

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

**Title:** Pretrial Release Program Supplemental Allocations for Fiscal Year 2026–27

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**Issue**

Consideration of recommendations from the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) for the allocation of the supplemental one-time \$20 million General Fund for the Pretrial Release Program included in the final enacted budget for fiscal year (FY) 2026–27.<sup>1</sup> The Budget Act of 2026 included the additional \$20 million for total funding of \$68.95 million for the Pretrial Release Program for FY 2026–27. The Judicial Council approved the initial allocations of \$48.95 million at its business meeting on July 17, 2026.

**Background**

The Budget Act of 2021 provided ongoing funding for “the implementation and operation of ongoing court programs and practices that promote the safe, efficient, fair, and timely pretrial release of individuals booked into jail.”<sup>2</sup> The budget appropriated \$140 million one-time General Fund in FY 2021–22 and \$70 million annually thereafter to the judicial branch for distribution to the trial courts for these purposes.

Budget bill language since FY 2021–22 requires the Judicial Council to distribute the funding to all courts based on each county’s relative proportion of the state population that is 18 to 25 years of age.<sup>3</sup> Each court may retain up to 30 percent of the funding for costs associated with pretrial programs and practices. Except as otherwise authorized, courts must contract for pretrial services with their county’s probation department or other county department or agency and provide that department with the remainder of the funds.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee meeting minutes (March 26, 2026)  
<https://courts.ca.gov/system/files/file/tcbac-20260326-minutes-final-r.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [Senate Bill 129, § 4, item 0250-101-0001, provision 9](#)

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Census Bureau. "Age and Sex." [American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S0101](#). Accessed on 4 Feb 2026. The 18 to 25 age category specified in statute does not match available population data age categories used by the California Department of Finance. The department broke down the 18 to 25 age category into two groups of available data: 15 to 19 years of age and 20 to 24 years of age.

<sup>4</sup> The Budget Act of 2026 provides that the Superior Court of Santa Clara County may contract with the Office of Pretrial Services in that county and the Superior Court of San Francisco County may contract with the sheriff’s office and the existing not-for-profit entity that is performing pretrial services in the city and county for pretrial assessment and supervision services.

Starting in FY 2021–22, TCBAC has approved staff recommendations for the Pretrial Release Program allocations for each fiscal year for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) and then the Judicial Council. On May 7, 2025, TCBAC approved initial FY 2025–26 allocations of \$68.95 million based on the funding included in the proposed January 2025 Governor’s Budget. However, the Budget Act of 2025 reduced the appropriation by \$5 million resulting in a new allocation to the courts of \$63.95 million.<sup>5</sup> Following enactment of the FY 2025–26 budget, the Judicial Council approved the reduced allocations for the trial courts in September 2025.

The Budget Act of 2026 appropriated a total of \$68.95 million for pretrial services in FY 2026–27. This includes \$48.95 million, proposed in January 2026, which represented a \$15 million reduction from the prior year, and an additional \$20 million, which was included as part of the three-party agreement for the final budget.<sup>6</sup> Recommended allocations for the trial courts for the initial \$48.95 million were approved by TCBAC on March 26, 2026, for consideration by the Budget Committee.<sup>7</sup> These recommended allocations (see Attachment A) were approved by the Judicial Council at its business meeting on July 17, 2026.

## **Funding Floor**

Since the program’s inception, Judicial Council staff have recommended a funding floor allocation for small and small-medium courts, with a commitment to monitor and evaluate the impact and necessity of the funding floor. The funding floor allocations allow small and small-medium courts to implement and operate pretrial programs that promote court appearance and public safety.

