



Judicial Council of California
 Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MATERIALS MARCH 26, 2026
 OPEN IN-PERSON MEETING**

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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF OPEN MEETING

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THIS MEETING IS BEING CONDUCTED BY ELECTRONIC MEANS
THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Public Video Livestream: <https://jcc.granicus.com/player/event/5264>

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Agenda items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in the indicated order.

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 January 15, 2026, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee meeting and February 26, 2026, action by e-mail between meetings.

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

Remote Comment

In accordance with California Rules of Court, rule 10.75(i) and (k), individuals wishing to speak about an agenda item during the public comment part of the meeting, must email a request by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 to tcbac@jud.ca.gov. The request must state the speaker's name, the name of the organization that the speaker represents, if any, and the agenda item the speaker wishes to address. Only requests received by 12:00 p.m. on March 25, 2026, will receive a reply providing the virtual meeting link and information needed to speak during the public comment time.

Written Comment

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 tcbac@jud.ca.gov. Only written comments received by 12:00 p.m. on March 25, 2026, will be provided to advisory body members prior to the start of the meeting.

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1)

Item 1

Budget Change Concepts for Fiscal Year 2027–28 that Impact Trial Courts (Action Required)

Consideration of budget change concepts for fiscal year 2027–28 developed by other Judicial Council advisory committees that impact the trial courts.

Presenter(s): Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
Ms. Megan Ellis, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Judicial Council Budget Services

Item 2

Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act Allocations for Fiscal Year 2026–27 (Action Required)

Consideration of Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act allocations for fiscal year 2026–27.

Presenter(s): Ms. Kelly Ragsdale, Senior Analyst, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts
Ms. Cassandra McTaggart, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Item 3

Pretrial Release Program Allocations for Fiscal Year 2026–27 (Action Required)

Consideration of Pretrial Release Program allocations for fiscal year 2026–27.

Presenter: Ms. Deirdre Benedict, Supervising Analyst, Judicial Council Criminal Justice Services

Item 4

AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Allocations for Fiscal Year 2026–27 (Action Required)

Consideration of AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program allocations for fiscal year 2026–27.

Presenter: Ms. Lollie Roberts, Supervising Attorney, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Item 5

Court Reporter Allocations for Fiscal Year 2026–27 (Action Required)

Consideration of court reporter allocations for fiscal year 2026–27 for family law and civil case types.

Presenter: Ms. Rose Lane, Senior Analyst, Judicial Council Leadership Support Services

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn



TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

January 15, 2026
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

<https://jcc.granicus.com/player/event/5050>

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- Advisory Body Members Present:** Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. J. Eric Bradshaw, Hon. Christopher R. Bowen, Hon. Judith C. Clark, Hon. Julie A. Emede, Hon. Samantha P. Jessner, Hon. David C. Kalemkarian, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Lisa M. Rogan, Hon. Sonny S. Sandhu, and Hon. Scott R.L. Young
- Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Vice-Chair), Ms. Kate Bieker, Ms. Stephanie Camero, Mr. Jake Chatters, Mr. Chad Finke, Mr. Kevin Harrigan, Mr. Michael M. Roddy, Mr. Chris Ruhl, Mr. David W. Slayton, Ms. Kim Turner, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki
- Advisory Body Members Absent:** Hon. Judith K. Dulcich and Hon. Bunmi Awoniyi
- Others Present:** Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Ms. Fran Mueller, Ms. Joleen Allgood, Ms. Maria Lira, Ms. Oksana Tuk, Ms. Megan Ellis, Mr. Douglas Denton, Ms. Deirdre Benedict, and Ms. Kelly Meehleib

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body approved the minutes of the October 29, 2025, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM (ITEM 1-5)

Item 1 – Trial Court Minimum Operating and Emergency Fund Balance Policy (Action Required)

Consideration of revisions to the Judicial Council's trial court minimum operating and emergency fund balance requirements

Action: The TCBCAC unanimously voted to approve a one-year suspension of the minimum operating and emergency fund balance policy for the trial courts until June 30, 2027, and add this item to the Funding Methodology Subcommittee annual work plan. This will allow time to revise the policy to appropriately reflect current conditions regarding trial court financial operations and reserve needs. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its business meeting on April 24, 2026.

Item 2 – Mid-Year Reallocation and Augmentation for Court Interpreters Program for Fiscal Year 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of a mid-year reallocation of unspent funding for the Court Interpreters Program for fiscal year 2025–26.

Action: The TCBCAC unanimously voted to approve the FY 2025–26 mid-year reallocation of \$59,000 and augmentation of \$19.1 million from the program savings balance of \$27.8 million, as outlined in Attachment 2A, including any technical adjustments. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its business meeting on April 24, 2026.

Item 3 – Mid-Year Reallocation for Pretrial Release Program for Fiscal Year 2025–26 (Action Required).

Consideration of a mid-year reallocation of unspent funding for the Pretrial Release Program for fiscal year 2025–26.

Action: The TCBCAC unanimously voted to approve option one as a one-time methodology for reallocation of the \$194,000 in available pretrial funding for the Pretrial Release Program in FY 2025–26, as outlined in Attachment 3A, Table 1. This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its business meeting on April 24, 2026.

Item 4 – Allocations for Dependency Counsel Collections Program and Unspent Funding for Fiscal Year 2025–26 (Action Required)

Consideration of allocations for the Dependency Counsel Collections Program and reallocation of unspent funding for court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel in fiscal year 2025–26.

Action: The TCBCAC unanimously voted to approve the following FY 2025–26 allocations for court-appointed counsel funding for consideration by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its April 24, 2026, business meeting:

1. Allocate Juvenile Dependency Counsel Collections Program funds of \$121,145 remitted in FY 2024–25 (Attachment 4A); and
2. Allocate FY 2025–26 estimated unspent dependency counsel funding of \$980,773 from courts that have identified funds they do not intend to spend to courts that are not fully funded to their need (Attachment 4B).

Item 5 – Trial Court Budget Change Concepts for Fiscal Year 2027–28 (Action Required)

Consideration of trial court funding priorities and budget change concepts for the fiscal year 2027–28 budget development process.

Action: *The TCBAC unanimously voted to approve three budget change concepts for fiscal year 2027–28 in the following priority order: (1) inflationary adjustment for the trial courts (Consumer Price Index), (2) increased and ongoing technology funding, and (3) increased funding for the Court Interpreters Program. The committee directed Judicial Council staff to verify the key components of the information technology proposal. These budget change concepts will be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee at its meeting on February 19, 2026.*

I. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (ITEM 1) (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

Info 1 – Governor’s Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2026–27

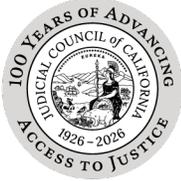
Update on the Governor’s Budget proposal for fiscal year 2026–27.

Action: *No action taken.*

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on .



