

Language Access Signage and Technology Grants, Cycle 7

Fiscal Year 2025–26

May 5, 2025



Grant Funding and Goal



The 2018 Budget Act included ongoing funding of \$2.55 million per year



Grants support language access signage and technology infrastructure and equipment needs for the trial courts and council



\$1 million for signage grants and \$1.35 million for technology grants, available each year for courts (council receives \$200,000 for language access resource development)

Funding Maximums Per Court

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

Review of Applications

- To ensure no court would receive duplicate funding for the same project, JC staff coordinated review with the other technology funding requests:
 - IT Modernization Funding Program
 - Jury Management Systems Grant

S&T Grants, Cycle 7 – Methodology

- 17 courts applied – majority can be fully funded
- Three courts will receive maximum \$470,000
- One court will receive \$300,250 for a technology project

S&T Grants, Cycle 7 – Grant Breakdown

\$707,792
signage
(30%)

\$1,642,208
technology
(70%)

S&T Grants, Cycle 7 – Project Highlights

Signage:

- 6 courts need funding for multilingual wayfinding strategies, which will assist court users with navigating the courthouse
- 2 courts need funding for translations of court websites and wayfinding systems

Technology:

- 6 courts need funding for interpreter equipment
- 4 courts need funding for multilingual kiosks
- 3 courts need funding for audiovisual systems upgrades, including assisted listening devices

Recommendations

1. Approve the proposed allocations of \$707,792 for signage and \$1,642,208 for technology for the Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program for fiscal year (FY) 2025–26; and
2. Direct Language Access Services staff to work with Branch Accounting and Procurement to draft and execute intra-branch agreements with each awarded court

Jury Management System Grant Program

FY25–26 Project and Funding Recommendations

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Background

- Jury Management System Grant Program (JMS) initiated in FY 2000–01
- Funds are generated from royalties for publishing Judicial Council-developed jury instructions
- Projected budget for FY 2025–26: \$500,000

Objectives and Considerations

- **Maximize funding** to support the greatest number of projects.
- **Upgrade the Jury Management System (JMS)** to enhance functionality.
- **Elevate the juror experience** while minimizing court resource usage.
- **Ensure that grant covered project expenses are one-time costs;** ongoing costs incurred outside the grant period are not permitted.
- **Cap allocations at 10%** of available funds unless surplus remains.

Summary of Applications Received

Court Applications Submitted: 12

Project Categories	Number of Projects
Peripheral hardware projects	6
Self Check-in Kiosk Projects	4
IVR-IWR system enhancements*	3
JMS software & hardware projects	2
Total Projects	15

*Interactive Voice Response (IVR) and Interactive Web Response (IWR)

Action Requested

Recommendation

- **Approve \$500,000 allocation** for 15 projects across 12 courts
- **Fully Fund 14 projects** to completion
- **Partially fund \$139,360** of the \$219,113 requested by Yolo Superior Court