



Judicial Council of California

Judicial Branch Budget Committee

JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

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JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

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Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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I. OPEN MEETING (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(C)(1))

Call to Order and Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Approve minutes of the August 18, 2025, Judicial Branch Budget Committee meeting.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(K)(1))

This meeting will be conducted by electronic means with a listen-only conference line available for the public. As such, the public may submit comments for this meeting only in writing. In accordance with California Rules of Court, rule 10.75(k)(1), written comments pertaining to any agenda item of a regularly noticed open meeting can be submitted up to one complete business day before the meeting. For this specific meeting, comments should be e-mailed to JBBC@jud.ca.gov. Only written comments received by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, will be provided to advisory body members prior to the start of the meeting.

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM (ITEM 1)

Item 1

Fiscal Year (FY) 2025–26 Trial Court Trust Fund Allocation Increase for Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Program (Action Required)

Consideration of an allocation increase for the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Program for FY 2025–26.

Presenters: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
Ms. Melanie Snider, Supervising Attorney, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

IV. INFORMATION ONLY ITEM (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

Info 1

Proposed Statutory Changes for Court-Ordered Debt Collections and Reporting

Update on proposed amendments to statute and public comment for court-ordered debt collections activities.

Presenter: Ms. Maria Lira, Senior Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn



JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

Monday, August 18, 2025

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

<https://jcc.granicus.com/player/event/4615>

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Chair; Hon. Carin T. Fujisaki; Hon. Brad R. Hill; Hon. Maria Lucy Armendariz; Hon. C. Todd Bottke; and Hon. Charles S. Crompton

Advisory Body Members Absent: Mr. David H. Yamasaki, Vice Chair; Hon. Maria D. Hernandez; and Ms. Kate Bieker

Others Present: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Ms. Francine Byrne, Ms. Audrey Fancy, Ms. Angela Cowan, Ms. Kelly Meehleib, and Ms. Deirdre Benedict

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body approved the minutes of the July 17, 2025, Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-3)

Item 1: Court-Appointed Juvenile Dependency Counsel Allocations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of allocation methodologies for court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel for FY 2025–26.

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the following Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommendations for consideration by the Judicial Council via circulating order:*

1. *Approve the allocation of funding according to the existing court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel funding methodology approved by the Judicial Council. Proposed allocations are detailed in Attachment 1A.*
2. *Allocate FY 2025–26 funds identified by courts through a spending plan survey of all courts, conducted to determine whether any courts do not intend to spend their full allocation (as detailed in Attachment 1A, column L) and to make those funds available to assist small courts in adjusting to the reductions they face in this fiscal year. Concurrent to base allocations, allocate available*

funds to impacted small courts that require assistance, up to their proposed allocation approved by the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee on May 7, 2025, with any remaining funds to be allocated to all eligible courts through the regular midyear reallocation process. Proposed allocations based on the spending plan survey results are detailed in Attachment A, column M.

3. *Revisit the court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel funding methodology in FY 2025–26 in its entirety with an emphasis on trial court adjustments.*

Item 2: Pretrial Release Program Allocations for FY 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of allocations and funding floor adjustment for the Pretrial Release Program for FY 2025–26.

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the following Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommendations for consideration by the Judicial Council via circulating order:*

1. *Approve the FY 2025–26 allocations, including funding floor allocations, for the Pretrial Release Program in accordance with the budget bill language, by distributing the funding based on each county’s relative proportion of 18–24-year-olds. See attachment 2A for individual allocations.*
2. *Direct Judicial Council staff to conduct a mid-year survey of expenditures and spending plans in November 2025 to determine which jurisdictions anticipate having unspent funding and which jurisdictions anticipate a demonstrated need for additional funding and recommend a methodology for reallocating funding between the trial courts based on demonstrated need.*

Item 3: Proposition 36 Allocations for FY 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of allocation methodologies for Proposition 36 implementation for FY 2025–26.

Action: *The Budget Committee unanimously voted to approve the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommendation for the FY 2025–26 allocations for the implementation of Proposition 36 in accordance with Allocation Methodology 1, where fifty percent of the funding is allocated based on each trial court’s non-traffic misdemeanor and felony filings and fifty percent of the funding is allocated based on each trial court’s Proposition 36 survey data. See attachment 3D for individual allocations. The recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Council via circulating order.*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on enter date

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA
BUDGET SERVICES
Report to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee
(Action Item)

Title: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025–26 Trial Court Trust Fund Allocation Increase for Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Program

Date: 9/4/2025

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Issue

Consider a recommendation from the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee to increase the FY 2025–26 allocation for the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Program to fund additional grant allocations from existing program reserves in the amount of \$1.4 million. The augmentation will increase the Judicial Council–approved FY 2025–26 allocation from \$18.2 million to \$19.6 million, for the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Pilot Program.

Background

On July 21, 2023, the Judicial Council approved 14 grants for a total of \$48.3 million to qualified legal services providers and court partners for the administration of Shriver projects (effective October 1, 2023). These grants are awarded for a three-year period beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2026¹. The projects, in partnership with their local superior courts, provide legal representation and assistance to low-income Californians consistent with the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act (as amended by Assem. Bill 2193; Stats. 2022, ch. 486) in civil matters involving housing-related matters, domestic violence and civil harassment restraining orders, probate conservatorships, guardianships of the person, elder abuse, or actions by a parent to obtain legal or physical custody of a child.

On April 12, 2024, the Shriver Committee approved an application process for a recommendation to the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) to allocate and distribute up to \$5 million in program reserves to current Shriver projects. Funding was offered to grant recipients based on pro rata award amounts from the 2023–26 grant cycle, for expenditure during fiscal years 2024–25 and 2025–26. Of the \$5 million, a total of \$3.6 million was requested by 11 programs. This allocation was approved by the TCBAC on October 4, 2024².

¹ Judicial Council of Cal., Staff Rep., *Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act* | *Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act: Selection of Pilot Projects* (July 21, 2023), <https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=12124930&GUID=FB567EA4-D0EA-4B2E-A554-6352E555984D>

² Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee, Staff Rep. 2024-25 Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Pilot Program Pro Rata Distribution for a Mid-Cycle Allocation (October 4, 2024), <https://courts.ca.gov/system/files/file/tcbac-20241004-materials.pdf>

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On November 15, 2024, the Judicial Council approved TCBAC’s recommendation for a one-time midcycle allocation of \$3.6 million from the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act grant program’s existing reserves within the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) to current Shriver projects. The council also approved retaining the unrequested amount of \$1.4 million in reserve for allocation in the next 2026–29 grant cycle.³

On April 3, 2025, the Revenue and Expenditure Subcommittee considered the annual allocations from the TCTF for FY 2025–26 and approved a recommendation to allocate \$18.2 million to the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Program. The allocation was approved at the Judicial Council’s July 12, 2025, business meeting.⁴ This request will augment the approved allocation for current year (Attachment B).

Proposed Augmentation for Consideration

In response to the urgent need for legal aid services due to recent wildfires that caused widespread housing loss, in addition to cuts in federal funding, on June 5, 2025, the Shriver Committee approved funding existing projects in FY 2025–26 with the remaining \$1.4 million, rather than reserving it for the 2026–29 grant cycle.⁵ In support of this request, on June 9, 2025, a request for proposals was issued to current Shriver projects, inviting them to submit revised project plans, budgets, and budget narratives detailing how they would use a proposed pro rata allocation of the \$1.4 million augmentation. Of the 14 Shriver projects, 12 submitted proposals for their full pro rata amount, one submitted a proposal for less than its share, and one project declined their full pro rata share.

On July 18, 2025, the Shriver Committee approved 13 proposals through action by email between meetings to augment the current projects using up to \$1.4 million in program reserves, bringing the total grant awards to \$53 million for the 2023–26 grant cycle.⁶ Attachment A displays the \$3.6 million pro rata midcycle allocation award amounts in column E, and the proposed pro rata mid-year augmentation allocations of \$1.4 million in column F, which is also based on the same 2023–26 grant cycle. The following table shows the total funding amounts, including the initial grant awards, the midcycle allocation, and the proposed mid-year augmentation. After the allocation of \$1.4 million, remaining reserve funding for the program will be \$13.9 million.

³ Judicial Council of Cal., Staff Rep., *Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act | Midcycle Allocation to Current Projects* (Nov. 15, 2024), <https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=13393796&GUID=0C4E75C5-E5D4-4AD1-8CE2-5832105FA27F>.

⁴ Judicial Council of Cal., <https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=14317995&GUID=ECD8C9DA-C4D0-4251-9D6E-F59B81DF112E>

⁵ Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee meeting agenda, June 5, 2025, https://courts.ca.gov/system/files/file/shriver-060525-noticeagenda_0.pdf

⁶ The July 18, 2025, Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee meeting by vote by email and closed to the public under California Rules of Court, rule 10.75(D)(9); <https://courts.ca.gov/system/files/file/shriver-20250718-minutes-actionbyemail.pdf>.

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2023–26 Total Grant Awards	Additional 2023–26 Midcycle Allocation	Proposed Mid-Year Augmentation	Revised 2023–26 Total Grant Awards
\$48,033,963	\$3,568,382	\$1,431,618	\$53,033,963
<i>Note: The initial allocation of \$48,328,296 approved by the Judicial Council on July 21, 2023, was reduced to \$48,033,963 after two programs were unable to accept their full awards.</i>			

Recommendation

Approve the TCBAC recommendation to increase the approved FY 2025–26 TCTF allocation for the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Program by an additional \$1.4 million, which results in a total program allocation of \$19.6 million for the current year. This amount will be allocated and distributed to current Shriver projects, on a pro rata basis according to the award amounts for the 2023–26 grant cycle, for FY 2025–26 as identified in Attachment A.

This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Council at its October 24, 2025, business meeting.

Attachments

1. Attachment A: Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Program Mid-Year Augmentation Pro Rata Distribution
2. Attachment B: Approved FY 2025–26 Allocations and Proposed FY 2025–26 Augmentation State Operations and Local Assistance Trial Court Trust Fund

Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Program Mid-Year Augmentation Pro Rata Distribution⁷

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Lead Legal Services Agency	Court Partner	Case Type	Approved 2023–26 Grant Awards	Midcycle Allocation 2024	Mid-Year Augmentation 2025	Total Revised 2023–26 Grant Amounts⁸
California Rural Legal Assistance	San Joaquin	Housing	2,456,611	255,716	76,925	2,789,252
Central California Legal Services	Fresno	Housing	1,979,657	206,068	61,989	2,247,714
Centro Legal de la Raza	Alameda	Housing	2,168,678	225,745	67,909	2,462,332
Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Inc.	Kern	Housing	3,066,468	319,077	96,021	3,481,566
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco	San Francisco	Child Custody	1,219,949	126,988	38,201	1,385,138
Legal Access Alameda	Alameda	Child Custody	313,938	0	9,831	323,769
Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County	Santa Barbara	Housing Guardianship Conservatorship	3,914,413	117,125	116,666	4,148,204
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	San Diego	Housing	10,149,125	0	317,802	10,466,927
Legal Services of Northern California	Yolo	Housing	1,147,846	119,483	\$35,943	1,303,272
Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice dba Survivor Justice Center	Los Angeles	Child Custody	3,007,407	313,050	\$94,172	3,414,629
Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County	Los Angeles	Housing	12,911,086	1,343,954	404,289	14,659,329
Public Law Center	Orange	Child Custody	489,484	0	0	489,484
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program (custody) ⁹	San Diego	Child Custody	1,392,980	144,202	13,563	1,550,745
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program (domestic violence) ¹⁰	San Diego	Domestic Violence	961,185	99,774	8,904	1,069,863
San Luis Obispo Legal Assistance Foundation	San Luis Obispo	Housing Elder Abuse Guardianship Conservatorship	2,855,136	297,200	89,403	3,241,739
TOTAL			\$48,033,963	\$3,568,382	\$1,431,618	\$53,033,963

⁷ The mid-year augmentation will allow existing projects to increase and sustain legal representation and court services for low-income, unrepresented parties in housing, domestic violence and civil harassment restraining orders, probate conservatorships, guardianships, elder abuse and child custody.