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TRIAL COURT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF ACTION BY EMAIL

February 26, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Advisory Body Members Present: Judges: Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin (Chair), Hon. J. Eric Bradshaw, Hon. Christopher R. Bowen, Hon. Judith C. Clark, Hon. Judith K. Dulcich, Hon. Julie A. Emede, Hon. Samantha P. Jessner, Hon. David C. Kalemkarian, Hon. Patricia L. Kelly, Hon. Lisa M. Rogan, Hon. Sonny S. Sandhu, and Hon. Scott R.L. Young

Executive Officers: Ms. Rebecca Fleming (Cochair), Ms. Kate Bieker, Ms. Stephanie Cameron, Mr. Chad Finke, Mr. Kevin Harrigan, Mr. Michael M. Roddy, Mr. Chris Ruhl, Ms. Kim Turner, and Mr. David H. Yamasaki

Advisory Body Members Absent: Executive Officers: Mr. Jake Chatters and Mr. David W. Slayton

Others Present: Ms. Megan Ellis

ACTION BY EMAIL

As provided in the California Rules of Court, rule 10.75 (o)(1)(B), the chair concluded that prompt action was needed. This action by email concerned matters that would otherwise be discussed in an open meeting; therefore, in accordance with rule 10.75(o)(2), public notice and the proposal were posted on February 24, 2026, to allow at least one complete business day for public comment before the committee took action. No public comments were received. Voting was opened at 11:02 a.m. on February 26, 2026.

ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1)

Item 1

Fiscal Year 2025–26 Reallocation of Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act Funding

Action: *The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee unanimously voted to reallocate \$72,960 of unspent Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act funding in FY 2025–26 to provide additional resources to the Superior Court of El Dorado County as outlined in Attachment A.*

CLOSURE OF ACTION

Voting closed at 5:05 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on enter date.

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA
BUDGET SERVICES
Report to the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

(Action Item)

Title: Budget Change Concepts for Fiscal Year 2027–28 that Impact Trial Courts
Date: 3/26/2026
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Issue

Several Judicial Council advisory committees have developed budget change concepts (BCCs) for fiscal year (FY) 2027–28 that will affect the trial courts. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) has been identified as the committee responsible for reviewing these proposals and providing feedback. TCBAC’s input will be incorporated into the budget proposals that will go to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) for consideration in May 2026.

Background

FY 2027–28 BCC Development

At its meeting on January 15, 2026¹, the TCBAC reviewed potential BCCs for FY 2027–28 that were developed with full participation and input from the trial courts. Before the meeting, TCBAC members contacted their assigned courts to gather information about funding needs and priorities. These priorities were summarized and used to guide the committee’s discussion.

Based on the funding needs reported by the trial courts, the TCBAC identified and prioritized the following three BCCs for FY 2027–28:

1. **Inflationary Adjustment for Trial Courts (Consumer Price Index)** – \$82.3 million ongoing General Fund to help trial courts cover general cost increases tied to inflation, based on the Department of Finance’s estimated Consumer Price Index.
2. **Language Access in the California Courts** – \$23.5 million General Fund in FY 2027–28, growing to \$48.5 million by FY 2030–31. This request will address rising court interpreter costs, support implementation of the Strategic Plan for Language Access in the California Courts and ensure trial courts are funded to provide interpreter services in all case types.
3. **Trial Courts Technology Ongoing Support** – \$42.5 million ongoing General Fund in FY 2027–28 to meet ongoing technology needs across the trial courts.

¹ Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee meeting materials (January 15, 2026), <https://courts.ca.gov/system/files/file/tcbac-20260115-materials.pdf>

In addition to these priorities, the TCBAC agreed to support BCCs from other Judicial Council advisory committees that address trial court technology funding needs, including proposals related to cybersecurity, case management system licensing, and technology to support staffing.²

Budget Change Concept Process

The Judicial Council approved the current BCC process for the judicial branch on December 16, 2016. Under this process, advisory committees may review and provide input on BCCs developed by other committees when time allows, especially when those proposals affect their areas of responsibility.³

At its meeting on February 19, 2026, the Budget Committee reviewed 31 BCCs proposed for FY 2027–28. Of these, 18 concepts were identified as having an impact on the trial courts, including the three proposals submitted directly by the TCBAC. These 18 concepts are listed in the table below, and detailed descriptions are included in the report provided to the Budget Committee on February 19, 2026.⁴

FY 2027–28 BCCs with Trial Court Impact

Concept Number	Concept Title	FY 2027–28 Estimated Cost (in Thousands)	Submitted By
27-01	Inflationary Adjustment for Trial Courts (Consumer Price Index)	\$82,300	TCBAC/Budget Services
27-02	Language Access in the California Courts	\$23,500	TCBAC/Leadership Support Services (LSS)
27-03	Trial Courts Technology Ongoing Support	\$42,500	TCBAC/Information Technology (IT)
27-04	Improving Branchwide Cybersecurity	\$19,100	IT/TCBAC
27-06	Addressing the Impact of the Disproportionate Increase in Competency Evaluations	\$10,400	Criminal Justice Services
27-08	Judicial Branch Data Analytics Modernization	\$9,800	Research, Analytics, and Data
27-12	Racial Justice Act Retroactivity (AB 256) for the Appellate Courts and Trial Courts	\$22,600	LSS/TCBAC/Appellate Court Services
27-18	Trial Court Facility Modifications	\$49,300	Facilities Services (FS)
27-19	Trial Court Facilities Maintenance and Utilities	\$29,500	FS
27-20	Trial Court Physical Security Assessment and Evaluation	\$2,700	FS

² Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee meeting audio (January 15, 2026), jccv.akamaized.net/001A57/itso/jc-advisory-groups/tcbac/2026-01-15/tcbac-20260115-audio.mp3

³ Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., Judicial Branch Budget: Budget Change Proposal Process (Dec. 16, 2016),

<https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=4817140&GUID=6165243B-1678-4074-B1D7-AB5A1467CA6F>

⁴ Judicial Branch Budget Committee meeting materials (February 19, 2026), <https://courts.ca.gov/system/files/file/jbbc-20260219-materials.pdf>

Concept Number	Concept Title	FY 2027–28 Estimated Cost (in Thousands)	Submitted By
27-21	Orange Central Justice Center - Facility Modification	\$78,000	FS
27-22	Trial Court Deferred Maintenance	\$152,700	FS
27-26	Superior Court Public Lactation Rooms (AB 1576)	\$16,900	FS
27-27	Los Angeles Spring Street Courthouse - Courtrooms Relocation	\$4,600	FS
27-51	Capital Outlay Project Reassessment and Program Support	\$14,000	FS
27-52	Capital Outlay Funding: FY 2027–28 through 2031–32	\$1,500,000	FS
27-53	Los Angeles Spring Street Courthouse - Chatsworth Buildout	\$34,800	FS
27-54	Statewide: Budget Packages and Advanced Planning	\$500	FS

The Budget Committee will consider these concepts at its meeting on May 20, 2026, to determine which proposals will move forward into full budget change proposal development. The proposals advanced by the Budget Committee will be presented to the Judicial Council for consideration at its business meeting on July 17, 2026.

Recommendation

Review and discuss any feedback or comments the committee would like to provide on the FY 2027–28 BCCs that affect the trial courts. This input will be forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration.