When TCBAC approved initial allocations for FY 2026–27 in March 2026, each funding floor court was approved to receive \$141,987, which reflected a proportional reduction of the \$20 million decrease to the original program allocation, from \$68.95 million to \$48.95 million.<sup>8</sup>

Specific to the supplemental \$20 million included in the Budget Act of 2026, staff recommend restoring all the funding floor courts to their pre-reduction levels. Under this methodology, for FY 2026–27:

- 22 courts will receive the full funding floor of \$200,000, and
- 1 court will receive a floor of \$150,000.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> The Budget Act of 2025 provides \$63.95 million to the trial courts for pretrial programs. Of this amount, \$48.95 million must be expended or encumbered by June 30, 2026, with the remaining \$15 million available for expenditure or encumbrance through June 30, 2028.

<sup>6</sup> The primary budget bill for FY 2026–27, Assembly Bill 109, was amended by Senate Bill 111.

<sup>7</sup> Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Materials (March 26, 2026), <https://courts.ca.gov/system/files/file/tcbac-20260326-materials-ada.pdf>.

<sup>8</sup> The Superior Courts of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Plumas, San Benito, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, and Yuba Counties have previously received funding floor allocations.

<sup>9</sup> In prior fiscal years, the Superior Court of Amador County voluntarily agreed to a lower funding floor allocation of \$150,000. Following enactment of the Budget Act of 2026, staff confirmed with the court its intention to continue receiving this level of funding.

On July 30, 2026, TCBAC approved the supplemental FY 2026–27 allocations of \$20 million for the Pretrial Release Program as outlined in Attachment B and reflected in the Recommendation section of this report.<sup>10</sup>

### **Expenditure and Reporting Requirements**

Trial courts will receive their FY 2026–27 allocations in two distributions, the initial \$48.95 million in August and the supplemental \$20 million in September. The FY 2026–27 allocation is available for expenditure or encumbrance until June 30, 2027, and courts have an additional two years to liquidate any funding for valid encumbrances until June 30, 2029. Courts are required to code all allocation related activities using the Work Breakdown Structure element (WBSE) designated within the Phoenix financial system for this funding.

Trial courts should use their approved allocations on eligible costs appropriate to the Pretrial Release Program. As a reminder, courts must maintain financial records, supporting documents, and all other records relating to expenses under the program in accordance with state law and the *Trial Court Financial Policies and Procedures Manual*.<sup>11</sup> Qualifying expenditures must be recorded in the Phoenix financial system under the appropriate WBSE by the fifth business day after each month end to ensure current expenditure information is available as needed. Final year-end expenditures must be recorded in the Phoenix financial system by July 31 of each reportable year to ensure sufficient time to reconcile and report annual expenditures.

An additional operational agreement may be issued to provide further expenditure and reporting guidance. Reporting requirements, including a biannual data submission, will be specified in program guidance.

### **Recommendation**

Approve the FY 2026–27 supplemental allocations of \$20 million for the Pretrial Release Program as outlined in Attachment B.

These recommendations will be considered by the Judicial Council through Circulating Order.

### **Attachments**

**Attachment A:** Approved FY 2026–27 Pretrial Release Program Allocations for Initial \$48.95 million

**Attachment B:** Proposed FY 2026–27 Pretrial Release Program Allocations of Supplemental \$20 million

**Attachment C:** Total FY 2026–27 Pretrial Release Program Allocations

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<sup>10</sup> Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Materials (July 30, 2026), <https://courts.ca.gov/system/files/file/tcbac-20260730-materials-r.pdf>.

<sup>11</sup> *Trial Court Financial Policies and Procedures Manual*, 13th ed., <https://courts.ca.gov/policy-administration/budget-finance/policies-and-procedures-manual>.

