

Language Access Signage and Technology Grants, Cycle 6

Fiscal Year 2024-25

July 17, 2024



Grant Funding and Goal

- The 2018 Budget Act included ongoing funding of \$2.55 million per year
- Grants support language access signage and technology infrastructure support and equipment needs for the trial courts and council
- \$1 million for signage grants, \$1.35 million for technology grants, available each year for courts (JC receives \$200K for translation)

Funding Maximums Per Court

- \$200,000 for signage projects
- \$270,000 for technology projects
- However, if total requests are under the annual allocation for each category, larger amounts may be recommended and approved by the council for grants to expend funding

Review of Applications

- To ensure no court would receive duplicate funding for the same project, JC staff coordinated review with the other technology funding requests:
 - Information Technology Modernization Fund Program (ITMF)
 - Jury Management Systems Grant (JMS)

S&T Grants, Cycle 6 - Methodology

- 18 courts applied – all can be funded
- Grant requests over the maximum were reduced, except one court where overage was minimal (\$300)

S&T Grants, Cycle 6 – Grant Breakdown

~\$600,000
signage
(26%)

~\$1,750,000
technology
(74%)

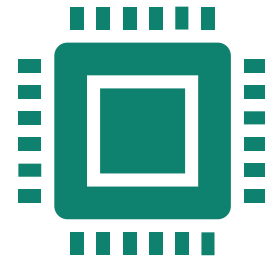
S&T Grants, Cycle 6 – Project Highlights



Signage:

5 courts need funding for multilingual wayfinding strategies, which will assist LEP court users with navigating the courthouse

4 courts need funding for translations of court websites & wayfinding systems



Technology:

6 courts need funding for audiovisual systems upgrades, which will enhance LEP court users' experience in remote and hybrid proceedings

5 courts need funding for telephonic and video remote solutions

5 courts need funding for interpreter equipment

Recommendations

1. Approve the proposed allocations of \$603,811.54 for signage and \$1,746,188.46 for technology for the Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program for fiscal year (FY) 2024–25; and
2. Direct Language Access Services staff to work with Branch Accounting and Procurement to draft and execute intra-branch agreements with each awarded court