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA
BUDGET SERVICES
Report to the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
(Action Item)

Title: Fiscal Year 2026–27 Allocation of Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act Funding

Date: 3/26/2026

Contact: Kelly Ragsdale, Senior Analyst, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts | kelly.ragsdale@jud.ca.gov | 415-865-7659

Issue

Consideration of Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act allocations to the trial courts for fiscal year (FY) 2026–27.

Background

The CARE Act established a civil court process that provides treatment, housing support, and other services to individuals with schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders and bipolar I with psychotic features. The Budget Act of 2025 included \$32.9 million to fund trial court operations related to the CARE Act in FY 2025–26 for the 58 trial courts. The program was rolled out in two cohorts, and all courts were required to implement the CARE Act by December 1, 2024.

At its business meeting on July 21, 2023¹, the Judicial Council approved an allocation methodology for FY 2023–24 and subsequent years that included the following:

1. For Cohort One courts implementing the CARE Act, an allocation for court operations that employs the Workload Formula with a base of 25 CARE Act cases calculated at \$93,225;
2. For Cohort One courts implementing the CARE Act, an allocation for staff and other operational costs that employs the Workload Formula with a base of \$98,000, prorated to the amount that Cohort One courts are estimated to receive in FY 2024–25 when all courts are implementing the CARE Act;
3. For Cohort Two courts, an allocation that employs the Workload Formula with a base of \$98,000, prorated to the amount that remains after the allocation described in step 2 and after reduction by 0.5 percent to hold as a reserve for Cohort One courts that require additional program funding, with any unspent funding from the court

¹ Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., Trial Court Budget: Fiscal Year 2023–24 Allocation of Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Funding (June 7, 2023), <https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=12125820&GUID=BB56211B-2F20-4BB8-8E94-B0909B17F695>.

allocations and this reserve redistributed through the reallocation process via the approved methodology; and

4. A method to reallocate unspent funds during the fiscal year.

At its business meeting on July 18, 2025², the Judicial Council approved the allocation of CARE Act funding for FY 2025–26 that included the following:

1. Continuation of all elements of the allocation methodology approved in FY 2023–24, including employing the Workload Formula and the funding base already defined; and
2. An allocation of \$32.9 million, with base funding and pro rata distribution of remaining funds, to fund trial court operations related to the CARE Act for FY 2025–26.

The methodology applies the most current data available, utilizing the FY 2025–26 Workload Formula for the proposed FY 2026–27 CARE Act allocations.³

Proposed CARE Act Allocations for FY 2026–27

The FY 2026–27 Governor’s Budget included \$32.9 million for CARE Act trial court operations, and it is recommended to be allocated consistent with the approved methodology outlined above. The proposed allocations to the trial courts are displayed in Attachment 2A.

The final allocations will be updated based on any needed technical adjustments and is contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2026–27.

Recommendation

Approve the CARE Act allocations to the trial courts for FY 2026–27 as outlined in Attachment 2A, including any technical adjustments and contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2026–27.

This recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its business meeting on July 17, 2026.

Attachments

Attachment 2A: CARE Act Allocation of Court Operations Budget FY 2026–27

² Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., Trial Court Budget: Fiscal Year 2025–26 Allocation of Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Funding (June 16, 2025), jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=14303297&GUID=B2BE5DD8-5130-493A-B0DE-5538B320D61D.

³ Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., Trial Court Budget: Allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and Trial Court Allocations for Fiscal Year 2025–26 (June 24, 2025), jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=14317995&GUID=ECD8C9DA-C4D0-4251-9D6E-F59B81DF112E