**Approved FY 2026–27 Pretrial Release Program Allocations for Initial \$48.95 million**

| <b>County</b> | <b>Population 18 - 24 yrs old</b> | <b>Percentage of California population 18 - 24 yrs old</b> | <b>Approved Allocation of \$48.95 million (\$)</b> |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Alameda       | 130,760                           | 3.72%                                                      | 1,700,596                                          |
| Alpine        | NA                                | NA                                                         | 141,987                                            |
| Amador        | NA                                | NA                                                         | 141,987                                            |
| Butte         | 30,289                            | 0.86%                                                      | 393,923                                            |
| Calaveras     | NA                                | NA                                                         | 141,987                                            |
| Colusa        | NA                                | NA                                                         | 141,987                                            |
| Contra Costa  | 92,860                            | 2.64%                                                      | 1,207,688                                          |
| Del Norte     | NA                                | NA                                                         | 141,987                                            |
| El Dorado     | 12,593                            | 0.36%                                                      | 163,778                                            |
| Fresno        | 98,003                            | 2.79%                                                      | 1,274,575                                          |
| Glenn         | NA                                | NA                                                         | 141,987                                            |
| Humboldt      | 16,209                            | 0.46%                                                      | 210,806                                            |
| Imperial      | 17,729                            | 0.50%                                                      | 230,574                                            |
| Inyo          | NA                                | NA                                                         | 141,987                                            |
| Kern          | 90,016                            | 2.56%                                                      | 1,170,701                                          |
| Kings         | 15,901                            | 0.45%                                                      | 206,800                                            |
| Lake          | NA                                | NA                                                         | 141,987                                            |
| Lassen        | NA                                | NA                                                         | 141,987                                            |
| Los Angeles   | 872,040                           | 24.83%                                                     | 11,341,293                                         |
| Madera        | 15,806                            | 0.45%                                                      | 205,564                                            |
| Marin         | 18,230                            | 0.52%                                                      | 237,090                                            |
| Mariposa      | NA                                | NA                                                         | 141,987                                            |
| Mendocino     | NA                                | NA                                                         | 141,987                                            |
| Merced        | 32,744                            | 0.93%                                                      | 425,851                                            |
| Modoc         | NA                                | NA                                                         | 141,987                                            |
| Mono          | NA                                | NA                                                         | 141,987                                            |
| Monterey      | 43,949                            | 1.25%                                                      | 571,577                                            |
| Napa          | 11,123                            | 0.32%                                                      | 144,660                                            |
| Nevada        | NA                                | NA                                                         | 141,987                                            |
| Orange        | 282,770                           | 8.05%                                                      | 3,677,558                                          |
| Placer        | 30,238                            | 0.86%                                                      | 393,259                                            |
| Plumas        | NA                                | NA                                                         | 141,987                                            |
| Riverside     | 231,396                           | 6.59%                                                      | 3,009,414                                          |
| Sacramento    | 132,077                           | 3.76%                                                      | 1,717,724                                          |
| San Benito    | NA                                | NA                                                         | 141,987                                            |

| County          | Population 18 - 24 yrs old | Percentage of California population 18 - 24 yrs old | Approved Allocation of \$48.95 million (\$) |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| San Bernardino  | 215,164                    | 6.13%                                               | 2,798,309                                   |
| San Diego       | 320,072                    | 9.11%                                               | 4,162,688                                   |
| San Francisco   | 54,969                     | 1.56%                                               | 714,898                                     |
| San Joaquin     | 74,737                     | 2.13%                                               | 971,990                                     |
| San Luis Obispo | 41,959                     | 1.19%                                               | 545,697                                     |
| San Mateo       | 54,440                     | 1.55%                                               | 708,018                                     |
| Santa Barbara   | 65,938                     | 1.88%                                               | 857,555                                     |
| Santa Clara     | 164,705                    | 4.69%                                               | 2,142,066                                   |
| Santa Cruz      | 37,310                     | 1.06%                                               | 485,234                                     |
| Shasta          | 13,391                     | 0.38%                                               | 174,156                                     |
| Sierra          | NA                         | NA                                                  | 141,987                                     |
| Siskiyou        | NA                         | NA                                                  | 141,987                                     |
| Solano          | 37,447                     | 1.07%                                               | 487,016                                     |
| Sonoma          | 37,982                     | 1.08%                                               | 493,974                                     |
| Stanislaus      | 52,244                     | 1.49%                                               | 679,458                                     |
| Sutter          | NA                         | NA                                                  | 141,987                                     |
| Tehama          | NA                         | NA                                                  | 141,987                                     |
| Trinity         | NA                         | NA                                                  | 141,987                                     |
| Tulare          | 48,582                     | 1.38%                                               | 631,832                                     |
| Tuolumne        | NA                         | NA                                                  | 141,987                                     |
| Ventura         | 73,952                     | 2.11%                                               | 961,781                                     |
| Yolo            | 45,073                     | 1.28%                                               | 586,196                                     |
| Yuba            | NA                         | NA                                                  | 141,987                                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>3,512,698</b>           | <b>100</b>                                          | <b>\$48,950,000</b>                         |