⁸ Total Revised 2023–26 Grant Amounts are inclusive of approved TCTF allocations for FY 2023–24, FY 2024–25 and the allocation to be requested for FY 2025–26.

⁹ San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program is one Shriver project, but their funding is separated by case type to demonstrate compliance with Gov. Code 68651(2), which states that proposals to provide counsel in child custody cases should be considered among the highest priorities for funding and that up to 20 percent of available funds shall be directed to programs involving actions under the Family Code

(https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=GOV&division=&title=8.&part=&chapter=2.1.&article=3)

¹⁰ Ibid.

Judicial Council of California
Approved FY 2025-26 Allocations and Proposed FY 2025-26 Augmentation
State Operations and Local Assistance
Trial Court Trust Fund

Attachment B

#	Program Name	Program Number	Office	FY 2024-25 Allocations			Recommended FY 2025-26 Allocations				\$ Change from FY 2024-25	% Change from FY 2024-25
				State Operations	Local Assistance	Total Approved Allocations	State Operations	Local Assistance	Augmentation	Total Proposed Allocations		
A	B	C	D	E	F	G (E + F)	H	I		J (H + I)	K (J - G)	L (K / G)
1	SCO Audit - Pilot program per GC 77206 (h)(4) ¹	0150095	AS		\$ 1,850,000	\$ 1,850,000		\$ 1,887,000		\$ 1,887,000	37,000	2%
2	California State Auditor Audits	0150010	AS		325,000	325,000		325,000		325,000	-	0%
3	Phoenix Financial Services	0140010	BAP	103,000		103,000	107,000			107,000	4,000	4%
4	Phoenix HR Services	0140010	BAP	1,723,000		1,723,000	1,776,000			1,776,000	53,000	3%
5	Other Post Employment Benefits Valuations	0150095	BAP		131,000	131,000		643,000		643,000	512,000	391%
6	Statewide Support for Collections Programs ¹	0140010	BS	747,000		747,000	827,000			827,000	80,000	11%
7	Jury	0150010	BS		18,700,000	18,700,000		14,500,000		14,500,000	(4,200,000)	-22%
8	Elder Abuse	0150010	BS		1,400,000	1,400,000		1,500,000		1,500,000	100,000	7%
9	SCO Administrative Costs per GC 68085(g)	0150010	BS		88,000	88,000		88,000		88,000	-	0%
10	Children in Dependency Case Training	0150095	CFCC		113,000	113,000		113,000		113,000	-	0%
11	Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Pilot Program	0140010	CFCC	780,000		780,000	960,000			960,000	180,000	23%
12	Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Pilot Program	0150095	CFCC		21,032,000	21,032,000		18,200,000	1,440,000	19,640,000	(1,392,000)	-7%
13	Equal Access Fund	0140010	CFCC	274,000		274,000	274,000			274,000	-	0%
14	Court-Appointed Dependency Counsel Collections	0140010	CFCC	556,000		556,000	556,000			556,000	-	0%
15	Court-Appointed Dependency Counsel	0150011	CFCC		186,700,000	186,700,000		186,700,000		186,700,000	-	0%
16	Juvenile Dependency Collections Reimbursement	0150010	CFCC		350,000	350,000		363,458		363,458	13,458	4%
17	Self-Help Center	0150010	CFCC		25,300,000	25,300,000		25,300,000		25,300,000	-	0%
18	Screening Equipment Replacement	0150010	FS		2,511,000	2,511,000		2,000,000		2,000,000	(511,000)	-20%
19	Court Interpreters Data Collections System (CIDCS)	0150037	IT	87,000		87,000	87,000			87,000	-	0%
20	Data Center and Cloud Services	0150095	IT		4,611,000	4,611,000		4,611,000		4,611,000	-	0%
21	Electronic Courts of Appeal Record and Transcripts (eCART) Program	0150095	IT		200,000	200,000		200,000		200,000	-	0%
22	Total Allocations			\$ 4,270,000	\$ 263,311,000	\$ 267,581,000	\$ 4,587,000	\$ 256,430,458	\$ 1,440,000	\$ 262,457,458	\$ (5,123,542)	-1.91%

Totals by Office			Office	State Operations	Local Assistance	Total Approved Allocations	State Operations	Local Assistance	Augmentation	Total Proposed Allocations	\$ Change from FY 2024-25	% Change from FY 2024-25
Legend				E	F	G (E + F)	H	I		J (H + I)	K (J - G)	L (K / G)
23	Audit Services		AS	\$ -	\$ 2,175,000	\$ 2,175,000	\$ -	\$ 2,212,000		\$ 2,212,000	\$ 37,000	1.70%
24	Branch Accounting and Procurement		BAP	1,826,000	131,000	1,957,000	1,883,000	643,000		2,526,000	569,000	29.08%
25	Budget Services		BS	747,000	20,188,000	20,935,000	827,000	16,088,000		16,915,000	(4,020,000)	-19.20%
26	Center for Families, Children and the Courts		CFCC	1,610,000	233,495,000	235,105,000	1,790,000	230,676,458	1,440,000	233,906,458	(1,198,542)	-0.51%
27	Facility Services		FS	-	2,511,000	2,511,000	-	2,000,000		2,000,000	(511,000)	-20.35%
28	Information Technology		IT	87,000	4,811,000	4,898,000	87,000	4,811,000		4,898,000	-	0.00%
Total Allocations				\$ 4,270,000	\$ 263,311,000	\$ 267,581,000	\$ 4,587,000	\$ 256,430,458		\$ 262,457,458	\$ (5,123,542)	-1.91%

Totals by Program		Program Number	State Operations	Local Assistance	Total Approved Allocations	State Operations	Local Assistance	Augmentation	Total Proposed Allocations	\$S Change from FY 2024-25	% Change from FY 2024-25
Legend			E	F	G (E + F)	H	I		J (H + I)	K (J - G)	L (K / G)
29	Judicial Council (Staff)	0140010	\$ 4,183,000	\$ -	\$ 4,183,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ -		\$ 4,500,000	\$ 317,000	7.58%
30	Support for the Operation of the Trial Courts	0150010	-	48,674,000	48,674,000	-	44,076,458		44,076,458	(4,597,542)	-9.45%
31	Court Appointed Dependency Counsel	0150011	-	186,700,000	186,700,000	-	186,700,000		186,700,000	-	0.00%
32	Court Interpreters	0150037	87,000	-	87,000	87,000	-		87,000	-	0.00%
33	Expenses on Behalf of the Trial Courts	0150095	-	27,937,000	27,937,000	-	25,654,000	1,440,000	27,094,000	(843,000)	-3.02%
Total Allocations			\$ 4,270,000	\$ 263,311,000	\$ 267,581,000	\$ 4,587,000	\$ 256,430,458		\$ 262,457,458	\$ (5,123,542)	-1.91%

¹ The allocation increase of \$1.5 million for FY 2024-25 was approved by Judicial Council at its February 21, 2025 business meeting.

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA
BUDGET SERVICES
Report to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee
(Information Only)

Title: Update on Statutory Changes for Court-Ordered Debt Collections and Reporting
Date: 9/4/2025
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Issue

In March 2025, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommended that the Judicial Council sponsor legislation amending Penal Code section 1463.007¹ and Government Code section 68514² to improve compliance with the annual reporting requirements to the Legislature and the Department of Finance regarding court-ordered debt collections. The committee approved the proposed amendments to circulate for public comment. This informational report provides an update regarding the comments received and the next steps in the process for the proposed statutory changes.

Background

At its March 14, 2025, meeting³ the Judicial Branch Budget Committee considered recommendations from an interested group of court and county stakeholders to amend relevant statutes to clarify and streamline responsibilities for performing authorized collections activities. The committee approved circulation of the proposed amendments for public comment⁴, which occurred from April 15 through May 23, 2025. Comments were received from two entities which are summarized in the next section of this report and further detailed in Attachment A.

Penal Code section 1463.010(c) requires the Judicial Council to submit an annual report to the Legislature and the Department of Finance that includes information about the collection of court-ordered debt, as specified in Government Code section 68514(a). The 58 court and county comprehensive collection programs jointly submit required collections information on the Judicial Council–approved Collections Reporting Template which is used to complete the annual report (Attachment B).

¹ Pen. Code, § 1463.007

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=1463.007.&lawCode=PEN

² Gov. Code §68514

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=68514.&lawCode=GOV

³Judicial Branch Budget Committee, March 14, 2025, meeting: <https://courts.ca.gov/system/files/file/jbbc-20250314-materials.pdf>

⁴ Invitation to Comment: Judicial Council–Sponsored Legislation: Amendments to Collections-Related Statutes <https://courts.ca.gov/system/files/itc/leg25-02.pdf>

The recommendations to amend Penal Code section 1463.007 and Government Code section 68514 clarify responsibilities for performing authorized collections activities as follows:

- Amendments to Penal Code section 1463.007 are primarily technical in nature. The amendments restate the statute to clearly identify the collection entities that programs may use to collect delinquent debt, including three entities formerly listed as possible collections activities. The amendments also include the removal of one activity no longer authorized and the use of administrative offsets to collect debt as a potential activity.

The activity to initiate driver's license suspension or hold actions for a failure to appear in court is proposed for repeal in SB 857, the Public Safety Omnibus Bill, which is currently moving through the 2025 legislative process. To the extent that SB 857 is enacted, the proposed removal of this activity will have been addressed. Overall, the number of potential collection activities is reduced from 16 to 13, and the total number of required activities is reduced from 10 to 8. The proposed amendments also update the terminology to reflect current collection practices, among other technical revisions.

- Amendments to Government Code section 68514 will change the requirements to report the total amount collected, total number of cases, and total operating costs by collection activity to reporting by collection entity, such as court, county, Franchise Tax Board, private agency, or other entity. Other changes include minor technical edits to mirror the proposed language in Penal Code section 1463.007.

Because the collection programs were not previously required to report on the collection activities authorized by subdivisions (a) and (b) of Government Code section 68514, case management and accounting systems were not configured to track delinquent court-ordered debt collections information by collection activity. Examples of collection activities include contacting the debtor by mail and telephone, the use of skip tracing services to locate debtors, and contracting with third-party programs such as the Franchise Tax Board and private agencies.

These proposed statutory changes will help the court and county collection programs comply with existing requirements and report consistent data, especially data by program rather than by individual collection activity.

Comments and Proposed Responses

A summary of the comments received during the public comment period are described below:

Comment #1

The Orange County Bar Association agreed with the proposed amendments; no response is necessary.

Comment #2

The Superior Court of Los Angeles County agreed with the proposed amendments; no response is necessary. Additionally, the court recommends rewording subdivision (d) of Penal Code section 1463.007, which is specific to the ability to pay program, for clarification.

The proposed amendments to Penal Code section 1463.007 address challenges with the current reporting requirements and are intended to improve the reporting process. The additional recommendation provided by the Los Angeles Superior Court, which is a technical clarification of existing statute, is outside the scope of the original legislative proposal. Therefore, Judicial Council staff recommend that this issue be brought back to the stakeholder group for consideration at a future date.

Attachment A provides additional detail regarding the public comments received.