CARE Act Allocation of Court Operations Budget FY 2026–27

Court	Final Workload Allocation			Staff/Other			Court Operations			Total
	Final Workload Allocation	Percentage	Distribution	Base	Distribution of Funds to Courts Above \$98,000	Final Staff/Other Allocation	Base	Distribution of Funds to Courts Above \$93,225	Final Court Operations Allocation	Total Allocation
	A	B	C	D	E	F (D+E)	G	H	I (G+H)	J (F+I)
Alameda	\$ 91,128,909	3.54%	\$ 748,728	\$ 98,000	\$ 579,236	\$ 677,236	\$ 93,225	\$ 232,277	\$ 325,502	\$ 1,002,738
Alpine	\$ 994,000	0.04%	\$ 8,168	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Amador	\$ 4,708,708	0.18%	\$ 38,687	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Butte	\$ 14,117,483	0.55%	\$ 115,991	\$ 98,000	\$ 89,734	\$ 187,734	\$ 93,225	\$ 35,984	\$ 129,209	\$ 316,943
Calaveras	\$ 3,496,238	0.14%	\$ 28,726	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Colusa	\$ 2,619,720	0.10%	\$ 21,523	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Contra Costa	\$ 53,813,756	2.09%	\$ 442,142	\$ 98,000	\$ 342,054	\$ 440,054	\$ 93,225	\$ 137,165	\$ 230,390	\$ 670,444
Del Norte	\$ 4,061,613	0.16%	\$ 33,370	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
El Dorado	\$ 10,262,799	0.40%	\$ 84,321	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Fresno	\$ 64,916,965	2.53%	\$ 533,367	\$ 98,000	\$ 412,627	\$ 510,627	\$ 93,225	\$ 165,466	\$ 258,691	\$ 769,318
Glenn	\$ 3,313,806	0.13%	\$ 27,226	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Humboldt	\$ 8,848,774	0.34%	\$ 72,704	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Imperial	\$ 10,126,650	0.39%	\$ 83,201	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Inyo	\$ 2,647,940	0.10%	\$ 21,756	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Kern	\$ 66,230,485	2.58%	\$ 544,160	\$ 98,000	\$ 420,976	\$ 518,976	\$ 93,225	\$ 168,814	\$ 262,039	\$ 781,015
Kings	\$ 11,035,848	0.43%	\$ 90,672	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Lake	\$ 5,358,110	0.21%	\$ 44,022	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Lassen	\$ 2,729,185	0.11%	\$ 22,423	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Los Angeles	\$ 740,942,433	28.82%	\$ 6,087,692	\$ 98,000	\$ 4,709,603	\$ 4,807,603	\$ 93,225	\$ 1,888,578	\$ 1,981,803	\$ 6,789,406
Madera	\$ 12,674,580	0.49%	\$ 104,137	\$ 98,000	\$ 80,562	\$ 178,562	\$ 93,225	\$ 32,306	\$ 125,531	\$ 304,093
Marin	\$ 14,371,061	0.56%	\$ 118,075	\$ 98,000	\$ 91,346	\$ 189,346	\$ 93,225	\$ 36,630	\$ 129,855	\$ 319,201
Mariposa	\$ 1,923,719	0.07%	\$ 15,805	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Mendocino	\$ 8,106,845	0.32%	\$ 66,608	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Merced	\$ 17,058,992	0.66%	\$ 140,158	\$ 98,000	\$ 108,429	\$ 206,429	\$ 93,225	\$ 43,481	\$ 136,706	\$ 343,135
Modoc	\$ 1,401,986	0.05%	\$ 11,520	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Mono	\$ 2,496,681	0.10%	\$ 20,514	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Monterey	\$ 26,860,459	1.04%	\$ 220,690	\$ 98,000	\$ 170,732	\$ 268,732	\$ 93,225	\$ 68,465	\$ 161,690	\$ 430,422
Napa	\$ 9,908,912	0.39%	\$ 81,412	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Nevada	\$ 6,891,620	0.27%	\$ 56,623	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Orange	\$ 193,023,589	7.51%	\$ 1,585,910	\$ 98,000	\$ 1,226,902	\$ 1,324,902	\$ 93,225	\$ 491,995	\$ 585,220	\$ 1,910,122
Placer	\$ 25,813,359	1.00%	\$ 212,087	\$ 98,000	\$ 164,076	\$ 262,076	\$ 93,225	\$ 65,796	\$ 159,021	\$ 421,097
Plumas	\$ 1,952,409	0.08%	\$ 16,042	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Riverside	\$ 142,997,227	5.56%	\$ 1,174,887	\$ 98,000	\$ 908,924	\$ 1,006,924	\$ 93,225	\$ 364,484	\$ 457,709	\$ 1,464,633
Sacramento	\$ 110,077,841	4.28%	\$ 904,415	\$ 98,000	\$ 699,679	\$ 797,679	\$ 93,225	\$ 280,575	\$ 373,800	\$ 1,171,479
San Benito	\$ 4,945,003	0.19%	\$ 40,628	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
San Bernardino	\$ 140,906,737	5.48%	\$ 1,157,710	\$ 98,000	\$ 895,635	\$ 993,635	\$ 93,225	\$ 359,155	\$ 452,380	\$ 1,446,015
San Diego	\$ 181,653,988	7.07%	\$ 1,492,496	\$ 98,000	\$ 1,154,635	\$ 1,252,635	\$ 93,225	\$ 463,015	\$ 556,240	\$ 1,808,875
San Francisco	\$ 66,426,781	2.58%	\$ 545,772	\$ 98,000	\$ 422,224	\$ 520,224	\$ 93,225	\$ 169,314	\$ 262,539	\$ 782,763
San Joaquin	\$ 51,347,519	2.00%	\$ 421,880	\$ 98,000	\$ 326,378	\$ 424,378	\$ 93,225	\$ 130,879	\$ 224,104	\$ 648,482
San Luis Obispo	\$ 19,302,588	0.75%	\$ 158,593	\$ 98,000	\$ 122,692	\$ 220,692	\$ 93,225	\$ 49,200	\$ 142,425	\$ 363,117
San Mateo	\$ 45,437,979	1.77%	\$ 373,325	\$ 98,000	\$ 288,815	\$ 386,815	\$ 93,225	\$ 115,816	\$ 209,041	\$ 595,856
Santa Barbara	\$ 27,920,101	1.09%	\$ 229,396	\$ 98,000	\$ 177,467	\$ 275,467	\$ 93,225	\$ 71,166	\$ 164,391	\$ 439,858
Santa Clara	\$ 96,557,774	3.76%	\$ 793,333	\$ 98,000	\$ 613,744	\$ 711,744	\$ 93,225	\$ 246,115	\$ 339,340	\$ 1,051,084
Santa Cruz	\$ 16,624,343	0.65%	\$ 136,589	\$ 98,000	\$ 105,669	\$ 203,669	\$ 93,225	\$ 42,374	\$ 135,599	\$ 339,268
Shasta	\$ 18,691,499	0.73%	\$ 153,573	\$ 98,000	\$ 118,809	\$ 216,809	\$ 93,225	\$ 47,643	\$ 140,868	\$ 357,677
Sierra	\$ 994,000	0.04%	\$ 8,168	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Siskiyou	\$ 4,552,702	0.18%	\$ 37,405	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Solano	\$ 29,999,978	1.17%	\$ 246,484	\$ 98,000	\$ 190,687	\$ 288,687	\$ 93,225	\$ 76,467	\$ 169,692	\$ 458,379
Sonoma	\$ 31,619,946	1.23%	\$ 259,795	\$ 98,000	\$ 200,984	\$ 298,984	\$ 93,225	\$ 80,596	\$ 173,821	\$ 472,805
Stanislaus	\$ 32,500,571	1.26%	\$ 267,029	\$ 98,000	\$ 206,580	\$ 304,580	\$ 93,225	\$ 82,840	\$ 176,065	\$ 480,645
Sutter	\$ 8,482,346	0.33%	\$ 69,692	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Tehama	\$ 6,061,097	0.24%	\$ 49,799	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Trinity	\$ 2,163,974	0.08%	\$ 17,780	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Tulare	\$ 34,261,177	1.33%	\$ 281,495	\$ 98,000	\$ 217,772	\$ 315,772	\$ 93,225	\$ 87,328	\$ 180,553	\$ 496,325
Tuolumne	\$ 5,189,615	0.20%	\$ 42,639	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Ventura	\$ 45,211,978	1.76%	\$ 371,468	\$ 98,000	\$ 287,378	\$ 385,378	\$ 93,225	\$ 115,240	\$ 208,465	\$ 593,843
Yolo	\$ 16,284,295	0.63%	\$ 133,794	\$ 98,000	\$ 103,511	\$ 201,511	\$ 93,225	\$ 41,506	\$ 134,731	\$ 336,242
Yuba	\$ 6,725,291	0.26%	\$ 55,255	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ 93,225	\$ -	\$ 93,225	\$ 191,225
Reserve										\$ 164,420
Total	\$ 2,570,773,982	100.00%	\$ 21,121,860	\$ 5,684,000	\$ 15,437,860	\$ 21,121,860	\$ 5,407,050	\$ 6,190,670	\$ 11,597,720	\$ 32,884,000

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BUDGET SERVICES
Report to the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
(Action Item)

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

Date: 3/26/2026

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Issue

Consideration of fiscal year (FY) 2026–27 allocations including the funding floor for the Pretrial Release Program for the trial courts.

Background

The Budget Act of 2021¹ 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.” The budget appropriated \$140 million one-time General Fund in FY 2021–22 and \$70 million annually thereafter to the Judicial Council 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.² Each court may retain up to 30 percent of the funding for costs associated with pretrial programs and practices. Except as otherwise authorized,³ 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.

Starting in FY 2021–22, the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (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 based on the funding proposed in the January 2025 budget. However, the final Budget Act of 2025

¹ Senate Bill 129, § 4, item 0250-101-0001, provision 9,
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB129

² U.S. Census Bureau. "Age and Sex." American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S0101, [https://data.census.gov/table/ACSST5Y2024.S0101?g=040XX00US06\\$0500000&tp=true](https://data.census.gov/table/ACSST5Y2024.S0101?g=040XX00US06$0500000&tp=true). 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.

³ Budget bill language 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.

reduced the appropriation by \$5 million resulting in a new allocation to the courts of \$63.95 million⁴. Following enactment of the Budget Act of 2025, TCBAC approved the allocations for consideration by the Budget Committee.

The FY 2026–27 Governor’s budget proposed \$48.95 million for pretrial services in FY 2026–27, a reduction of \$15 million from the prior year. Since FY 2024–25, the Pretrial Release Program budget available for allocation to the trial courts has been reduced by 29 percent.