Note:

Funding is allocated based on Assembly Bill 109, section 2, item 0250-101-0001, provision 7.

The 18 to 25 age category specified in statute does not match available population data age categories used by the California Department of Finance. The department broke down the 18 to 25 age category into two groups of available data: 15 to 19 years of age and 20 to 24 years of age.

**Proposed FY 2026–27 Pretrial Release Program Allocations of Supplemental \$20 million**

| <b>County</b> | <b>Population 18 - 24<br/>yrs old</b> | <b>Percentage of California<br/>population 18 - 24 yrs old</b> | <b>Proposed Allocation<br/>of \$20 million (\$)</b> |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Alameda       | 130,760                               | 3.72%                                                          | 696,691                                             |
| Alpine        | NA                                    | NA                                                             | 58,013                                              |
| Amador        | NA                                    | NA                                                             | 8,013                                               |
| Butte         | 30,289                                | 0.86%                                                          | 161,380                                             |
| Calaveras     | NA                                    | NA                                                             | 58,013                                              |
| Colusa        | NA                                    | NA                                                             | 58,013                                              |
| Contra Costa  | 92,860                                | 2.64%                                                          | 494,759                                             |
| Del Norte     | NA                                    | NA                                                             | 58,013                                              |
| El Dorado     | 12,593                                | 0.36%                                                          | 67,096                                              |
| Fresno        | 98,003                                | 2.79%                                                          | 522,161                                             |
| Glenn         | NA                                    | NA                                                             | 58,013                                              |
| Humboldt      | 16,209                                | 0.46%                                                          | 86,362                                              |
| Imperial      | 17,729                                | 0.50%                                                          | 94,460                                              |
| Inyo          | NA                                    | NA                                                             | 58,013                                              |
| Kern          | 90,016                                | 2.56%                                                          | 479,606                                             |
| Kings         | 15,901                                | 0.45%                                                          | 84,721                                              |
| Lake          | NA                                    | NA                                                             | 58,013                                              |
| Lassen        | NA                                    | NA                                                             | 58,013                                              |
| Los Angeles   | 872,040                               | 24.83%                                                         | 4,646,240                                           |
| Madera        | 15,806                                | 0.45%                                                          | 84,215                                              |
| Marin         | 18,230                                | 0.52%                                                          | 97,130                                              |
| Mariposa      | NA                                    | NA                                                             | 58,013                                              |
| Mendocino     | NA                                    | NA                                                             | 58,013                                              |
| Merced        | 32,744                                | 0.93%                                                          | 174,460                                             |
| Modoc         | NA                                    | NA                                                             | 58,013                                              |
| Mono          | NA                                    | NA                                                             | 58,013                                              |
| Monterey      | 43,949                                | 1.25%                                                          | 234,161                                             |
| Napa          | 11,123                                | 0.32%                                                          | 59,263                                              |
| Nevada        | NA                                    | NA                                                             | 58,013                                              |
| Orange        | 282,770                               | 8.05%                                                          | 1,506,602                                           |
| Placer        | 30,238                                | 0.86%                                                          | 161,109                                             |
| Plumas        | NA                                    | NA                                                             | 58,013                                              |
| Riverside     | 231,396                               | 6.59%                                                          | 1,232,880                                           |
| Sacramento    | 132,077                               | 3.76%                                                          | 703,708                                             |
| San Benito    | NA                                    | NA                                                             | 58,013                                              |

