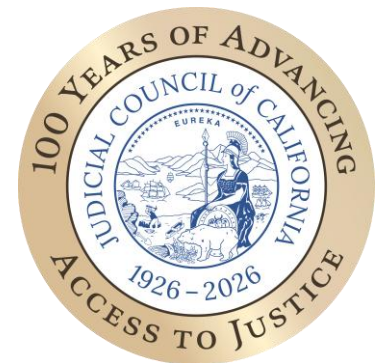


Remote Proceedings Technology Recommendations

Advancing the Hybrid Courtroom Workstream, Phase 2

April 15 , 2026



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Agenda

- **Workstream members**
- **Background**
- **Areas of focus**
- **Annual Agenda objective: include as a reference in the California Trial Court Facilities Standards (CTCFS)**
- **Impact on CTCFS**
- **Next steps**
- **Questions**

Workstream members

Various court functions, sizes, and demographics.

Judicial officers

Hon. Samantha P. Jessner, Los Angeles (Executive Sponsor)

Hon. Rebecca Connolly, Santa Cruz

Hon. Sean Dabel, San Mateo

Hon. Charles H. Ervin, Sierra (Presiding Judge)

Hon. Michael S. Groch, San Diego (Presiding Judge)

Hon. Kimberly Menninger, Orange

Court executives and administrators

Mr. Jason B. Galkin, Riverside

Ms. Shannon Pedotti, Sierra

Ms. Anaruth Gonzalez, Los Angeles

Ms. Michelle Jeremiah, Sacramento

Chief Information Officers and IT professionals

Mr. AJ Guzman, Sutter (Executive Sponsor)

Mr. Jordan Aiken, Los Angeles (formerly Kern)

Mr. Tim Cool (Riverside)

Mr. Dorian Deyeth, Second Appellate District

Mr. Kevin Halton, Monterey

Mr. Luis Olachea, Los Angeles

Ms. Taylor Perry, Orange

Mr. Marcos Prado, San Mateo

Mr. Mike Sorensen, San Diego

Mr. Drew Taylor, Sacramento

Mr. Osvaldo Vazquez-Torres, San Diego

Mr. Jason Zigelhofer, Santa Cruz

Background

- Create and annually update a technology playbook.... based on standards promulgated by the Judicial Council.
–**Tactical Plan for Technology 2025–2026**
- Develop technology standards ... to enable remote proceedings, as per Judicial Council standards and Senate Bill 133 (2023, ch. 34). These standards will be compiled as a technology playbook for courts, referenced in the *California Trial Court Facilities Standards*, and updated annually.
–**ITAC Annual Agenda**

Background: Guiding principles

- Promote equitable access for all participants
- Maintain judicial decorum
- Use a standards-based approach
- Ensure accurate capture of the record

Background: goals of recommendations

- **Support courts** in selecting and implementing remote proceedings technology
- Provide **practical system architecture** (diagrams and functional descriptions)
- Offer **adaptable recommendations** for each court's needs

Background: goals of recommendations

- Provide **actionable current guidance** on equipment selection and best practices
- Suggest **process improvements** to optimize operations and improve the participant experience
- Designs based on the needs of **Subject Matter Experts and users** rather than designers

Background: Standards v. Recommendations

Standards: Mandatory, non-negotiable rules for compliance

- *Judicial Council Minimum Technology Standards for Remote Proceedings* (SB 133).

Recommendations: Best practices that allow flexibility

- *Remote Proceedings Technology Recommendations* are advisory and do not require any action by courts or the Judicial Council beyond what is already mandated by statute or ordered by court.

Background: minimum standards

- *Minimum Technology Standards for Remote Proceedings* (SB 133) describes the **functional requirements** that courtrooms must meet to support remote proceedings.
- **It does not prescribe how courts must meet these requirements** (e.g., exact placement or quantities of equipment).
- **Courts have flexibility** in how equipment is configured, so long as functional requirements are met (e.g., microphones may be shared).