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.

The original funding floor allocation was \$200,000 and was equivalent to the floor used in the funding methodology in the California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009.⁵ In FY 2023–24, staff surveyed each funding floor court to determine if the funding floor was still necessary. Some courts responded to the survey and voluntarily agreed to allocations below the original \$200,000, explaining that they did not require the full allocation to operate their programs.

Since FY 2023–24, council staff have adopted a sliding scale model based on program need, in which each funding floor court could receive up to \$200,000. In FY 2025–26, the program allocation was reduced by \$5 million or 7.25 percent. Accordingly, the funding floor allocation was adjusted by 7.25 percent, resulting in a new funding floor allocation of \$185,500. For FY 2026–27, the proposed funding floor allocation is \$141,987, which again reflects a proportional reduction of the \$15 million decrease to the program.

At the TCBAC meeting on August 11, 2025⁶, committee members requested that staff further investigate the costs of operating a basic pretrial program, especially in small courts. Utilizing the 23 funding floor court actuals for FY 2024–25, council staff determined that operating a basic pretrial program requires approximately \$204,000. In the analysis, staff reviewed the minimum requirements to successfully operate a basic pretrial services program. In accordance with statute, 70 percent of program funding must be allocated to the pretrial service provider. The analysis included at least one deputy probation officer to both assess individuals and provide monitoring services as ordered by the court, and costs for court ordered services. The analysis also included a small percentage of court staff time to reflect the court’s 30 percent of the funding.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Sen. Bill 678; Stats. 2009, ch. 608, www.courts.ca.gov/documents/sb678.pdf

⁶ Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee meeting minutes (August 11, 2025), <https://courts.ca.gov/system/files/file/tcbac-20250811-minutes.pdf>

Although the analysis yielded a minimum operating cost of \$204,000, staff recommend that all 23 courts that have previously received a funding floor receive the updated funding floor allocation of \$141,987 in FY 2026–27. This recommendation aims to ensure a proportional reduction across all courts.

Staff will continue to monitor and evaluate small and small-medium courts to determine if the recommended floor allocations provide the necessary resources for the courts to meet the mandates of the Pretrial Release Program. Staff will bring recommendations to adjust the funding floor to the TCBAC and Budget Committee, as needed.

The final allocations will be updated based on any needed technical adjustments and is contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2026–27.

Recommendation

1. Approve the FY 2026–27 allocations, including funding floor allocations, for the Pretrial Release Program as outlined in Attachment 2A, including any technical adjustments and contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2026–27.
2. Direct Judicial Council staff to conduct a mid-year survey of expenditures and spending plans in November 2026 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.

These recommendations will be considered by the Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its business meeting on July 17, 2026.

Attachments

Attachment 3A: Recommended FY 2026–27 Pretrial Release Program Allocations

Recommended FY 2026–27 Pretrial Release Program Allocations

County	Population 18 - 24 yrs old	% 18 - 24 yrs old	Proposed Allocation
Alameda	130,760	3.72%	\$1,700,596
Alpine			141,987
Amador			141,987
Butte	30,289	0.86%	393,923
Calaveras			141,987
Colusa			141,987
Contra Costa	92,860	2.64%	1,207,688
Del Norte			141,987
El Dorado	12,593	0.36%	163,778
Fresno	98,003	2.79%	1,274,575
Glenn			141,987
Humboldt	16,209	0.46%	210,806
Imperial	17,729	0.50%	230,574
Inyo			141,987
Kern	90,016	2.56%	1,170,701
Kings	15,901	0.45%	206,800
Lake			141,987
Lassen			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			141,987
Mendocino			141,987
Merced	32,744	0.93%	425,851
Modoc			141,987
Mono			141,987
Monterey	43,949	1.25%	571,577
Napa	11,123	0.32%	144,660
Nevada			141,987
Orange	282,770	8.05%	3,677,558
Placer	30,238	0.86%	393,259
Plumas			141,987
Riverside	231,396	6.59%	3,009,414
Sacramento	132,077	3.76%	1,717,724
San Benito			141,987
San Bernardino	215,164	6.13%	2,798,309

County	Population 18 - 24 yrs old	% 18 - 24 yrs old	Proposed Allocation
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			141,987
Siskiyou			141,987
Solano	37,447	1.07%	487,016
Sonoma	37,982	1.08%	493,974
Stanislaus	52,244	1.49%	679,458
Sutter			141,987
Tehama			141,987
Trinity			141,987
Tulare	48,582	1.38%	631,832
Tuolumne			141,987
Ventura	73,952	2.11%	961,781
Yolo	45,073	1.28%	586,196
Yuba			141,987
TOTAL	3,512,698	100%	\$48,950,000

Notes:

Allocations based on proposed FY 2026–27 Governor’s Budget (AB 1563/SB 879, 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.

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BUDGET SERVICES
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(Action Item)

Title: Child Support: AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program Funding for Fiscal Year 2026–27

Date: 3/26/2026

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Issue

Consideration of Assembly Bill (AB) 1058 Child Support Commissioner (CSC) and Family Law Facilitator (FLF) Program allocations for fiscal year (FY) 2026–27, totaling \$48 million for the CSC program and \$16.4 million for the FLF program.

Background

The AB 1058 Funding Allocation Joint Subcommittee was established in 2015 to review the historical funding methodology for the AB 1058 program. On January 15, 2019, the Judicial Council approved a new workload-based funding methodology for the AB 1058 CSC program.¹ On July 9, 2021, the Judicial Council approved a new population-based methodology for the FLF program and maintained the workload-based methodology—updated with workload data—for the CSC program.²

The Judicial Council directed that both methodologies be updated with new data every two years. For FY 2025–26, the CSC funding methodology was updated with new workload data, and the FLF funding methodology was adjusted based on updated population data, consistent with the previously adopted methodologies.

On March 16, 2026, the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee considered the AB 1058 CSC and FLF Program allocations for FY 2026–27 and recommended that the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee approve the actions outlined in the Recommendation section.

¹ More details can be found in the Judicial Council report for the January 2019 meeting: Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., Child Support: AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program Funding Allocation (Nov. 21, 2018), <https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=6953308&GUID=A6F15A78-08B6-42DA-8826-19A6AF0B7CB1>.

² More details can be found in the Judicial Council report for the July 2021 meeting: Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., Child Support: Updating Workload Data for the AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner Funding Methodology, Adopting a Family Law Facilitator Program Funding Methodology, and Adopting 2021–22 AB 1058 Program Funding Allocations (May 14, 2021), <https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=9508521&GUID=BC737E96-AFD8-4E22-A046-AE9E16A5C422>.

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The final CSC and FLF allocations will be updated based on any needed technical adjustments and is contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2026–27.

Recommendation

1. Approve CSC allocations for FY 2026–27 using the existing workload-based methodology (January 2019 approval; biennial data updates), as described in this report and reflected in Attachment 4A, including any technical adjustments and contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2026–27.
2. Approve FLF allocations for FY 2026–27 using the existing population-based methodology (July 2021 approval; biennial data updates), as described in this report and reflected in Attachment 4B, including any technical adjustments and contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2026–27.
3. Authorize distribution of federal draw-down funding consistent with the methodology previously adopted by the Judicial Council (July 2021) and courts’ surveyed requests; any unrequested amounts will be reallocated consistent with past practice.