Next Steps for Proposed Amendments

The proposed statutory changes will be presented to the Legislation Committee at its meeting on September 18, 2025. The final legislative proposal will be submitted to the Judicial Council for consideration at its December 13, 2025, business meeting. Following approval by the Judicial Council, the proposed amendments will need to be included in a bill for consideration in the 2026 legislative process. Judicial Council staff will report back to the committee regarding the outcome of the legislative process.

To the extent the amendments are approved in the legislative process, the changes will be applied to the Collections Reporting Template (Attachment B) in the fiscal year 2026–27 reporting period and will be reflected in the annual report to the Legislature and the Department of Finance that will be submitted by December 31, 2027.

Attachments

1. Attachment A: Judicial Council–Sponsored Legislation: Amendments to Collections-Related Statutes
2. Attachment B: Collections Reporting Template

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

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	Commenter	Position	Comment	Committee Response
1.	Mei Tsang, President Orange County Bar Association	A	“Does the proposal appropriately address the stated purpose? Yes.”	No response required.
2.	Stephanie Kuo, Legislative Analyst Superior Court of Los Angeles County	AM	<p>The following comments are representative of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, and do not represent or promote the viewpoint of any particular judicial officer or employee.</p> <p>In response to the Judicial Council of California’s ITC, “Judicial Council-Sponsored Legislation: Amendments to Collections-Related Statutes,” the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles (Court), agrees with the proposal with modifications and believes it appropriately addresses the stated purpose.</p> <p>The Court recommends editing the language in section PC 1463.007(d) that requires a comprehensive collection program to administer Ability to Pay (ATP) nondelinquent payment plans. The language should be reworded if the intent is to say that the cost recovery fee should not intersect or be duplicated should the ATP case become delinquent.</p> <p>The proposal is cost neutral. To implement, the Court may need to modify its internally developed reports, including revalidation. Three months from Judicial Council</p>	<p>No response required.</p> <p>Language in subdivision (d) of Penal Code section 1463.007 is specific to the ability to pay program. The recommendation to amend subdivision (d) is outside the scope of the initial proposal. This recommendation will be considered separately at a future date.</p> <p>No response required.</p>

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

All comments are verbatim unless indicated by an asterisk (*).

	Commenter	Position	Comment	Committee Response
			approval should be sufficient time for implementation. The proposal provides clarity so collection programs of any size should have the ability to provide the required information on the Collections Reporting Template.	

1	Court/County	Select court/county (see Contact Informat ▼)
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2	Court Contact:	
	Telephone Number:	
	E-mail Address:	

3	County Contact:	
	Telephone Number:	
	E-mail Address:	

4	List collection agencies or programs used by order in which debt is referred:	1. <input type="text"/>
		2. <input type="text"/>
		3. <input type="text"/>
		4. <input type="text"/>
		5. <input type="text"/>

5		Item 4		Item 5	Item 6a	Item 6b	Item 7
Below is a description of the collections components (activities) authorized by Penal Code section 1463.007. As required by Government Code section 68514, for Items 4, 5, 6a, 6b and 7, input the requested information for <u>each</u> collection activity that the court/county program currently uses:		Check each collections activity performed by program	Category	Total amount collected per collection activity	Total number of cases by activity	Total number of individuals associated with those cases	Total administrative cost per collection activity
6	a. Attempts telephone contact with delinquent debtors for whom the program has a telephone number to inform them of their delinquent status and payment options.	<input type="checkbox"/>	1			Enter data as part of Category 3, (activity c)	
7	b. Notifies delinquent debtors for whom the program has an address in writing of their outstanding obligation within 95 days of delinquency.	<input type="checkbox"/>	2				
8	c. Generates internal monthly reports to track collections data, such as age of debt and delinquent amounts outstanding.	<input type="checkbox"/>	3				
9	d. Uses Department of Motor Vehicles information to locate delinquent debtors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	4				
10	e. Accepts payment of delinquent debt by credit card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Enter data as part of Category 3, (activity c), Row 8 above.			
11	a. Sends delinquent debt to the Franchise Tax Board's Court-Ordered Debt Collections Program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	5				
12	b. Sends delinquent debt to the Franchise Tax Board's Interagency Intercept Collections Program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	6				
13	c. Initiates driver's license suspension or hold actions when appropriate for a failure to appear in court.	<input type="checkbox"/>	7				
14	d. Contracts with one or more private debt collectors to collect delinquent debt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	8				
15	e. Sends monthly bills or account statements to all delinquent debtors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Enter data as part of Category 2 (activity b), Row 7 above.			
16	f. Contracts with local, regional, state, or national skip tracing or locator resources or services to locate delinquent debtors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Enter data as part of Category 4, (activity d) in Row 9 above.			
17	g. Coordinates with the probation department to locate debtors who may be on formal or informal probation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Enter data as part of Category 4, (activity d) in Row 9 above.			
18	h. Uses Employment Development Department employment and wage information to collect delinquent debt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Enter data part of Category 4, (activity d) Row 9 above.			
19	i. Establishes wage and bank account garnishments where appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	9				
20	j. Places liens on real property owned by delinquent debtors when appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	9	Enter data as part of Category 9, (activity i) Row 19 above.			
21	k. Uses an automated dialer or automatic call distribution system to manage telephone calls.	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Enter data as part of Category 1, (activity a) Row 6 above.			
22	TOTAL:			\$0	0	0	\$0

Category Key: (See Category tab for task/activities list)		
1= Telephone Contact	4= Skip tracing	7= DL Hold
2= Written Notice(s)	5= FTB-COD	8= Private agency
3= Lobby/counter	6= FTB-IIC	9= Wage/bank garnishments and Liens

Is the program qualified as a comprehensive collection program?

No

Select court/county (see Contact Information worksheet #1)
Use the space below to describe your collection program.

Describe the extent to which your collection program is meeting the Judicial Council approved Collections Best Practices and identify any obstacles or problems that prevent the collections program from meeting those objectives. Of the twenty-one (21) Best Practices listed below please check those which your collection program has implemented. Provide an explanation for the best practices currently not being met, below. Also, identify any new or additional practices that have improved your collections program.

- ☐ 1 Develop plan and put in a written MOU that implements and enhances a program in which the court/county collaborate to collect court-ordered debt and monies owed to a court under court order.
- ☐ 2 Establish and maintain a cooperative superior court and county collection committee responsible for compliance, reporting, and internal enhancements of the joint collection program.
- ☐ 3 Meet the components of a comprehensive collection program as required under Penal Code section 1463.007 in order that the costs of operating the program can be recovered.
- ☐ 4 Complete all data components in the Collections Reporting Template.
- ☐ 5 Reconcile amounts placed in collection to the supporting case management and/or accounting systems.
- ☐ 6 Retain the joint court/county collection reports and supporting documents for at least three years.
- ☐ 7 Take appropriate steps to collect court-ordered debt locally before referring it to the Franchise Tax Board for collection.
- ☐ 8 Participate in the Franchise Tax Board Court-Ordered Debt (COD) collection program.
- ☐ 9 Participate in the Franchise Tax Board Interagency Intercept Collections (IIC) program.
- ☐ 10 Establish a process for handling the discharge of accountability for uncollectible court-ordered debt.
- ☐ 11 Conduct trials by written declaration under Vehicle Code section 40903 and, as appropriate in the context of such trials, impose a civil assessment.
- ☐ 12 Evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of external collection agencies or companies to which court-ordered debt is referred for collection.
- ☐ 13 Accept payments via credit and debit card.
- ☐ 14 Accept payments via the Internet.
- ☐ 15 Include in a collection program all court-ordered debt and monies owed to the court under a court order.
- ☐ 16 Include financial screening to assess each individual's ability to pay prior to processing installment payment plans and account receivables.
- ☐ 17 Use restitution rebate, as authorized by Government Code section 13963(f), to further efforts for the collection of funds owed to the Restitution Fund.
- ☐ 18 Participate in the statewide master agreement for collection services or renegotiate existing contracts, where feasible, to ensure appropriate levels of services are provided at an economical cost.
- ☐ 19 Require private vendors to remit the gross amount collected as agreed and submit invoices for commission fees to the court or county on a monthly basis.
- ☐ 20 Use collection terminology (as established in the glossary, instructions, or other documents approved for use by courts and counties) for the development or enhancement of a collection program.
- ☐ 21 Require private vendors to complete the components of the Collections Reporting Template that corresponds to their collection programs.

Please identify areas in collections or distribution (check all that apply) in which program staff would like to receive training, assistance, or additional information.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Audits (Judicial Council) | <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Adjustments | <input type="checkbox"/> Cost Recovery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audits (SCO) | <input type="checkbox"/> Discharge from Accountability | <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to Pay Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Collections-Related Issues |

Comments or explanations:

The number of best practices used is: 0

Performance Report**Select court/county (see Contact Information worksheet #1)****Use the space below to discuss your collection program.**

Please provide any comments on your performance for the reporting period, by Current Period, Prior Period Inventory, and Combined, that you wish included in the Individual Program Report that will be attached in the Report to the Legislature.

Please explain the extent of your reporting capabilities in terms of providing the information required by GC § 68514. If data cannot be provided at this time or if the reported data differs from the Instructions, please describe the submitted data and any plans for providing this information in the future.

Additional operational information about your collections program for the reporting period.

Select court/county (see Contact Information worksheet #1)