| County          | Population 18 - 24 yrs old | Percentage of California population 18 - 24 yrs old | Proposed Allocation of \$20 million (\$) |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| San Bernardino  | 215,164                    | 6.13%                                               | 1,146,397                                |
| San Diego       | 320,072                    | 9.11%                                               | 1,705,348                                |
| San Francisco   | 54,969                     | 1.56%                                               | 292,876                                  |
| San Joaquin     | 74,737                     | 2.13%                                               | 398,200                                  |
| San Luis Obispo | 41,959                     | 1.19%                                               | 223,558                                  |
| San Mateo       | 54,440                     | 1.55%                                               | 290,057                                  |
| Santa Barbara   | 65,938                     | 1.88%                                               | 351,319                                  |
| Santa Clara     | 164,705                    | 4.69%                                               | 877,550                                  |
| Santa Cruz      | 37,310                     | 1.06%                                               | 198,788                                  |
| Shasta          | 13,391                     | 0.38%                                               | 71,347                                   |
| Sierra          | NA                         | NA                                                  | 58,013                                   |
| Siskiyou        | NA                         | NA                                                  | 58,013                                   |
| Solano          | 37,447                     | 1.07%                                               | 199,518                                  |
| Sonoma          | 37,982                     | 1.08%                                               | 202,369                                  |
| Stanislaus      | 52,244                     | 1.49%                                               | 278,357                                  |
| Sutter          | NA                         | NA                                                  | 58,013                                   |
| Tehama          | NA                         | NA                                                  | 58,013                                   |
| Trinity         | NA                         | NA                                                  | 58,013                                   |
| Tulare          | 48,582                     | 1.38%                                               | 258,846                                  |
| Tuolumne        | NA                         | NA                                                  | 58,013                                   |
| Ventura         | 73,952                     | 2.11%                                               | 394,017                                  |
| Yolo            | 45,073                     | 1.28%                                               | 240,150                                  |
| Yuba            | NA                         | NA                                                  | 58,013                                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>3,512,698</b>           | <b>100%</b>                                         | <b>\$20,000,000</b>                      |

Note:

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**Total FY 2026–27 Pretrial Release Program Allocations**