These recommendations will be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its business meeting on July 17, 2026.

Attachments

Attachment 4A: Child Support Commissioner (CSC) Program Allocation, FY 2026–27

Attachment 4B: Family Law Facilitator (FLF) Program Allocation, FY 2026–27

Attachment 4A: Child Support Commissioner (CSC) Program Allocation, 2026–27

Court	A FINAL FY 2026-27 CSC Allocation	B Beginning Federal Drawdown Option	C FEDERAL SHARE Column B*66%	D COURT SHARE Column B*34%	E TOTAL ALLOCATION Column A+B	F CONTRACT AMOUNT Column A+C
			66.00%	34.00%		
Alameda	\$1,386,167	\$549,815	\$362,878	\$186,937	\$1,935,982	\$1,749,045
Alpine	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Amador	\$140,250	\$45,736	\$30,186	\$15,550	\$185,986	\$170,436
Butte	\$233,797	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$233,797	\$233,797
Calaveras	\$132,667	\$10,000	\$6,600	\$3,400	\$142,667	\$139,267
Colusa	\$45,691	\$15,809	\$10,434	\$5,375	\$61,500	\$56,125
Contra Costa	\$680,349	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$680,349	\$680,349
Del Norte	\$64,458	\$29,023	\$19,155	\$9,868	\$93,481	\$83,613
El Dorado*	\$203,169	\$100,382	\$66,252	\$34,130	\$303,551	\$269,421
Fresno	\$1,795,392	\$1,187,832	\$783,969	\$403,863	\$2,983,224	\$2,579,361
Glenn	\$120,030	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$120,030	\$120,030
Humboldt	\$127,394	\$21,451	\$14,158	\$7,293	\$148,845	\$141,552
Imperial	\$231,171	\$149,078	\$98,391	\$50,687	\$380,249	\$329,562
Inyo	\$79,264	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$79,264	\$79,264
Kern	\$1,144,138	\$109,530	\$72,290	\$37,240	\$1,253,668	\$1,216,428
Kings	\$235,831	\$75,000	\$49,500	\$25,500	\$310,831	\$285,331
Lake	\$120,893	\$90,500	\$59,730	\$30,770	\$211,393	\$180,623
Lassen	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000
Los Angeles	\$7,410,640	\$3,198,270	\$2,110,858	\$1,087,412	\$10,608,910	\$9,521,498
Madera	\$247,256	\$88,000	\$58,080	\$29,920	\$335,256	\$305,336
Marin	\$98,357	\$41,336	\$27,282	\$14,054	\$139,693	\$125,639
Mariposa	\$75,216	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,216	\$75,216
Mendocino	\$132,694	\$56,550	\$37,323	\$19,227	\$189,244	\$170,017
Merced	\$477,907	\$297,354	\$196,254	\$101,100	\$775,261	\$674,161
Modoc	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mono	\$45,974	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,974	\$45,974
Monterey	\$373,315	\$166,499	\$109,889	\$56,610	\$539,814	\$483,204
Napa	\$86,478	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$86,478	\$86,478
Nevada*	\$327,593	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$327,593	\$327,593
Orange	\$1,937,419	\$594,515	\$392,380	\$202,135	\$2,531,934	\$2,329,799
Placer	\$295,996	\$20,870	\$13,774	\$7,096	\$316,866	\$309,770
Plumas	\$95,777	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$95,777	\$95,777
Riverside	\$1,750,802	\$41,704	\$27,525	\$14,179	\$1,792,506	\$1,778,327
Sacramento	\$1,300,194	\$614,141	\$405,333	\$208,808	\$1,914,335	\$1,705,527
San Benito	\$135,384	\$30,000	\$19,800	\$10,200	\$165,384	\$155,184
San Bernardino	\$3,354,446	\$955,238	\$630,457	\$324,781	\$4,309,684	\$3,984,903
San Diego	\$2,046,396	\$1,204,899	\$795,233	\$409,666	\$3,251,295	\$2,841,629
San Francisco	\$703,303	\$363,320	\$239,791	\$123,529	\$1,066,623	\$943,094
San Joaquin	\$927,621	\$83,046	\$54,810	\$28,236	\$1,010,667	\$982,431
San Luis Obispo	\$179,782	\$127,093	\$83,881	\$43,212	\$306,875	\$263,663
San Mateo	\$303,676	\$163,455	\$107,880	\$55,575	\$467,131	\$411,556
Santa Barbara	\$373,054	\$296,845	\$195,918	\$100,927	\$669,899	\$568,972
Santa Clara	\$1,382,288	\$977,183	\$644,941	\$332,242	\$2,359,471	\$2,027,229
Santa Cruz	\$152,011	\$99,848	\$65,900	\$33,948	\$251,859	\$217,911
Shasta*	\$417,575	\$239,038	\$157,765	\$81,273	\$656,613	\$575,340
Sierra	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Siskiyou	\$101,584	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$101,584	\$101,584
Solano	\$537,111	\$95,481	\$63,017	\$32,464	\$632,592	\$600,128
Sonoma	\$388,726	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$388,726	\$388,726
Stanislaus	\$713,119	\$406,836	\$268,512	\$138,324	\$1,119,955	\$981,631
Sutter	\$156,576	\$63,487	\$41,901	\$21,586	\$220,063	\$198,477
Tehama	\$114,033	\$56,982	\$37,608	\$19,374	\$171,015	\$151,641
Trinity	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tulare	\$517,999	\$104,461	\$68,944	\$35,517	\$622,460	\$586,943
Tuolumne	\$143,106	\$78,346	\$51,708	\$26,638	\$221,452	\$194,814
Ventura	\$452,223	\$175,000	\$115,500	\$59,500	\$627,223	\$567,723
Yolo	\$194,997	\$15,000	\$9,900	\$5,100	\$209,997	\$204,897
Yuba	\$203,147	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$203,147	\$203,147
TOTAL	\$34,954,436	\$13,038,953	\$8,605,707	\$4,433,246	\$47,993,389	\$43,560,143

*The County courts with Intra-Branch Agreements according to January 15, 2019 Approved Methodology, are identified as Cluster Size 1.