REPORTING PERIOD		Col. A										
1	Beginning Date-First day of Reporting Period	01-Jul-23										
2	Ending Date-Last day of Reporting Period	30-Jun-24										
CURRENT PERIOD (NEWLY-ESTABLISHED) DELINQUENT DEBT: FINES, FEES, FORFEITURES, PENALTIES AND ASSESSMENTS												
Row	Program	Number of Cases Established or Referred as Delinquent Col. B	Value of Cases Established or Referred as Delinquent Col. C	Number of Cases with Payment(s) Received (Items 1 and 2) Col. D	Gross Revenue Collected Col. E	Cost of Collections (Penal Code 1463.007) enter as negative number Col. F	Adjustment: Amount satisfied by Court-ordered Suspension, Dismissal or Alternative Sentence (Item 3) Col. G	Discharge from Accountability (Item 3) Col. H	Net Value of Newly-Established Delinquent Debt at End of Period (Col. C - E - G - H) Col. I	Value of Cases on Installment Agreement (Item 8) Col. J	Default Balance Installment Agreement (Item 8) Col. K	Percentage of Debt Defaulted On (Installment Agmt.) (Col. K / Col. J) Col. L
3	Non-Delinquent Collections											
4	Court Collection Program											
5	County Collection Program											
6	Private Agency											
7	FTB Court-Ordered Debt											
8	FTB Interagency Intercept Collection											
9	Intra-Branch Program											
10	Other											
11	Sub-total Delinquent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRIOR PERIOD (PREVIOUSLY-ESTABLISHED) DELINQUENT DEBT: FINES, FEES, FORFEITURES, PENALTIES AND ASSESSMENTS												
Row	Program	Number of Delinquent Cases at Period Beginning (Ending Balance from Transfer Worksheet) Col. M	Value of Delinquent Cases at Period Beginning (Ending Balance from Transfer Worksheet) Col. N	Number of Cases with Payment(s) Received Col. O	Gross Revenue Collected Col. P	Cost of Collections (Penal Code 1463.007) enter as negative number Col. Q	Adjustment: Amount satisfied by Court-ordered Suspension, Dismissal or Alternative Sentence Col. R	Discharge from Accountability Col. S	Net Value of Previously-Established Delinquent Debt at End of Period (Col. N - P - R - S) Col. T	Value of Cases on Installment Agmt. (Ending Balance from Prior Year) Col. U	Default Balance Installment Agreement Col. V	Percentage of Debt Defaulted On (Installment Agmt.) (Col. V / Col. U) Col. W
12	Non-Delinquent Collections											
13	Court Collection Program											
14	County Collection Program											
15	Private Agency											
16	FTB Court-Ordered Debt											
17	FTB Interagency Intercept Collection											
18	Intra-Branch Program											
19	Other											
20	Sub-total Delinquent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COMBINED: BEGINNING AND ENDING BALANCES; FINES, FEES, FORFEITURES, PENALTIES AND ASSESSMENTS												
Row	Program	Number of Cases Beginning Balance Col. X	Value of Cases Beginning Balance Col. Y	Gross Revenue Collected Col. Z	Cost of Collections (Penal Code 1463.007) Col. AA	Adjustments Col. AB	Discharge from Accountability Col. AC	Net Change in Value Col. AD	Number of Cases - Ending Balance Col. AE	Value of Cases-Ending Balance Col. AF	Error Messages Col. AG	
21	Non-Delinquent Collections											
22	Court Collection Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
23	County Collection Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
24	Private Agency	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
25	FTB Court-Ordered Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
26	FTB Interagency Intercept Collection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
27	Intra-Branch Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
28	Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
29	Total Delinquent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
COLLECTIONS FROM CASES SUBJECT TO ABILITY TO PAY DETERMINATION												
Row	Period	Online ATP Revenue: Nondelinquent Col. AH	Online ATP Revenue: Delinquent Col. AI	Online ATP Revenue: Combined Col. AJ	In-Person ATP Revenue: Nondelinquent Col. AK	In-Person ATP Revenue: Delinquent Col. AL	In-Person ATP Revenue: Combined Col. AM	Online ATP Cases w/ Installment Payments: Nondelinquent Col. AN	Online ATP Installment Costs Claimed: Nondelinquent Col. AO	In-Person ATP Cases w/ Installment Payments: Nondelinquent Col. AP	In-Person ATP Installment Costs Claimed: Nondelinquent Col. AQ	
30	Current Period											
31	Prior Period											
32	Combined Periods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
VICTIM RESTITUTION (PC 1202.4)												
Row	Program	Number of Cases - (Ending Balance from Prior Year) Col. AR	Value of Cases - (Ending Balance from Prior Year) Col. AS	Number of Cases Established/ Referred/ Transferred in Period Col. AT	Value of Cases Established/ Referred/ Transferred in Period Col. AU	Gross Revenue Collected Col. AV	Balance Modifications Col. AW	Net Change in Value Col. AX	Number of Cases - Ending Balance Col. AY	Value of Cases - Ending Balance Col. AZ	Error Messages Col. BA	
33	Non-Delinquent Collections											
34	Court Collection Program							0		-		
35	County Collection Program							0		-		
36	Private Agency							0		-		
37	FTB Court-Ordered Debt							0		-		
38	FTB Interagency Intercept Collection							0		-		
39	Intra-Branch Program							0		-		
40	Other							0		-		
41	Total Delinquent	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-		
Reviewed by Court												
<div> <div>Printed Name</div> <div>Signature</div> <div>Date</div> <div>Title (Court Executive or Presiding Judge)</div> </div>												
Reviewed by County												
<div> <div>Printed Name</div> <div>Signature</div> <div>Date</div> <div>Title (County Auditor-Controller or other)</div> </div>												

Collector Effective Index	Current	Prior	Combined

First Year Resolution Rate	
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Spend Efficiency Score	Current	Prior	Combined
Court Collection Program			
County Collection Program			
Private Agency			
FTB Court-Ordered Debt			
FTB Interagency Intercept Collection			
Intra-Branch Program			
Other			

Cost to Referral Ratio	Current	Prior	Combined

Adjustment Score	Adjustments	Score
	\$0	

Discharge Score	Discharges	Score
	\$0	

Risk Monitor	
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<p>Please provide any brief comments on your performance measures you wish included in the Dashboard for your program. (500 character maximum)</p>

Quality Criteria Checklist

Attachment B

Row	Quality Checklist	CURRENT PERIOD: FINES, FEES, FORFEITURES, PENALTIES AND ASSESSMENTS
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Row 3, Column D, includes revenues collected for non-delinquent infraction, misdemeanor, and felony cases that were paid in full on or before the due date, or current installment or accounts receivable (A/R) payment plan. Row 3, Column E includes the number of cases associated with non-delinquent revenue collections reported in Row 3, Column D.
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 4-10 include all fines, fees, forfeitures, penalties, and assessments on traffic, criminal, and juvenile delinquency case types (infraction, misdemeanors, and felony), except victim restitution (see Rows 33-41 for more information).
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 4-10, include newly established/referred/transferred cases, gross revenue collected, adjustments, or discharges posted during the reporting period.
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 4-10, Column B, include the total number of new cases established, referred, or transferred within the reporting period. Any cases that were previously established, but never referred or transferred to collections, are considered new cases and should be reported in this column (the corresponding value of these cases should be reported in Column C). If multiple cases were bundled into one case, only one (1) case should be reported in Column B.
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 4-10, Column C, include the total value of the corresponding cases in Column B, that were established, referred, or transferred during the reporting period only.
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 4-10, Column D, include the number of cases with payment(s) received during the reporting period. The number of cases reported may be equal to but not greater than the number of cases established in Column B.
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 4-10, Column E, include all monies received towards the satisfaction of delinquent court-ordered debt, including installment payments.
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 4-10, Column F, include the cost of collections that, pursuant to PC 1463.007, is allowable to offset revenue prior to distribution to other governmental entities. Cost of collections is entered in Column F as a negative number unless posting a reversal.
9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Value reported in Column G includes the total value of court-ordered debt satisfied by court-ordered dismissal, suspension, or by means other than payment. An amount satisfied by means other than payment includes alternative sentences (e.g., community service or time served in custody in lieu of fine) or non-cash adjustment that decreases or increases the amount outstanding for individual debt items.
10	<input type="checkbox"/>	Value reported in Column H includes all debt deemed uncollectible that was established and discharged in the reporting period, per Government Code section 25257-25259.95.
11	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column I is the change in value of Cases Referred/Established/Transferred minus (-) Gross Collections, Adjustments, and Discharged debt. (Column C - E - G - H).
12	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 4-10, Column J, includes the value of all cases set-up on an installment agreement (A/R or monthly installment payment plan) by the court or collecting entity.
13	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 4-10, Column K, includes the balances from delinquent cases where the individual is non-compliant with the terms of the agreement (i.e., payments have not been received) and the plan was not reinstated at the end of the fiscal year.
14	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column L is formula driven and calculates the percentage of fines and fees defaulted on by dividing the installment agreement balance (amount defaulted on) by the initial value of court-ordered debt set-up on payment plan (Col. K/ Col. J)
PRIOR PERIODS INVENTORY: FINES, FEES, FORFEITURES, PENALTIES AND ASSESSMENTS		
15	<input type="checkbox"/>	Row 12, Column P, includes revenues collected for non-delinquent infraction, misdemeanor and felony cases that were paid in full on or before the due date, or current installment or accounts receivable (A/R) payment plan. Row 12, Column O includes the number of cases associated with non-delinquent revenue collections reported in Row 12, Column P.
16	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 13-19 include all fines, fees, forfeitures, penalties, and assessments on traffic, criminal, and juvenile delinquency case types (infraction, misdemeanors, and felonies), except victim restitution (see Row 33-41 for more information).
17	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 13-19 include all cases in inventory referred or transferred to a collections program in a prior period, and gross revenue collected, court-ordered adjustments, or discharges that were received and posted during the current reporting period.
18	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 13-19, Column Q, include the number of cases with payments received during the reporting period. Note: any late postings from prior year should be reported in Column M, and the case value should be reported in Column N as part of the ending balance from prior year.
19	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 13-19, Column P, include all monies received towards the satisfaction of delinquent court-ordered debt.
20	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 13-19, Column Q, include the cost of collections that, pursuant to PC 1463.007, is allowable to offset revenue prior to distribution to other governmental entities. Cost of collections is entered in Column Q as a negative number unless posting a reversal.
21	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 13-19, Column R, includes the total value of court-ordered debt satisfied by court-ordered dismissal, suspension, or by means other than payment. An amount satisfied by means other than payment includes alternative sentences (e.g., community service or time served in custody in lieu of fine) or non-cash adjustment that decreases or increases the amount outstanding for individual debt items.
22	<input type="checkbox"/>	Value reported in Column S includes all previously established debt deemed uncollectible and discharged in the reporting period, per Government Code section 25257-25259.95.
23	<input type="checkbox"/>	Value reported in Column T is the change in Value of Cases (Ending Balance from Prior Year) minus (-) Gross Collections, Adjustments, and Discharged debt. (Column N - P - R - S).
24	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column U is the value of cases carried over from the prior year for all cases on an installment agreement that remained unpaid at the end of the year.
25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column V includes the balance from all cases on an installment agreement carried over where payment(s) were not received in the reporting period.
26	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column W captures the percentage of delinquent fines and fees payable in installments that were defaulted on. The cell is formula driven and calculates a percentage by dividing the rolling balance by the value of cases (carried over) on installment agreements. (Column V/Column U)
COMBINED: ENDING BALANCE FINES, FEES, FORFEITURES, PENALTIES AND ASSESSMENTS		
27	<input type="checkbox"/>	Row 21, Column Z, includes the combined total of non-delinquent gross revenue collected.
28	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 22-28, Columns X, Y, Z, AA, AB, AC and AD include the combined case number and value of new and prior period inventory, change in value, gross revenues, cost of collections, and adjustments, and discharge from accountability.
29	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 22-28, Columns X, Y, Z, AA, AB, AC and AD are formula driven, no input required. Value of Cases reported in Columns Y and AF reconcile to figures reported from underlying systems and vendors.
30	<input type="checkbox"/>	Value reported in Column AE includes the total number of cases at the end of the reporting period for each program.
31	<input type="checkbox"/>	Values reported in Column AF balance to value of cases at beginning of period (Col. Y), minus the change in value reported in Col. AD (which is the sum of the amounts shown in Col. Z, AB and AC.)
32	<input type="checkbox"/>	An Error Message in Column AG indicates that the beginning balance in Column Y, minus the value of transactions reported in Column AD does not equal the ending balance reported in Column AF.
COLLECTIONS FROM CASES SUBJECT TO ABILITY-TO-PAY DETERMINATION		
33	<input type="checkbox"/>	Row 30 includes revenues collected, number of cases, and cost of administering those cases which have been subject to an ability to pay (ATP) determination for cases newly established during the reporting period. This information should ALSO be reported as part of the revenues reported in Rows 3-10 above.
34	<input type="checkbox"/>	Row 31 includes revenues collected, number of cases, and cost of administering those cases which have been subject to an ATP determination for cases in inventory at the beginning of the reporting period. This information should ALSO be reported as part of the revenues reported in Rows 12-19 above.
35	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column AH includes revenue collected for nondelinquent ATP cases processed through the online tool established by Government Code section 68645.
36	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column AI includes revenue collected for delinquent ATP cases processed through the online tool established by Government Code section 68645.
37	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column AK includes revenue collected for nondelinquent ATP cases processed in-person, using a paper form, or other methods aside from the online ATP tool.
38	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column AL includes revenue collected for delinquent ATP cases processed in-person, using a paper form, or other methods aside from the online ATP tool.
39	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column AN includes the number of nondelinquent ATP cases with installment plans processed through the online tool established by Government Code section 68645.2.
40	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column AO includes the administrative cost (up to \$35 per case) for nondelinquent ATP cases with installment plans processed through the online tool established by Government Code section 68645.2.
41	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column AP includes the number of nondelinquent ATP cases with installment plans processed in-person, using a paper form, or other methods aside from the online ATP tool.
42	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column AQ includes the administrative cost (up to \$35 per case) for nondelinquent ATP cases with installment plans processed in-person, using a paper form, or other methods aside from the online ATP tool.
VICTIM RESTITUTION		
43	<input type="checkbox"/>	Row 33 includes only non-delinquent cases referred/established and revenue collected during the reporting period.
44	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 34-40 include victim restitution not included in Rows 3-10 or 12-19
45	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rows 34-40, include cases referred/established, revenue collected, and balances modified during the reporting period.
46	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column AR includes the number of victim restitution cases in inventory at the beginning of the period. Column AS includes the value of victim restitution cases in inventory at the beginning of the period.
47	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column AT represents the number of victim restitution cases added during the reporting period through establishment, referral, or transfer. Column AU includes the total amount of victim restitution added during the reporting period through establishment, referral, or transfer.
48	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column AU represents the number of cases which reported payment of victim restitution during the reporting period. Column AV includes the total amount of restitution owed to a victim by court order under Penal Code section 1202.4(f) collected by each collections program during the reporting period. Row 29 includes non-delinquent restitution collections.
49	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column AW includes the net total of balance modifications applied to victim restitution balances by court order during the reporting period.
50	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column AX includes the value of Col. AS plus the Col. AU less the amounts shown in columns AV and AW (this field is formula-driven, so no separate calculation or entry is required).
51	<input type="checkbox"/>	Column BA is blank unless errors or potential errors are detected in the worksheet. If an out of balance message appears correct the identified error or explain in Performance Report.

