

FY25-26 IT Modernization: Local Court Project Funding and Branchwide Funding

Technology Committee

December 11, 2025



Action Items – midyear allocations

1. Reallocate IT Mod Local Court Project Funding (Humboldt and Nevada)
2. Confirm IT Mod Branchwide Allocation (Los Angeles)

1. Local Court Project Funding

Background:

- One court returned funds early; there is limited time in which to redistribute to another court
- Two courts –
 - Experienced submission error (attempts verified)
 - Were not included in initial allocations (though funding would have been allocated)

Request: Consider approval of recommended proposals and a reallocation of funds

Processing:

- 4 projects reviewed and 3 recommended (per review by ITAC Workstream Sponsor and staff)
- Confirmed – courts can meet the encumbrance deadline
- Applied FY 25-26 funding methodology to request (courts would have received pro rata portion)

Requested Action

Recommend the following direct allocations:

IT Mod Type	Superior Court	Projects	Allocation
Local Court Project Funding	Humboldt	(1) Digitization project	\$41,273
Local Court Project Funding	Nevada	(1) Data Warehouse project (2) Dashboard project	\$30,471

If approved: Proceeds to Judicial Council Feb. 19-20, 2025

2. Branchwide Funding

Background:

- Sept. 9 – Technology Committee approved IT Mod Branchwide Funding Budget ([Materials](#))
- Automated Messaging & Notification System (AMNS)—budgeted \$125,000
- Service offers automated notifications (e.g., for court hearings) for participating courts
- Service realizes economies of scale; and benefits from common solutions
- In prior years, funding is directly allocated to Los Angeles, which maintains AMNS system

Requested action:

- Since budgeted for previously, confirm direct allocation of \$125,000 to Superior Court of Los Angeles County for AMNS

Note: Allocations to trial courts require Judicial Council approval

Requested Action

Recommend the following direct allocation:

IT Mod Type	Superior Court	Projects	Allocation
Branchwide Funding	Los Angeles	(1) Automated Messaging & Notification System	\$125,000

If approved: Proceeds to Judicial Council Feb. 19-20, 2025

IT Modernization Program

Local Court Project Grants

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Agenda

Starting Framework

Discussion:

- Review Court Tech Assessment Local Court Priorities
- Identify Funding Priorities

Next Steps

Starting Framework

- Identify funding priorities upfront
- Set expectations - limited funding
 - May not fully/partially fund all projects, including those that qualify as a branch priority
 - May not guarantee funding for all courts
 - IT Mod budget availability subject to change
 - Funding decisions may be impacted by compliance with reporting and expenditure deadlines

Goal for today + •
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**Identify Funding
Priorities**



Key data informing funding priorities

- Local Court Tech Assessments
 - Public Access Portal
- Legislative mandates
 - Web accessibility (April 24, 2026)
 - Prop 36 – eCitations (funding needed)

Court Tech Assessment data

Technology Category	Priority	Funding Need
Cyber/Information Security	43	33
Case Management Systems and Extensions	40	24
Electronic Records Management	31	23
Infrastructure	28	26
Courthouse	21	15

Includes all Courts of Appeal and 57 trial courts

History: Branch Priorities and Funding

FY 22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25	FY25-26
Electronic Records Management (\$4.6m)	Remote Proceedings	1. Hybrid Courtroom (\$4.4m)	Cyber/Information Security (\$5.9m)
Remote Access	Case Management Systems (\$3.9m)	2. Additional Hybrid: Digitization, e-filing, electronic evidence	Remote Proceedings
Infrastructure	Electronic Records Management	3. Innovative Solutions	Data Analytics Initiatives
Innovative Branch Solutions	Infrastructure		AI Initiatives
	Cyber/Information Security		Modernization of Infrastructure

Proposed Funding Priorities

Branch Priorities (ranked)
1. Cyber/Information Security
2. Case Management Systems
3. Infrastructure

Increased weighting given to projects that demonstrate:

- High public benefit
- Strong collaboration across courts
- Alignment with baseline cybersecurity priorities (e.g., multi-factor authentication, endpoint protection)

Proposed Expectations

Projects

- All project proposals welcome regardless of branch priority
- Project proposals will be ranked by the workstream

Funding

- May not fully/partially fund all project proposals, including those that qualify as a branch priority
- May not guarantee funding for all courts
- IT Mod budget availability subject to change
- Decisions may be impacted by compliance with reporting and expenditure deadlines

Define Collaboration Projects

Process: Submitted as one application from **Lead Court**

Questions:

- # of courts
- Level of involvement
- Confirmed participation/commitment

Definitions for Project Requirements

1. Benefit the public

- Indirect and direct?
- Workstream discretion?

2. Modernization (not maintenance)

- Maintain broad definition or create parameters?

Admin Requirements that remain consistent

- Align with program category
- Progress reports
- Funding deadlines
- Compliance with branchwide policies and standards

Requested Action

Vote to approve the FY26-27 IT Mod
Branchwide priorities, weightings,
and expectations.

Grant Timeline

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Assessments and Priorities

Nov-Dec

- Court Tech Assessments (CTA)
- Branch mandates
- **Tech Comm** sets priorities



Application

January

- Launch to courts
- Email & webinar
- Online submission



Project Reviews

Feb - March

- Branch Workstream
- **Tech Comm** approves projects



Funding Scenarios

March - May

- Funding models assessment
- **Tech Comm** recommends funding allocation



Approvals

July

- Judicial Council approves allocations
- Courts notified
- IBAs

Next Steps

- Jan. 12: Tech Comm
 - Any follow ups from today's discussion
- Jan. TBD: Launch **Application** FY26-27
 - Branchwide email and webinar
 - Recruit IT Mod Workstream members
- Feb. 9: Tech Comm