CSC Base Funds	\$34,954,436
CSC Federal Drawdown	\$13,038,953
Total Funding Allocated	\$47,993,389

Attachment 4B Family Law Facilitator (FLF) Program Allocation, 2026–27

Court	A FINAL FY 2026-27 FLF Allocation	B Beginning Federal Drawdown Option	C FEDERAL SHARE Column B*66%	D COURT SHARE Column B*34%	E TOTAL ALLOCATION Column A+B	F CONTRACT AMOUNT Column A+C
			66.00%	34.00%		
Alameda	\$438,084	\$252,364	\$166,560	\$85,804	\$690,448	\$604,644
Alpine	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Amador	\$47,097	\$4,701	\$3,103	\$1,598	\$51,798	\$50,200
Butte	\$85,955	\$61,250	\$40,425	\$20,825	\$147,205	\$126,380
Calaveras	\$70,907	\$8,000	\$5,280	\$2,720	\$78,907	\$76,187
Colusa	\$39,067	\$8,900	\$5,874	\$3,026	\$47,967	\$44,941
Contra Costa	\$325,592	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$325,592	\$325,592
Del Norte	\$50,155	\$5,971	\$3,941	\$2,030	\$56,126	\$54,096
El Dorado*	\$107,111	\$50,384	\$33,253	\$17,131	\$157,495	\$140,364
Fresno	\$326,237	\$198,952	\$131,308	\$67,644	\$525,189	\$457,545
Glenn	\$75,971	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,971	\$75,971
Humboldt	\$73,288	\$13,371	\$8,825	\$4,546	\$86,659	\$82,113
Imperial	\$71,502	\$36,940	\$24,380	\$12,560	\$108,442	\$95,882
Inyo	\$57,289	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$57,289	\$57,289
Kern	\$293,637	\$214,416	\$141,515	\$72,901	\$508,053	\$435,152
Kings	\$69,895	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,895	\$69,895
Lake	\$51,012	\$29,167	\$19,250	\$9,917	\$80,179	\$70,262
Lassen	\$65,167	\$694	\$458	\$236	\$65,861	\$65,625
Los Angeles	\$2,416,099	\$803,431	\$530,264	\$273,167	\$3,219,530	\$2,946,363
Madera	\$73,938	\$27,724	\$18,298	\$9,426	\$101,662	\$92,236
Marin	\$112,503	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$112,503	\$112,503
Mariposa	\$45,491	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,491	\$45,491
Mendocino	\$56,647	\$30,722	\$20,277	\$10,445	\$87,369	\$76,924
Merced	\$104,587	\$72,021	\$47,534	\$24,487	\$176,608	\$152,121
Modoc	\$70,995	\$1,247	\$823	\$424	\$72,242	\$71,818
Mono	\$48,322	\$1,350	\$891	\$459	\$49,672	\$49,213
Monterey	\$141,545	\$63,314	\$41,787	\$21,527	\$204,859	\$183,332
Napa	\$67,982	\$42,149	\$27,818	\$14,331	\$110,131	\$95,800
Nevada*	\$116,579	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$116,579	\$116,579
Orange	\$738,201	\$137,665	\$90,859	\$46,806	\$875,866	\$829,060
Placer	\$119,160	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$119,160	\$119,160
Plumas	\$55,935	\$596	\$393	\$203	\$56,531	\$56,328
Riverside	\$649,392	\$247,138	\$163,111	\$84,027	\$896,530	\$812,503
Sacramento	\$392,625	\$228,214	\$150,621	\$77,593	\$620,839	\$543,246
San Benito	\$60,627	\$30,632	\$20,217	\$10,415	\$91,259	\$80,844
San Bernardino	\$560,347	\$336,947	\$222,385	\$114,562	\$897,294	\$782,732
San Diego	\$794,183	\$287,762	\$189,923	\$97,839	\$1,081,945	\$984,106
San Francisco	\$247,872	\$2,144	\$1,415	\$729	\$250,016	\$249,287
San Joaquin	\$227,289	\$88,041	\$58,107	\$29,934	\$315,330	\$285,396
San Luis Obispo	\$91,114	\$32,246	\$21,282	\$10,964	\$123,360	\$112,396
San Mateo	\$189,203	\$94,689	\$62,495	\$32,194	\$283,892	\$251,698
Santa Barbara	\$146,621	\$77,323	\$51,033	\$26,290	\$223,944	\$197,654
Santa Clara	\$511,182	\$210,712	\$139,070	\$71,642	\$721,894	\$650,252
Santa Cruz	\$94,619	\$47,069	\$31,066	\$16,003	\$141,688	\$125,685
Shasta*	\$186,519	\$114,145	\$75,336	\$38,809	\$300,664	\$261,855
Sierra	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Siskiyou	\$61,017	\$37,995	\$25,077	\$12,918	\$99,012	\$86,094
Solano	\$144,300	\$39,710	\$26,209	\$13,501	\$184,010	\$170,509
Sonoma	\$154,943	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$154,943	\$154,943
Stanislaus	\$181,097	\$126,257	\$83,330	\$42,927	\$307,354	\$264,427
Sutter	\$59,168	\$32,118	\$21,198	\$10,920	\$91,286	\$80,366
Tehama	\$40,748	\$3,535	\$2,333	\$1,202	\$44,283	\$43,081
Trinity	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tulare	\$253,062	\$144,717	\$95,513	\$49,204	\$397,779	\$348,575
Tuolumne	\$52,825	\$30,084	\$19,855	\$10,229	\$82,909	\$72,680
Ventura	\$244,095	\$88,722	\$58,557	\$30,165	\$332,817	\$302,652
Yolo	\$88,275	\$39,202	\$25,873	\$13,329	\$127,477	\$114,148
Yuba	\$55,053	\$44,953	\$29,669	\$15,284	\$100,006	\$84,722
TOTAL	\$11,902,126	\$4,449,684	\$2,936,791	\$1,512,893	\$16,351,810	\$14,838,917

*The County courts with Intra-Branch Agreements according to July 9, 2021 Approved Methodology, are identified as Cluster Size 1.

FLF Base Funds	\$11,902,126
FLF Federal Drawdown	\$4,449,684
Total Funding Allocated	\$16,351,810

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA
BUDGET SERVICES
Report to the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee
(Action Item)

Title: Court Reporter Allocations for Fiscal Year 2026–27
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Issue

Consideration of allocations for the \$30 million annual appropriation to the trial courts for fiscal year (FY) 2026–27 to support court reporters in family law and civil case types.

Background

The Budget Act of 2021 included \$30 million ongoing General Fund for the trial courts to increase the number of court reporters in family law and civil cases and must not supplant existing trial court expenditures for those purposes.

Allocation Methodology

In FY 2021–22, the Funding Methodology Subcommittee of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) established the Ad Hoc Court Reporter Funding Subcommittee, consisting of members from the TCBAC, to develop an allocation methodology recommendation for the first year of funding. The Judicial Council approved this recommendation at its January 21, 2022, business meeting,¹ and directed Judicial Council staff to update the allocation methodology on an ongoing basis using the most recent data available.

The council-approved allocation methodology was developed based on the 2020 Judicial Needs Assessment, which was the most current study at the time. Judicial workload is measured by a court’s assessed judicial need (AJN) and was identified as the best metric for the allocation methodology because of the parallel workload drivers between judgeships and court reporters. In addition, the AJN data includes separate noncriminal and criminal judicial workload metrics by court.

Using the noncriminal judicial need, consistent with the requirements in the budget language, the proposed methodology for allocating the funds to the trial courts is as follows:

¹ Judicial Council of Cal., Advisory Com. Rep., *Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Senate Bill 170: Funding for Court Reporters in Family Law and Civil Law Case Types* (Jan. 21, 2022), <https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=10358386&GUID=7F337175-0808-4A38-AC68-F7AB5C9403FD>.