Program	Number of Delinquent Cases at Period Beginning (Ending Balance from Prior Year – Col. AE)	Value of Delinquent Cases at Period Beginning (Ending Balance from Prior Year – Col. AF)	Number of Cases Transferred Between Programs	Value of Cases Transferred Between Programs	Adjusted Number of Delinquent Cases at Period Beginning (Enter in Col. M)	Adjusted Value of Delinquent Cases at Period Beginning (Enter in Col. N)
Program	Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	Col. 4	Col. M	Col. N
Non-Delinquent Collections						
Court Collection Program					-	-
County Collection Program					-	-
Private Agency					-	-
FTB Court-Ordered Debt					-	-
FTB Interagency Intercept Collection					-	-
Intra-Branch Program					-	-
Other					-	-
Sub-total Delinquent	-	-	-	-	-	-

PC 1463.007 Collections Activity	Category	Task/Activity
3a. Attempts telephone contact with delinquent debtors for whom the program has a telephone number k. Uses an automated dialer or automatic call distribution system to manage telephone calls.	1= Telephone Contact	Outbound Call Inbound Call Dialer blast messaging
3b. Notifies delinquent debtors for whom the program has an address in writing of their outstanding obligation within 95 days of delinquency. 4e. Sends monthly bills or account statements to all delinquent debtors.	2=Written Notice(s)	Delinquent Notice (Failure to Appear or Failure to Pay) Handle all collections-related mail correspondence E-mail received Email sent
3c. Generates internal monthly reports to track collections data, such as age of debt and delinquent amounts outstanding. 3e. Accepts payment or delinquent debt by credit card.	3= Lobby/Counter	Receive/post cash, check and credit card payments Provide case information to individuals Establish payment plan agreements including amendments to existing plan Schedule walk-in arraignment, upon individual's request to go before a judge Update DMV, if needed Enter notes on the case, etc. Work the Out of Court--Collection Queue (Judge orders case be handled in collections) Process all criminal and juvenile probation orders; update financials and establish payment plans. Process all criminal and juvenile DA forms; update financials and establish payment plans Process payments from Intra-branch, generate weekly payment report Process payments and commission credit adjustments from private agency. Assist vendor w/case info., account balances, email them any directives from Judge on case and prepare commission checks at the end of month. Process all payments and commission credit adjustments from FTB-COD. Contact FTB-COD for additional information such as account balances, levy actions, etc.
3d. Uses Department of Motor Vehicles information to locate delinquent debtors. 4f. Contracts with local, regional, state, or national skip tracing or locator resources or services to locate delinquent debtors. 4g. Coordinates with the probation department to locate debtors who may be on formal or informal probation. 4h. Uses Employment Development Department employment and wage information to collect delinquent debt.	4=Skip Tracing	Perform skip tracing (DMV, internet, third party vendors) Obtain debtor information from probation and/or EDD
4a. Sends delinquent debt to the Franchise Tax Board's Court-Ordered Debt Collections Program.	5=FTB-COD	Refer case to FTB-COD
4b. Sends delinquent debt to the Franchise Tax Board's Interagency Intercept Collections Program.	6= FTB-IIC	Refer case to FTB-IIC
4c. Initiates driver's license suspension or hold actions when appropriate for a failure to appear in court.	7=DL Hold/Suspension	Send abstract to DMV for Failure to Appear driver's license hold/suspension
4d. Contracts with one or more private debt collectors to collect delinquent debt.	8= Private Agency	Refer case to private collection agency
4i. Establishes wage and bank account garnishments where appropriate. 4k. Places liens on real property owned by delinquent debtors when appropriate.	9= Wage/bank Garnishments and Liens	Wage and/or bank accounts are garnished Place liens

Sample list of activities/tasks to be used to report activities utilized in the collection of delinquent court-ordered debt. See corresponding "Category" on the Contact and Other Information Sheet, Items 5, 6 and 7.

Instructions for Completing the Collections Reporting Template

1. About the Collections Reporting Template (CRT)

Under Government Code section 68514 and Penal Code section 1463.010, as amended by Assembly Bill 1818, (Stats. 2019, Ch. 637), each superior court and county shall jointly report each year on the collection of revenue from criminal fines and fees, including information related to specific collections activities, the use of best practices, and amount of outstanding court-ordered debt. This report shall be submitted to the Judicial Council on or before September 1, using a template provided by the Council.

The following worksheets include the data elements required by both Government Code section 68514 and Penal Code section 1463.010. The worksheets must be completed and submitted by the date indicated below to the Judicial Council as part of the CRT:

- Contact and Other Information
- Program Report
- Performance Report
- Annual Financial Report

2. Due Date

The CRT must be submitted to the Judicial Council as part of the report *due on or before September 1*, per Penal Code section 1463.010. If September 1 falls on a weekend or holiday, the report shall be due the next business day.

3. Reporting Period

The CRT should be completed for the period of July 1 of the prior calendar year through June 30 of the calendar year the report is prepared. For example, for the 2023 report, the reporting period is July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023. The reporting period may also be referred to as the current period, the current year, the fiscal year, the reporting year, the year, or similar terms.

4. What Should Be Reported

The following should be reported in the CRT:

- All delinquent court-ordered fines, fees, forfeitures, penalties, and assessments, as well as victim restitution, imposed by law or court order in criminal (infraction, misdemeanor, and felony) cases, including juvenile delinquency cases, and the number of cases associated with those collections.
- All revenues generated by each collection program (e.g., court, county, private agency, Franchise Tax Board (FTB), intra-branch, or other program) from delinquent cases during the reporting period and the number of cases associated with those collections.
- All revenues generated from non-delinquent cases during the reporting period and the number of cases associated with those collections.

- The value and number of new cases established or referred during the reporting period, as well as the value and number of cases from prior period inventory which are still outstanding.

Fees collected in non-criminal cases (e.g., civil, probate, family, mental health, and juvenile dependency) **should not be** reported in the template.

5. Worksheet 1: Contact and Other Information

This worksheet captures contact information and data in response to Items 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the reporting requirements under Government Code section 68514 (highlighted in green). Required data corresponding to Items 1, 2, 3 and 8 is captured in the Annual Financial Report. Refer to sections that follow for instructions on how to complete the Contact and Other Information worksheet. See Crosswalk tool to help map each item listed in Government Code section 68514 to corresponding worksheet(s) in the CRT (page 17).

Penal Code section 1463.007 requires that each program engage 10 of 16 collections activities, including each of the first five activities listed. The collections programs may collectively meet the requirement. For the purposes of this report, the collection activities were grouped into nine (9) categories. (See the Category Key).

NOTE: Based on the number of activities checked, the worksheet will indicate whether your collections program has fulfilled that component of the requirements of a comprehensive collection program.

The **Category** column identifies the number assigned to each activity. Each activity utilized in the collection of delinquent court-ordered debt should be reported by Category. See the Categories tab for a non-exhaustive list of tasks/activities.

Item 4: In this column, check each activity that is met by at least one of the collections programs (e.g., court, county, private agency, FTB, and intra-branch program). This complies with the reporting requirement for a description of the collection activities used pursuant to Penal Code section 1463.007. It is expected that if a collection activity is marked on this Worksheet that is also listed as a best practice on the Program report, it will be marked there as well.

Item 5: In this column, for each case, track and record payment(s) received per collection activity and report the total amount collected in the corresponding Category at the end of the fiscal year.

NOTE: The total in Item 5, Row 22, should reconcile with the Gross Revenue Collected, Column Z, Row 29, of the Annual Financial Report.

Item 6: For the purposes of this report, item 6 is interpreted as requesting information on each case plus a unique person (one individual).

In Column Item 6a, track and record each case by activity that the program engages (utilizes) as part of the collection effort and report the total number of cases by Category at the end of the fiscal year, whether or not the activity resulted in collections.

In Column Item 6b, track and record one individual in Category 3 regardless of the number of associated case(s) in 6a and report the total number of individuals at the end of the fiscal year.

NOTE: Since a program may utilize one or more of the 16 activities during the collections process, the number of cases by activity in 6a will always be equal to or greater than the associated number of individuals reported in 6b.

Item 7: In this column, for each case, track and record total operating costs per collection activity and report total costs in the corresponding category, as a negative (–) entry, at the end of the fiscal year.

For purposes of this report, operating costs are as defined in the [Guidelines and Standards for Cost Recovery](#). Operating costs should be calculated and recovered using the *Guidelines* approved methodologies.

NOTE: The total in Row 22, Item 7, must reconcile with Cost of Collections, Column AA, Row 29, of the Annual Financial Report.

**Wondering how to report data on CRT?
See an Example of the Process on page 16**

6. Worksheet 2: Program Report

The report lists the Best Practices currently recommended for collections programs and may be revised to reflect changes in legislation. Programs should mark each Best Practice currently being implemented by one or more of the agencies performing collection activities on their behalf.

Programs should provide a description of the extent to which Judicial Council–approved Collections Best Practices are being met and any obstacles or problems that prevent the program from meeting the best practices. In the bottom section, indicate areas (by checkmark) in which training, assistance, or additional information is necessary. If additional space is required, please submit the information as an attachment in Microsoft Word format.

If a best practice on this report matches a collection program or activity on either Worksheet 1 or Worksheet 4 which shows activity, it should be checked as being used on this report as well.

7. **Worksheet 3: Performance Report**

Programs should provide a summary of the collection program's performance during the reporting year, including the extent of the program's reporting capabilities as it relates to the information required by Government Code section 68514. If data cannot be provided at this time or if the reported data differs from these Instructions, please describe the submitted data and any plans for providing this information in the future. If additional space is required, please submit the information as an attachment in Microsoft Word format.

8. **Worksheet 4: Annual Financial Report**

The Annual Financial Report worksheet captures the total revenue collected during the reporting period (i.e., July 1–June 30) and the number of cases associated with those collections, court-ordered adjustments, discharged debt, and cost of collections. Data in response to Items 1, 2, 3 and 8 of the reporting requirements under Government Code section 68514 are captured in this worksheet. Information related to the collection of victim restitution and cases subject to ability to pay determinations are also captured on this worksheet in separate sections.