| <b>County</b> | <b>Approved Allocation of \$48.95 million (\$)</b> | <b>Proposed Allocation of \$20 million (\$)</b> | <b>Total Allocation FY 2026–27 (\$)</b> |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Alameda       | 1,700,596                                          | 696,691                                         | 2,397,287                               |
| Alpine        | 141,987                                            | 58,013                                          | 200,000                                 |
| Amador        | 141,987                                            | 8,013                                           | 150,000                                 |
| Butte         | 393,923                                            | 161,380                                         | 555,303                                 |
| Calaveras     | 141,987                                            | 58,013                                          | 200,000                                 |
| Colusa        | 141,987                                            | 58,013                                          | 200,000                                 |
| Contra Costa  | 1,207,688                                          | 494,759                                         | 1,702,447                               |
| Del Norte     | 141,987                                            | 58,013                                          | 200,000                                 |
| El Dorado     | 163,778                                            | 67,096                                          | 230,874                                 |
| Fresno        | 1,274,575                                          | 522,161                                         | 1,796,736                               |
| Glenn         | 141,987                                            | 58,013                                          | 200,000                                 |
| Humboldt      | 210,806                                            | 86,362                                          | 297,168                                 |
| Imperial      | 230,574                                            | 94,460                                          | 325,034                                 |
| Inyo          | 141,987                                            | 58,013                                          | 200,000                                 |
| Kern          | 1,170,701                                          | 479,606                                         | 1,650,307                               |
| Kings         | 206,800                                            | 84,721                                          | 291,521                                 |
| Lake          | 141,987                                            | 58,013                                          | 200,000                                 |
| Lassen        | 141,987                                            | 58,013                                          | 200,000                                 |
| Los Angeles   | 11,341,293                                         | 4,646,240                                       | 15,987,533                              |
| Madera        | 205,564                                            | 84,215                                          | 289,779                                 |
| Marin         | 237,090                                            | 97,130                                          | 334,220                                 |
| Mariposa      | 141,987                                            | 58,013                                          | 200,000                                 |
| Mendocino     | 141,987                                            | 58,013                                          | 200,000                                 |
| Merced        | 425,851                                            | 174,460                                         | 600,311                                 |
| Modoc         | 141,987                                            | 58,013                                          | 200,000                                 |
| Mono          | 141,987                                            | 58,013                                          | 200,000                                 |
| Monterey      | 571,577                                            | 234,161                                         | 805,738                                 |
| Napa          | 144,660                                            | 59,263                                          | 203,923                                 |
| Nevada        | 141,987                                            | 58,013                                          | 200,000                                 |
| Orange        | 3,677,558                                          | 1,506,602                                       | 5,184,160                               |
| Placer        | 393,259                                            | 161,109                                         | 554,368                                 |
| Plumas        | 141,987                                            | 58,013                                          | 200,000                                 |
| Riverside     | 3,009,414                                          | 1,232,880                                       | 4,242,294                               |
| Sacramento    | 1,717,724                                          | 703,708                                         | 2,421,432                               |
| San Benito    | 141,987                                            | 58,013                                          | 200,000                                 |



| County          | Approved Allocation of \$48.95 million (\$) | Proposed Allocation of \$20 million (\$) | Total Allocation FY 2026–27 (\$) |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| San Bernardino  | 2,798,309                                   | 1,146,397                                | 3,944,706                        |
| San Diego       | 4,162,688                                   | 1,705,348                                | 5,868,036                        |
| San Francisco   | 714,898                                     | 292,876                                  | 1,007,774                        |
| San Joaquin     | 971,990                                     | 398,200                                  | 1,370,190                        |
| San Luis Obispo | 545,697                                     | 223,558                                  | 769,255                          |
| San Mateo       | 708,018                                     | 290,057                                  | 998,075                          |
| Santa Barbara   | 857,555                                     | 351,319                                  | 1,208,874                        |
| Santa Clara     | 2,142,066                                   | 877,550                                  | 3,019,616                        |
| Santa Cruz      | 485,234                                     | 198,788                                  | 684,022                          |
| Shasta          | 174,156                                     | 71,347                                   | 245,503                          |
| Sierra          | 141,987                                     | 58,013                                   | 200,000                          |
| Siskiyou        | 141,987                                     | 58,013                                   | 200,000                          |
| Solano          | 487,016                                     | 199,518                                  | 686,534                          |
| Sonoma          | 493,974                                     | 202,369                                  | 696,343                          |
| Stanislaus      | 679,458                                     | 278,357                                  | 957,815                          |
| Sutter          | 141,987                                     | 58,013                                   | 200,000                          |
| Tehama          | 141,987                                     | 58,013                                   | 200,000                          |
| Trinity         | 141,987                                     | 58,013                                   | 200,000                          |
| Tulare          | 631,832                                     | 258,846                                  | 890,678                          |
| Tuolumne        | 141,987                                     | 58,013                                   | 200,000                          |
| Ventura         | 961,781                                     | 394,017                                  | 1,355,798                        |
| Yolo            | 586,196                                     | 240,150                                  | 826,346                          |
| Yuba            | 141,987                                     | 58,013                                   | 200,000                          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>\$48,950,000</b>                         | <b>\$20,000,000</b>                      | <b>\$68,950,000</b>              |

Note:

Funding is allocated based on Senate Bill 111, section 2, item 0250-101-0001, provision 7. Funding must be spent or encumbered by June 30, 2027.