1. Identify the proportion of judicial workload, as measured by the AJN, for noncriminal need by court;
2. Apply a funding floor of \$51,000 to all courts. This would result in 16 courts receiving a combined total of \$816,000, which is higher than what they would receive under a purely proportional allocation. This amount (\$51,000) is approximately equivalent to 0.25 of one full-time court reporter, based on the average salary and benefits from the Schedule 7A for FY 2025–26;
3. After applying the funding floor amount to 16 courts, allocate the remaining \$29.2 million proportionally to all other courts based on their noncriminal judicial need; and
4. Allocate the funding in one lump sum upon council approval.

The allocations for FY 2026–27 are based on the AJN data from the current 2022 Judicial Needs Assessment.² Additionally, Schedule 7A data for FY 2025–26, the most current dataset available, is used to calculate the funding floor amounts. The Schedule 7A is an annual, standardized report that includes authorized positions, budgeted salaries and benefits for each position, and full-time equivalent counts for each classification. This report is used to develop each court’s annual operating budget.

The Judicial Needs Assessment is anticipated to be updated in FY 2026–27, and the updated data will be incorporated into the allocations for the following fiscal year.

A detailed summary of the FY 2026–27 court reporter allocations by court is provided in Attachment 5A.

The final allocations will be updated based on any needed technical adjustments and are contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2026–27.

Recommendation

Approve the FY 2026–27 allocation for \$30 million for court reporters on a proportional basis using the council-approved methodology with AJN data based on the 2022 Judicial Needs Assessment as outlined in Attachment 5A, including any technical adjustments and contingent on funding included in the enacted budget for FY 2026–27.

The recommendation will be considered by the Judicial Branch Budget Committee and then the Judicial Council at its July 17, 2026, business meeting.

Attachments

Attachment 5A: Court Reporter Allocations for FY 2026–27

² Judicial Council of Cal., Workload Assessment Advisory Com. Rep. (now Data Analytics Advisory Committee), *The Need for New Judgeships in the Superior Courts: 2022 Update of the Judicial Needs Assessment* (November 8, 2022), https://courts.ca.gov/sites/default/files/courts/default/2024-12/report-to-the-legislature_2022-update-of-the-judicial-needs-assessment.pdf.

Court Reporter Allocations for FY 2026–27

Court	Noncriminal AJN ¹	AJN Proportion for Non-floor ² Courts	Allocation of Non-floor Funding	Final Allocation
Alameda	36.8	3.49%	\$ 1,018,631	\$ 1,018,631
Alpine	0.1		\$ -	\$ 51,000
Amador	1.1		\$ -	\$ 51,000
Butte	6.1	0.57%	\$ 167,710	\$ 167,710
Calaveras	1.3		\$ -	\$ 51,000
Colusa	0.5		\$ -	\$ 51,000
Contra Costa	23.2	2.20%	\$ 642,361	\$ 642,361
Del Norte	1.2		\$ -	\$ 51,000
El Dorado	4.2	0.40%	\$ 116,847	\$ 116,847
Fresno	28.4	2.70%	\$ 786,539	\$ 786,539
Glenn	0.8		\$ -	\$ 51,000
Humboldt	4.5	0.43%	\$ 124,505	\$ 124,505
Imperial	4.4	0.42%	\$ 122,240	\$ 122,240
Inyo	0.5		\$ -	\$ 51,000
Kern	24.9	2.36%	\$ 687,603	\$ 687,603
Kings	4.5	0.42%	\$ 123,078	\$ 123,078
Lake	2.4	0.22%	\$ 65,595	\$ 65,595
Lassen	0.8		\$ -	\$ 51,000
Los Angeles	341.3	32.34%	\$ 9,438,063	\$ 9,438,063
Madera	6.0	0.56%	\$ 164,736	\$ 164,736
Marin	5.1	0.48%	\$ 140,920	\$ 140,920
Mariposa	0.4		\$ -	\$ 51,000
Mendocino	2.7	0.25%	\$ 73,731	\$ 73,731
Merced	7.3	0.69%	\$ 201,079	\$ 201,079
Modoc	0.4		\$ -	\$ 51,000
Mono	0.3		\$ -	\$ 51,000
Monterey	9.4	0.89%	\$ 259,822	\$ 259,822
Napa	3.6	0.34%	\$ 99,717	\$ 99,717
Nevada	2.6	0.24%	\$ 71,433	\$ 71,433
Orange	77.0	7.30%	\$ 2,130,053	\$ 2,130,053
Placer	9.3	0.89%	\$ 258,362	\$ 258,362
Plumas	0.6		\$ -	\$ 51,000
Riverside	62.8	5.95%	\$ 1,735,560	\$ 1,735,560
Sacramento	43.7	4.14%	\$ 1,208,398	\$ 1,208,398
San Benito	1.4		\$ -	\$ 51,000
San Bernardino	69.2	6.56%	\$ 1,914,316	\$ 1,914,316
San Diego	77.9	7.38%	\$ 2,152,935	\$ 2,152,935
San Francisco	25.1	2.38%	\$ 694,629	\$ 694,629
San Joaquin	19.9	1.89%	\$ 550,940	\$ 550,940
San Luis Obispo	6.0	0.57%	\$ 165,158	\$ 165,158
San Mateo	13.5	1.28%	\$ 372,113	\$ 372,113
Santa Barbara	9.2	0.87%	\$ 254,921	\$ 254,921

Court	Noncriminal AJN¹	AJN Proportion for Non-floor² Courts	Allocation of Non-floor Funding	Final Allocation
Santa Clara	30.9	2.93%	\$ 855,606	\$ 855,606
Santa Cruz	5.2	0.49%	\$ 144,302	\$ 144,302
Shasta	6.2	0.59%	\$ 171,407	\$ 171,407
Sierra	0.1		\$ -	\$ 51,000
Siskiyou	1.5		\$ -	\$ 51,000
Solano	11.0	1.04%	\$ 303,066	\$ 303,066
Sonoma	10.8	1.03%	\$ 299,223	\$ 299,223
Stanislaus	14.1	1.33%	\$ 389,077	\$ 389,077
Sutter	3.0	0.28%	\$ 82,404	\$ 82,404
Tehama	2.3	0.22%	\$ 63,954	\$ 63,954
Trinity	0.7		\$ -	\$ 51,000
Tulare	13.3	1.26%	\$ 367,135	\$ 367,135
Tuolumne	1.9	0.18%	\$ 53,495	\$ 53,495
Ventura	18.0	1.70%	\$ 497,094	\$ 497,094
Yolo	5.3	0.50%	\$ 146,624	\$ 146,624
Yuba	2.5	0.24%	\$ 68,618	\$ 68,618
Total	1,067.2	100.00%		\$ 30,000,000

¹ Assessed judicial need (AJN) based on the updated 2022 Judicial Needs Assessment data.

² Funding Floor of \$51,000 based on FY 2025–26 Schedule 7A data, cost inclusive of salaries and benefits.

Noncriminal case types:

Civil, Family, Juvenile, Probate, Mental Health

Criminal case types:

Felony, Misdemeanor, Infraction