NOTE: This worksheet is protected, and data entry is required only in unshaded cells. Refer to sections that follow for instructions on how to complete the Annual Financial Report worksheet.

9. **Worksheet 5: Transfer Worksheet**

If accounts with previously established debt are transferred from one collection program to another during the reporting period, the transfer worksheet should be used to record those transfers, so that any collections, adjustments, or discharges which occur are correctly attributed in the Annual Financial Report. *Use of this form is optional but encouraged if needed to clearly show the net transfer of accounts between the programs.*

10. **Worksheet 6: Performance Metrics**

The new performance metrics align to reporting requirements, as required in statute, and are intended to effectively track and measure each program's performance. The worksheet is formula driven and captures information on the programs' individual performance.

The performance indicators are designed to gauge an entity's performance across a variety of metrics including collection of referrals and cost control:

- **Collector Effective Index (CEI)**— gauges an entity's effectiveness at collecting from referrals of groups defined by the age of the court-ordered debt by calculating the percentage of cases with payment for debts of those groups.
- **First Year Resolution Rate**— provides the percentage of "current" referral balance that is resolved within the first year or how effective an entity is at resolving first-year referrals.
- **Spend Efficiency Score (SES)**— measures the cost to collect \$1 in delinquent referrals for each component and age group.

- **Cost to Referral Ratio**— reflects the average dollars spent (costs) per referral.

The normalizing metrics are designed to assist entities better understand any unique conditions and will provide additional context to an entity's performance:

- **Risk Monitor**— assesses the potential of an entity's current year referrals becoming delinquent to help the entity set expectations for performance on specific referrals.
- **Adjustment Score**— represents the value of debt resolved through non-cash means.
- **Discharge Score**— represents the value of debt discharged by an entity.

Any comments provided in the worksheet (500 character maximum) will be included in the program's dashboard and attached to the report to the legislature.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: STEP-BY-STEP

CURRENT PERIOD (NEWLY-ESTABLISHED) DEBT: Fines, Fees, Forfeitures, Penalties, and Assessments

For each collections program, (e.g., court, county, private agency, FTB, or an intra-branch program) enter all transactions on newly established and referred cases that occurred during the reporting period, also known as current period debt. "Newly established and referred cases" includes all cases for which criminal fines, fees, forfeitures, penalties, and assessments became delinquent during the fiscal year. It also includes forthwith payments on cases established during the reporting year, which are reported as a single total not assigned to specific collection programs. Victim restitution should NOT be included as part of current period debt, but reported separately in its own section.

- In row 3, report only the number of non-delinquent cases for which payments were received (e.g., traffic bail forfeitures, forthwith payments, accounts receivable, and payment plans for non-delinquent debt), in column D, and the amount of non-delinquent gross revenue collected, in column E.
- In rows 4–10, report the number (column B) and value (column C) of cases newly established or referred as delinquent during the reporting period; detailed explanations for each column are below.
 - the number of cases for which payments were received – column D,
 - gross revenue collected – column E,
 - cost of collections – column F,
 - adjustments – column G,
 - discharges posted during the year on newly-delinquent cases only – column H. Discharge can only be performed by the court or the county (rows 4 or 5)

NOTE: As a reminder, programs which have contracted with another court or county to handle collections should report all collections activity on Row 8, for Intra-Branch Program.

- In row 10, enter amounts that cannot be broken out or attributed to a single collection program. These amounts may include revenue collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

NOTE: If revenue is received from FTB-IIC in a case that is also assigned to another program, the value of the inventory should be reported on row 8 and subtracted from the other program's reported value.

Column B: Number of Cases Established or Referred as Delinquent

Enter the total net number of new cases established or referred to each respective collection program within the reporting year. Cases that were previously established, but never referred to collections, are considered new cases and should be reported in Col. B. Report newly delinquent debt only.

To avoid double-counting, a case should be reported only once, under the collection program that has the case in inventory at year end (June 30th). If a case is fully resolved through payment, adjustment, or discharge, it should be reported under the program that has the case when it is resolved.

Example: If an individual has two delinquent cases: Case 1 is a DUI and Case 2 includes two Vehicle Code violations, two cases are reported in Col. B, regardless of the number of violations. For cases that are "bundled" into one case for referral to a collections program (i.e., the Franchise Tax Board), only one case should be reported in Col. B.

NOTE: Reporting an accurate case count is as important as reporting an accurate value of delinquent debt. Both are required reporting elements under Government Code section 68514.

Column C: Value of Cases Established or Referred as Delinquent

Enter the total net value of cases identified in Col. B that were newly established or referred as delinquent during the reporting period. Delinquent debt which was established or referred to a program in prior years should be reported in Col. N.

Column D: Number of Cases with Payment(s) Received

In row 3, include the number of cases associated with non-delinquent collections reported in Col. D. In rows 4 through 10, enter the number of newly delinquent cases with payment(s) received (including payment(s) on an installment agreement) during the fiscal year that are directly associated with the total delinquent revenues reported in Col. E.

NOTE: Report the number of cases with payment received, non-delinquent and delinquent, not the number of payments. The number of cases with payments received (Col. D) cannot be greater than the number of cases reported in Col. B.

Using example in Column B above: If at the end of the year six installment payments are received on Case 1 and three on Case 2, the number of cases reported in Column D is two, regardless of the number of payments received.

Column E: Gross Revenue Collected

As noted above, in row 3 include non-delinquent traffic bail forfeitures, forthwith payments, accounts receivable, and current payment plans. In rows 4 to 10, enter the total amount of delinquent revenue collected by each collections program on newly delinquent debt during the reporting year, including payment(s) from an accounts receivable or installment payment plan. If revenue cannot be separated between the current and prior periods, report all revenue, and the associated number of cases, in the prior reporting period.

Column F: Cost of Collections

Enter as a *negative number* the cost of collections allowable for recovery under Penal Code section 1463.007. If cost of collections cannot be distinguished by period, prorate and report costs based on the value of revenue collected in each period.

Column G: Adjustments

Enter the total dollar value of court-ordered debt satisfied by means other than payment that decreases or increases the outstanding debt amount. This includes court-ordered adjustments, such as dismissals, suspensions, and waivers of all or part of the total fine, and alternative payments such as community service or post sentence service of time in custody in lieu of fine, or other non-cash adjustments that occurred during the reporting period. It also includes changes resulting from legislation which affect outstanding court-ordered debt.

This total should be entered as a positive number if the net effect is to reduce the amount of debt outstanding or a negative (–) number if the net effect is to increase the amount of debt outstanding. For example, charges for a bad check would be entered as a negative (–) dollar amount, as this would increase the amount of debt outstanding.

Column H: Discharge from Accountability

Enter the total dollar value of accounts established as delinquent **and** discharged during the current year, per Government Code sections 25257 to 25259.95. The value should be entered as a positive number as the net effect is to reduce the amount of debt outstanding.

Column H should include *only* debt established in the current period, otherwise report the value in Column S. For example, if a \$600 debt being collected by the county is discharged, +\$600 would be entered in Col. H, row 5.

Column I: Net Value of Newly Established Delinquent Debt at End of Period

The amount in Column I is formula driven; no data entry required. The formula calculates the change in value of transactions reported in columns C, E, G, and H, as follows: (Column I= C– E– G– H), or the value of cases established, minus all collections, adjustments, and discharges.

Column J: Value of Cases on Installment Agreements

In Column J, enter the original value of all delinquent cases set-up on an installment agreement, by the court or collecting entity, for installment payment(s) on newly established delinquent court-ordered debt.

The value of cases on installments cannot be greater than the value of cases reported in Column C.

Column K: Default Balance Installment Agreements

In Column K, enter the balance of newly established delinquent cases set-up on an installment agreement where the individual did not fulfill their payment obligation, i.e., payment(s) have not been received as promised and the plan was not reinstated at the end of the fiscal year. Include only the value of installment plans where the individual failed to comply with the terms of the installment agreement.

A delinquent case that is set-up on an installment payment plan as part of the collections process is considered “*defaulted on*” if the individual fails to fulfill his/her payment obligation, per the terms of the agreement. The default balance should not include the unpaid balance of cases set up on installment plans that are “current”, i.e., installment payment(s) have been made according to the agreement terms.

Column L: Percentage of Debt Defaulted On (Installment Agreements)

The amount in Column L is formula-driven; no data entry required. The formula calculates the percentage of court-ordered debt *defaulted on* by dividing the default balance by the original case value set-up on an installment agreement. (Col. K / Col. J)

NOTE: Court-ordered debt should be reported separately, by Current and Prior Periods. If any portion of court debt established in the Current Period cannot be accurately distinguished from debt established in a Prior Period, report the combined total in Prior Period. In the Performance Report explain when the program anticipates reporting collections information as required by statute.

**PRIOR PERIOD (PREVIOUSLY-ESTABLISHED) DELINQUENT DEBT:
Fines, Fees, Forfeitures, Penalties, and Assessments**

In response to the reporting requirement under Government Code section 68514, the Annual Financial Report captures data by Current Period (Newly Established Delinquent Debt), Prior Period (Previously Established Delinquent Debt), and Combined total.

Data reported in the Previously Established Delinquent Debt, or Prior Period, section will be used to comply with subdivision (b) of Government Code section 68514, which requires a section that lists information on fines and fees which were established prior to the current reporting period that had outstanding balances in the current year. Victim restitution should NOT be included as part of prior period debt, but reported separately in its own section.

For each collections program, (e.g., court, county, private agency, FTB, or an intra-branch program), enter all transactions that occurred during the current fiscal year, as follows:

- In row 12 report only the number of non-delinquent cases from which payments were received (e.g., traffic bail forfeitures, forthwith payments, accounts receivable, and payment plans for non-delinquent debt), in column O, and the amount of gross revenue collected, in column P. This includes installment payments or accounts receivable which were established prior to July 1 but received payments during the reporting period.

- In rows 13–19, like rows 4–10 in the current period, report on cases previously established as delinquent. Detailed explanations are below:
 - report the number of cases in inventory from the prior year – column M
 - value of cases in inventory from the prior year – column N
 - the number of cases for which payments were received – column O
 - gross revenue collected – column P
 - cost of collections – column Q
 - adjustments – column R
 - discharges from accountability on all cases in inventory which were established prior to the current year – column S
- In row 18, report collections activity from contract with another court or county to handle collections through an Intra-Branch Program.
- In row 19, enter amounts that cannot be broken out or attributed to a single collection program. These amounts would include revenue collected by the DMV.

NOTE: If revenue is received from FTB-IIC in a case that is also assigned to another program, the value of the inventory should be reported on row 17 and subtracted from the other program's reported value.

Column M: Number of Delinquent Cases at Period Beginning (Ending Balance from Prior Year)

Enter the total number of cases initially referred or established in each respective collection program in prior fiscal years, which remain in inventory. This number should be the same as the ending number of cases reported in the previous year (Column AE), as modified by any transfers between collection programs reported on the Transfer Worksheet, if necessary. Any variance from the previous year's ending balance not included on the Transfer Worksheet (if used) should be reported and explained in the Performance Report worksheet.

Example: The ending number of cases for the county collection program on the previous year's report is 1,000. During the current reporting period, 300 cases are transferred to the private agency and 200 cases are transferred to Franchise Tax Board Court-Ordered Debt (FTB-COD). On the Transfer Worksheet, report a reduction of 500 cases for the county collection program, an increase of 300 cases for the private agency, and an increase of 200 cases for FTB-COD. These modified amounts are entered into Col. M.

