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

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

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Issue

Consideration of the supplemental one-time \$20 million General Fund allocations for the Pretrial Release Program included in the final enacted budget for fiscal year (FY) 26–27.¹ 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.”² 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.³ 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.⁴

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

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

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

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

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.⁵ 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.⁶ 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.⁷ 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 court⁸ 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.

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, 000.⁹

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

⁵ 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.

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

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

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.

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*.¹⁰ 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 Budget Committee and 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

¹⁰ *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

County	Population 18 - 24 yrs old	Percentage of California population 18 - 24 yrs old	Approved Allocation of \$48.95 million (\$)
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
TOTAL	3,512,698	100	\$48,950,000

Note:

Funding is allocated based on the Budget Act of 2026, 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

County	Population 18 - 24 yrs old	Percentage of California population 18 - 24 yrs old	Proposed Allocation of \$20 million (\$)
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
TOTAL	3,512,698	100%	\$20,000,000

Note:

Funding is allocated based on Senate Bill 111, section 1, 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.

Total FY 2026–27 Pretrial Release Program Allocations

County	Approved Allocation of \$48.95 million (\$)	Proposed Allocation of \$20 million (\$)	Total Allocation FY 2026–27 (\$)
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
TOTAL	\$48,950,000	\$20,000,000	\$68,950,000

Note:

Funding is allocated based on Senate Bill 111, section 1, item 0250-101-0001, provision 7. Funding must be spent or encumbered by June 30, 2027.