Areas of focus

- Courtroom operations
- Audio and video
- Displays
- Infrastructure

Courtroom operations

- Processes and technologies that integrate:
 - Video conferencing platforms
 - Verbatim record capture tools
 - Interpreting and evidence presentation systems
 - Practices that ensure smooth integration and procedural integrity

Audio and video

- Camera, microphone, and speaker placement guidance
- No one-size-fits-all A/V configurations
- Minimum recommendations for hybrid proceedings
- Scalable options for advanced A/V setups

Audio and video

Summary of recommended microphone locations

Location / Type	Recommendation
Jury box	1 microphone (overhead or wall mount)
Clerk station	1 microphone
Bailiff station	Wireless option
Audience area	Optional microphone
Evidence presentation	Optional microphone
Wireless microphones	For flexibility
Lapel microphones	For mobility

Displays

- Best practices for selecting and positioning monitors, projectors, and screens
- Performance-based guidance for in-person, remote, and hybrid hearings
- Support for electronic evidence presentation

Infrastructure

- Guidance on network, power, and physical courtroom readiness
- Emphasis on planning for future capacity to avoid costly retrofits
- Infrastructure recommendations that supports evolving technology and business needs

Include as a reference in the CTCFS

- **The California Trial Court Facilities Standards (CTCFS)** defines the requirements for new courthouses, **including audiovisual equipment.**
- **ITAC's annual agenda** states the “standards will be compiled as a technology playbook for courts, referenced in the California Trial Court Facilities Standards, and updated annually.”
- Inclusion in the **CTCFS appendix listing relevant codes and standards** will:
 - **Provide clarity** on courtroom operations and **functional requirements** for remote proceedings
 - **Support** AV designers, engineers by bridging the gap between technology and courtroom operational needs
 - **Guide** stakeholders unfamiliar with **California** trial court practices

Impact on the CTCFS

- The workstream's recommendations **do not add any new requirements** that go beyond the SB 133 minimum standards.
- Chapter 18 of the CTCFS (Audiovisual Systems standards) **already meets or exceeds the SB 133 minimum standards.**

Presentation to CFAC Working Group

Executive Sponsors presented recommendations on March 18 to the Court Facilities Advisory Committee Working Group.
Their comments:

- Do the recommendations apply to both existing facilities and new construction?
- If only for existing courthouses, a title revision was suggested: change “Remote Proceedings Technology” to “Remote Proceedings Technology *for Existing Courthouses.*”
- Concern that a reference in the CTCFS could confuse contractors bidding on new courthouse construction projects and lead to increased pricing

Comments will be considered during Branchwide comment period

Next steps

- Upon approval by ITAC, distribute draft for branchwide comment, April 16- May 1
- Incorporate feedback, finalize report
- Present final report to ITAC, Technology Committee, TCFMAC, and finally Judicial Council for consideration

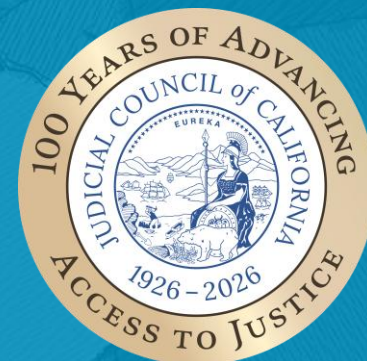
Thank you

Questions

Language Access Signage and Technology Grants, Cycle 8

Fiscal Year 2026–27

April 15, 2026



S&T Grant Overview



2018 Budget Act: \$2.35 million per year



Language access signage and technology needs for the trial courts



Funding maximums: Signage \$200K, Technology \$270K

S&T Grants, Cycle 8 – Methodology

23 courts
applied

Total
requests:
\$5.67
million

Signage
total
awards:
\$427,415

Technology
total
awards:
\$1.92
million

S&T Grants, Cycle 8 – Methodology

Majority can be fully or partially funded

Signage: 1 court will receive maximum

Technology: 6 courts will receive equal amount

S&T Grants, Cycle 8 – Project Highlights

Signage

- 4 courts: Multilingual wayfinding strategies
- 2 courts: Automated queue management systems

Technology

- 10 courts: Interpreter equipment
- 5 courts: Telephonic/video remote solutions
- 5 courts: Audiovisual systems upgrades

Recommendations

1. Approve the proposed allocations of \$427,415 for signage and \$1.92 million for technology

2. Direct Language Access Services staff to work with Branch Accounting and Procurement