Column N: Value of Delinquent Cases at Period Beginning (Ending Balance from Prior Year)

Enter the total net value of cases identified in Col. M that were referred or established in prior reporting periods which remain in inventory, following adjustments for transfers between collection programs. This value represents the ending balance reported at the end of the previous year (Column AF), as modified by transfers between collection programs during the reporting period as reported on the Transfer Worksheet, if necessary. Any variance between the ending balance on the previous year's report and the value reported in Column N not included on the Transfer Worksheet (if used) should be reported and explained in the Performance Report worksheet.

Example: The ending balance for the county collection program on the previous year's report is \$25,000. During the current reporting period, \$10,000 is transferred to the private agency and \$5,000 is transferred to FTB-COD. On the Transfer Worksheet, report a \$15,000 reduction in the balance of the county collection program, a \$10,000 increase in the balance of the private agency, and a \$5,000 increase in the balance of FTB-COD. These modified amounts are entered into Col. N.

Column O: Number of Cases with Payment(s) Received

In row 12, include the number of cases associated with non-delinquent collections reported in Col. P. In rows 13–19, enter the number of cases with payments received (including cases on installment plans) during the current reporting year from previously-established cases, which are associated with the gross revenue collected in Col. P. As stated regarding Column D above, report the number of cases with payments, not the number of payments received.

Column P: Gross Revenue Collected During the Period

As noted above, in row 12, include non-delinquent traffic bail forfeitures, forthwith payments, accounts receivable, and current payment plans. In rows 13–19, enter the total amount of delinquent revenue collected during the current reporting period by each collection program from previously-established cases. If revenue cannot be separated between the current and prior periods, please report all revenue, and the associated number of cases, in the prior reporting period.

Column Q: Cost of Collections

Enter as a negative number the cost of collections (operating costs) allowable for recovery under Penal Code section 1463.007.

Column R: Adjustments

Enter the total dollar value of court-ordered debt satisfied by means other than payment that decreases or increases the amount outstanding for individual debt item. This includes court-ordered adjustments, such as suspensions and dismissals, and alternative payments such as community service or post sentence service of time in custody in lieu of fine, or other non-cash adjustments that occurred during the current reporting period. It also includes changes resulting from ability to pay determinations and legislation which affect outstanding court-ordered debt.

This total should be entered as a positive number if the net effect is to reduce the amount of debt outstanding or a negative (–) number if the net effect is to increase the amount of debt outstanding. For example, charges for a bad check would be entered as a negative (–) dollar amount, as this would increase the amount of debt outstanding.

Column S: Discharge from Accountability

Enter the total dollar value of accounts previously established, referred or transferred that were discharged during the current fiscal year, per Government Code sections 25257–25259.95. The value should be entered as a positive number as the net effect is to reduce the amount of debt outstanding.

For example, if a \$600 debt being collected by the county is discharged, +\$600 would be entered in column S, row 14.

Column T: Net Value of Previously Established Delinquent Debt at End of Period

This is formula driven, no data entry required. The formula calculates the change in value of transactions reported in columns N, P, R, and S as follows: (Column T= N– P– R– S), or beginning value minus all collections, adjustments, and discharges on previously-existing debt.

Column U: Value of Cases on Installment Agreement (Ending Balance from Prior Year)

Enter the value carried over from the prior year for all cases on an installment agreement that were defaulted on, i.e., payment(s) were not received as promised and the plan was not reinstated at the end of the fiscal year. The value carried over should not include the unpaid balance of cases set-up on installment plans that are “current”, i.e., installment payment(s) have been received according to the agreement terms.

The value of cases on installment plans cannot be greater than the value of cases reported in Column N.

Column V: Default Balance Installment Agreement

Enter the default balance from all delinquent cases on an installment agreement carried over from the prior year with no payment(s) received in the current year.

Column W: Percentage of Debt Defaulted On (Installment Agreements)

Column W is formula-driven, no separate calculation or data entry required. The formula calculates the percentage of court-ordered debt *defaulted on* by dividing the default balance by the value carried-over from prior year. (Col. V / Col. U)

NOTE: Court-ordered debt should be reported separately, by Current and Prior
COMBINED DELINQUENT DEBT:
Beginning and Ending Balance Fines, Fees, Forfeitures, Penalties, and Assessments
total in Prior Period. In the Performance Report explain when the program anticipates reporting collections information as required by statute.

The Combined Beginning and Ending Balances section includes the number and value of ALL cases; new and previously established. Except for Columns AE and AF, information from the Current Period (Newly Established) and Prior Period (Previously Established) Delinquent Debt sections is captured by formula for each program; no separate calculation or entry is required.

Column X: Number of Cases—Beginning Balance

Column X calculates the total number of cases on inventory at the beginning of the period plus the total number of newly delinquent cases established during the reporting period. (Col. B + Col. M)

Column Y: Value of Cases—Beginning Balance

Column Y calculates the total value of cases in inventory at the beginning of the year or newly established during the reporting year. (Col. C + Col. N)

Column Z: Gross Revenue Collected

Column Z calculates all payments received towards the satisfaction of delinquent court-ordered debt during the current fiscal year. (Col. E + P)

Column AA: Cost of Collections

Column AA calculates the combined total cost of collections which, pursuant to Penal Code section 1463.007 is allowable to offset revenue prior to distribution to other governmental entities. Cost of collections should be reported as a negative (–) number unless posting a reversal. (Col. F + Col. Q)

Columns AB: Adjustments

Column AB calculates the total amounts satisfied by means other than payment that decreased or increased the amount outstanding for individual debt items during the current fiscal year. (Col. G + Col. R)

Column AC: Discharge from Accountability

Column AC calculates the total amount of debt deemed uncollectible that was discharged during the reporting period, per Government Code sections 25257-25259.95. (Col. H + Col. S)

Column AD: Change in Value

Column AD calculates the value of transactions in columns Z, AB, and AC, or the total amount of revenue collected, adjustments, and discharges.
=SUM (Z+ AB+ AC)

Column AE: Number of Cases—Ending Balance

Enter the total number of cases at the end of the fiscal year for each program.

Column AF: Value of Cases—Ending Balance

Enter the total net value of cases at the end of the reporting year for each program. The value of cases at end of period (Col. AF) should equal the value of cases at beginning of period (Col. Y), minus the value reported in Column AD (which is the sum of Columns Z, AB and AC).

Column AG: Error Messages

This data field displays “Out of Balance” if the ending balance in Col.AF does not equal the beginning balance in Col. Y, minus the value of transactions reported in Col. AD.

- If the beginning balance for the County Collection Program in column Y, row 23 is \$10,000,000; and
- The gross revenue collected in Col. Z, row 23 is \$2,000,000; and
- The value of adjustments in Col. AB, row 23 is \$250,000, and
- The value of discharged debt in Col. AC, row 23 is \$250,000.
- Then the ending balance reported in Col. AF, row 23 should be \$7,500,000, because:

$$\$10,000,000 - \$2,000,000 - \$250,000 - \$250,000 = \$8,000,000.$$

If the ending balance in Col. AF reconciles to the program’s case management and/or accounting system but does not reconcile to the information input in columns Y, AZ, AB, and AC, explain the “Error Message” in the Performance Report worksheet.

Collections from Cases Subject to Ability to Pay (ATP) Determination

This section was added to meet mandated reporting requirements for the ability to pay program, and to help the branch and stakeholders better understand court debt repayment. Requested information includes the total amount collected from nondelinquent and delinquent cases which have been subject to an ability to pay (ATP) determination whether or not it resulted in a reduction of the amount owed. Include cases eligible for ATP determination through the online tool ([MyCitations](#)) established by Government Code section 68645, even if the application is made in person, using a paper application, or other means as well as the online tool.

Also, as authorized by Government Code section 68645.2, an administrative cost of up to \$35 per installment plan approved may be claimed on nondelinquent cases. Report administrative costs for nondelinquent ATP cases in the Cost Recovery Report Template, found at <https://www.courts.ca.gov/partners/455.htm>. For delinquent cases, costs associated with the collection of any reduced amounts ordered under the ability to pay program may be recovered, per Penal Code section 1463.007.

<p>NOTE: Implementation of the online tool (MyCitations) is expected to be statewide by June 30, 2024. If your court did not implement the tool by the end of the reporting period, report \$0 in this section.</p>
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Column AH: Online ATP Revenue Nondelinquent

Enter gross revenue collected from the total outstanding amount due on nondelinquent ATP cases processed through the online tool (MyCitations) established by Government Code section 68645.

Column AI: Online ATP Revenue Delinquent

Enter gross revenue collected from the total outstanding amount due on delinquent ATP cases processed through the online tool (MyCitations) established by Government Code section 68645.

Column AJ: Online ATP Revenue Combined

This cell is self-populating, no data entry required.

Column AK: In-Person (Paper Form) ATP Revenue Nondelinquent

Enter gross revenue collected from the total outstanding amount due on nondelinquent ATP cases processed in-person, using a paper form, or other methods aside from the online (MyCitations) tool.

Column AL: In-Person (Paper Form) ATP Revenue Delinquent

Enter gross revenue collected from the total outstanding amount due on delinquent ATP cases processed in-person, using a paper form, or other methods aside from the online (MyCitations) tool.

Column AM: In-Person (Paper Form) ATP Revenue Combined

This cell is self-populating, no data entry required.

Column AN: Online ATP Cases w/Installment Payments Nondelinquent

Enter the number of nondelinquent ATP cases with approved installment plans processed through the online tool (MyCitations) established by Government Code section 68645.2.

For example, if 124 cases are reported in Column AN, then the total reported in Column AO should be \$4,340 ($124 \times \$35 = \$4,340$). If the costs claimed is less than \$35 per approved installment plan, indicate the adjusted amount in the Performance Report.

Column AO: Online ATP Installment Costs Claimed Nondelinquent

Enter the administrative cost (up to \$35 per case) for nondelinquent ATP cases with approved installment plans processed through the online tool established by Government Code section 68645.2.

Column AP: In-Person (Paper Form) ATP Cases w/Installment Payments Nondelinquent

Enter the number of nondelinquent ATP cases with approved installment plans processed in-person, using a paper form, or other methods aside from the online (MyCitations) tool.

Column AQ: In-Person ATP Installment Costs Claimed Nondelinquent

Enter the administrative cost (up to \$35 per case) for nondelinquent ATP cases with approved installment plans processed in-person, using a paper form, or other methods aside from the online tool established by Government Code section 68645.2.

Victim Restitution

This section captures the ending balances (number and value of cases) from prior year and values for the current reporting period for victim restitution.

In rows 33–40, enter transactions that occurred during the reporting period concerning restitution owed to a victim by court order under Penal Code section 1202.4(f). Victim restitution should not be reported in rows 3–10 and 12–19. Administrative fees repealed by law and formerly reported in this section should be deducted from the balance reported in Column AS.

Column AR: Number of Cases (Ending Balance from Prior Year)

The Beginning Balance should include the number of cases of all delinquent outstanding victim restitution (case inventory) reported as the Number of Cases-Ending Balance on the previous year's report.

Column AS: Value of Cases (Ending Balance from Prior Year)

The Beginning Balance should include the value of cases of all delinquent outstanding victim restitution (case inventory) that were reported as Value of Cases-Ending Balance on the previous year's report.

Column AT: Number of Cases Established/ Referred/ Transferred in Period

Enter the total net number of newly established, referred, or transferred victim restitution cases for the reporting period. Cases that were previously established, but never referred to collections, are considered new and should be reported in column AP.

Column AU: Value of Cases Established/ Referred/ Transferred in the Reporting Period

Enter the total net value of new victim restitution cases identified in Column AT that were established, referred, or transferred during the reporting period.

Column AV: Gross Revenue Collected

Enter the total amount of restitution owed to a victim by court order under Penal Code section 1202.4(f) collected by each collections program during the reporting period. Report non-delinquent restitution collections in row 33.

