courts find additional training and resources?
The Judicial Council will provide technical assistance, training, and data collection tools to support Prop 36 implementation. Additional information and resources will be shared with courts as implementation progresses.

Additional Questions?
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Collections LPA Master Agreements, Amendments and User Instructions are available here:
https://www.courts.ca.gov/procurementservices.htm#acc16722