Column AW: Balance Modifications

Enter the net changes in the balance of restitution orders resulting from means other than payment. This may include court orders increasing or reducing the total amount of restitution owed by a defendant, including the elimination of restitution orders. Modifications that reduce the balance shall be entered as a positive number, while increases shall be entered as a negative value.

Column AX: Change in Value

Column AX captures the value of column AU, less the amounts shown in columns AV and AW (this field is formula-driven, so no separate calculation or entry is required).

Column AY: Number of Cases Ending Balance

Include the number of cases of all delinquent outstanding victim restitution (new and inventory).

Column AZ: Value of Cases Ending Balance

The ending balance in column AZ should equal the beginning balance in column AS plus the value of newly established cases reported in Column AU, less the gross amount collected in Column AV and reduced via modification in Column AW ($AZ = AS + AU - AV - AW$).

Column BA: Error Messages

These rows are blank unless errors are detected in the worksheet. If error messages are present, please correct the identified error or explain in Performance Report.

Quality Checklist

Confirm that the data reported complies with the stated specification. (See Quality Checklist Tab.) For boxes left unchecked, please explain in the Program Report worksheet.

Signature Block

Print the names, dates, and job titles of the authorized signatures from the court representative *and* county representative on the Annual Financial Report worksheet. Obtain signatures (electronic signatures are acceptable) from authorized representatives.

Submitting the Collections Reporting Template
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Print all completed, final worksheets in the Collections Reporting Template and e-mail the final, signed PDF report and the Excel workbook to collections@jud.ca.gov

If you have any questions about the Collections Reporting Template, please send them to collections@jud.ca.gov.

EXAMPLE: HOW TO FILL OUT THE CRT

Case information: A citation is filed and court mails courtesy notice. Individual fails to appear in court or make a payment on the due date and \$720 case is established as delinquent. Individual fails to respond to two delinquency notices and three attempted telephone calls. Case is referred to a private vendor for collections (15% commission). Individual is located via skip tracing, agrees to an installment agreement. As signed, the individual agrees to a \$60.00, 12-month installment plan. Individual makes two installment payments during the reporting period. No activity or other payment arrangements on the record, the plan is not reinstated by collections program at year end. **At the end of the fiscal year, report data as follows on CRT:**

Step by Step:	Worksheet:	Column/Category:	What to Input?
A citation is filed and court mails courtesy notice.			No entry needed. Case is not delinquent.
Individual fails to appear in court or make a payment on the due date and the \$720 case is established as delinquent.	Annual Financial Report	Col. B, Row 6 Col. C, Row 6	Report 1 Report \$720
Individual fails to respond to two delinquency notices and three attempted telephone calls. In Item 6a: report one (1) in <u>each</u> Category regardless of the number of notices mailed or telephone calls attempted.	Contact and Other Information Sheet Annual Financial Report	Item 6a, Category 1 Item 6a, Category 2 Item 7, Category 1, 2 Column F, Row 4	Report <u>one</u> (1) Report <u>one</u> (1) Report actual costs* Report actual costs* (Include staff salary, paper, postage, phone bill, etc.)
Case is referred to a private vendor for collections. (15% commission) In Item 6b: report <u>one</u> (1) in Category 3, regardless of the number of cases reported in 6a.	Contact and Other Information Sheet Annual Financial Report	Item 6a, Category 8 Item 6b, Category 3 Item 7, Category 8 Column F, Row 6	Report one (1) Report one (1) Report -\$18 Report -\$18
Individual is located via skip tracing, agrees to an installment agreement.	Contact and Other Information Sheet		No entry needed. Skip tracing costs included in private vendor costs.
As signed, the individual agrees to a \$60.00, 12-month installment plan. Individual makes two installment payments, in the reporting period to the private vendor.	Contact and Other Information Sheet Annual Financial Report	Item 5, Category 8 Col. D, Row 6 Col. E, Row 6 Col. J, Row 6	Report \$120 Report one (1) Report \$120 Report \$720
No activity or other payment arrangements on the record, the plan is not reinstated by collections program at year end.	Annual Financial Report	Col. K, Row 6	Report \$600

Crosswalk

GC § 68514 Item	Description	CRT Worksheet	Column
1	Non-delinquent revenue, number of cases	Annual Financial Report	D, E, O, P
2	Delinquent revenue, number of cases	Annual Financial Report	D, E, O, P
3	Fine and fees dismissed, discharged, satisfied by other means	Annual Financial Report	G, H, R, S
4	Collection activities used pursuant to PC 1463.007	Program Report	Item 4
5	Total amount collected per collection activity	Contact sheet	Item 5
6	Total number of cases by collection activity, individuals associated	Contact sheet	Item 6a, 6b
7	Total operating costs per collection activity	Contact sheet	Item 7
8	Percentage of fines and fees defaulted on	Annual Financial Report	J, K, U, V
9	Extent best practices and performance measures/benchmarks met	Program Report Annual Financial Report	AI, AJ, AK
10	Changes necessary to improve performance	NA	NA

Collections Reporting Template Glossary

Accounts Receivable (A/R): An accounts receivable is a set of account receivables if paid in installments, that are not paid forthwith.

Adjustments: An adjustment is any change in the total of debt due after the initial determination of the amount of outstanding delinquent debt. Non-cash adjustments include the suspension of all or a portion of bail, fines, fees, penalties, forfeitures, or assessments. Alternative payments may include community service in lieu of a fine and post sentence service of time in custody in lieu of fine; dismissals include dismissing all or a portion of the debt. Cash adjustments include fees added for payment by an insufficient funds check (NSF) or a correction to the initial assessment amount.

Alternative Sentence: This refers to a different option for resolving court-ordered debt, such as community service in lieu of bail or fines, designed for an individual who demonstrates an inability to pay.

Case: For the purposes of the Collections Reporting Template, a case is a set of official court documents filed in connection with an infraction, misdemeanor, or felony violation. A case may include multiple violations but is filed as one case.

Community Service: This refers to the hours of service that are converted to a monetary value and applied to the fines, fees, forfeitures, penalties, and assessments and reduce the imposed amount.

Comprehensive Collection Program: A program that collects eligible delinquent court-ordered fines, fees, forfeitures, penalties, and assessments on infraction, misdemeanor, and felony cases, as authorized by Penal Code section 1463.007.

Continuance: A continuance is the postponement of a hearing, trial, or other scheduled court proceeding at the request of either or both parties in a court dispute, or by the judge. For purposes of the Collections Reporting Template, a continuance is the postponement, stay, or withholding of payment under certain conditions for a temporary period.

Cost of Collections: The costs of operating a collections program that are allowed to be offset against collected delinquent revenues prior to distribution under Penal Code section 1463.007.

County Collection Program: A collection program administered by the county.

Court Collection Program: A collection program administered by the local superior court.

Default: A default occurs when an individual fails to make a payment on the date specified by a court or as agreed to under the terms and conditions of an installment payment or accounts receivable (A/R) plan set by a court or collecting entity. For purposes of complying with GC68514, Item 8, a delinquent account that is set-up on an installment payment plan as part of the collections process is considered “defaulted on” if the individual fails to fulfill their payment obligation (i.e., payment(s) are not made as promised based on agreement terms) and the plan was not reinstated, at the end of the fiscal year.

Delinquent Account: A delinquent account results when an individual has not appeared in court as promised or has not complied with a court order for payment of fines, fees, penalties, forfeitures, and assessments. For cost recovery, once the debt becomes delinquent, it continues to be delinquent and may be subject to collection by a comprehensive collection program. An account is considered delinquent the day after the payment is due.

Discharged Account: An account that has been deemed uncollectible and discharged from accountability. The actual discharge is based on established criteria by an authorized body, pursuant to Government Code sections 25257–25259.95.

Dismissal: A judgment that disposes a matter in a case. For the purposes of the Collections Reporting Template, this term refers to a criminal action dropped without settling the involved issues or based on statutory change. The initial court-ordered debt no longer exists.

Enhanced Collections: Enhanced collections are non-forthwith collection activities related to enhancing collection programs where costs are incurred and paid directly by or reimbursed by the county and are not cost recoverable. These collections are also included in the Collections Reporting Template.

Forthwith Payments: This collections category involves payment on the same day as the court order and generally involves no “extra cost” because the account is paid in full. Forthwith payments are distinguished from enhanced collections primarily by the timing of the payments. Any of these associated costs should not be reported as an enhanced or delinquent collection cost. Forthwith payments are included, together with nondelinquent installment payments, as a separate category on the Collections Reporting Template. Installment and accounts receivable plans are not forthwith payments.

Franchise Tax Board Court-Ordered Debt (FTB-COD) Program: The Franchise Tax Board collection program authorized under Revenue and Taxation Code section 19280.

Franchise Tax Board Interagency Intercept Collections (FTB-IIC) Program: A program of the Franchise Tax Board authorized by Government Code section 12419.10(a)(1) to collect court-ordered fines, fees, forfeitures, assessments, and penalties from Franchise Tax Board refunds, unclaimed property, or California State Lottery winnings. Report collections information related to the IIC program in rows 9 and 18 and not in “Other”.

Gross Revenue Collected: Monies collected toward the satisfaction of a court-ordered debt by collection programs prior to any reductions.

Installment Payment: A scheduled payment agreed upon by the defendant and the court or county collection program. Generally, cost recovery does not apply when an individual is paying a fine, fee, penalty, assessment, or forfeiture through time payments unless the account is delinquent. A delinquent account may be reinstated to installment payments, and costs associated with collection activities on this reinstated account are eligible for cost recovery. A court or county may claim costs associated with the administration of a nondelinquent installment plan processed through the online ability-to-pay tool or paper form (Govt. Code, Section 68645.2). Claimed costs shall not exceed thirty-five (\$35) dollars per approved nondelinquent installment plan.

Intra-branch Program: An Intra-branch Program is a court, or a county collection service provided under a written Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to another court or county.

Net Revenue: Gross revenue collected less any reductions (i.e., allowable cost offsets pursuant to Penal Code section 1463.007).

Nondelinquent Collections: All nondelinquent revenue collected during the reporting period, including bail forfeitures, forthwith payments, and current payments made on accounts receivables and installment payment plans; recorded on row 3, column D of the Annual Financial Report worksheet.

“Other” Program: This refers to the “Other” row, rows 10 and 19 of the Annual Financial Report worksheet and captures revenue that cannot be broken out or attributed to a single collecting entity (e.g., court, county, private agency, the FTB or an Intra-branch Program). Any amount reported on this row should be explained in the Program Report worksheet.

Penal Code section 1463.007: This statute specifies the criteria for a comprehensive collection program and allows the county and/or court to deduct, and deposit in the county treasury or trial court operations fund, the cost of operating a comprehensive collection program prior to distributing revenues to other governmental entities.

Private Agency: A private entity employed or contracted to collect court-ordered fines, fees, forfeitures, assessments, and penalties.

Referral: A referral is a newly established delinquent court-ordered debt submitted to a collection program during the reporting period.

Suspensions: Amounts that are reduced or eliminated because of a judicial order.

Value of Cases: The value of a case is the amount of court-ordered debt that is owed and is deemed collectible. For closed cases, the value is the sum of (gross) debt collected, dismissals, alternative payments, suspensions, and discharged accounts.

Victim Restitution: Victim restitution is an amount that is owed to a victim who incurs any economic loss because of a crime and that is payable directly from a defendant convicted of the crime as a condition of probation; see Penal Code section 1202.4(f). The restitution fine under Penal Code section 1202.4(b) is also court-ordered, but it is not paid directly to the victim.