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Introduction

In 2005 the Washington State Legislature passed 2ESSB 5454 Revising Trial Court Funding Provisions (Chapter 457, Laws of 2005) which, in part, created local Trial Court Improvement Accounts (TCIA). This report is intended to provide the judiciary, legislature and other interested parties with information regarding how the local Trial Court Improvement Accounts have been appropriated to improve the functioning of the judiciary and the provision of justice in Washington State.

The first disbursement of funds to local governments for partial reimbursement of district and qualifying¹ municipal court judges' salaries, which triggered creation and funding of the TCIA's, was made in October 2005. Full year's disbursements were made in 2006 and 2007. This report covers the use, or intended use, of those funds distributed for 2007 as well as plans for funds to be distributed in 2008. The year 2007 was the second in which a full year's distribution was made; however, the increase from 25% to 50% of the Equal Justice Sub-Account for this purpose meant that significantly more money was available in 2007. A majority of jurisdictions reported that trial court improvements were funded from the accounts in 2007. Many have plans in place for 2008. A significant number of jurisdictions are continuing to allow a fund balance to accrue until funds sufficient to undertake desired improvement projects have accumulated.

2ESSB 5454 – Revising Trial Court Funding Provisions

In passing 2ESSB 5454, the legislature stated the following intent:

“The legislature recognizes the state's obligation to provide adequate representation to criminal indigent defendants and to parents in

¹ Cities which elect their municipal court judge(s), compensate their municipal court judges at a rate equivalent to or more than 95% of a district court judges' salary, and who so certify to the Administrative Office of the Courts, qualify for partial reimbursement of their municipal court judges' salaries.

dependency and termination cases. The legislature also recognizes that trial courts are critical to maintaining the rule of law in a free society and that they are essential to the protection of the rights and enforcement of obligations for all. Therefore, the legislature intends to create a dedicated revenue source for the purposes of meeting the state's commitment to improving trial courts in the state, providing adequate representation to criminal indigent defendants, providing for civil legal services for indigent persons, and ensuring equal justice for all citizens of the state."

The legislation consisted of four major components:

- Increases to various court fees.
- Establishment of the Equal Justice Sub-Account within the Public Safety and Education Account funded with the state's portion of the increased filing fees. Funds in the Equal Justice Sub-Account may only be appropriated for:
 - Criminal indigent defense assistance and enhancement at the trial court level, including a criminal indigent defense pilot program.
 - Representation of parents in dependency and termination proceedings.
 - Civil legal representation of indigent persons.
 - Contribution to district court judges' salaries and to eligible elected municipal court judges' salaries.
- Appropriation of funds from the Equal Justice Sub-Account for the current state (2007-09) biennium was:
 - \$4.5 million for criminal indigent defense and for representation of parents in dependency and termination proceedings.
 - \$1.85 million for civil legal representation of indigent persons.
 - \$6.35 million for contribution to district and elected municipal court judges' salaries.
- The creation of local Trial Court Improvement Accounts, to be funded in amounts equal to that received from the state for partial reimbursement of district and qualifying municipal court judges' salaries.

In addition to creating a state revenue stream to fund appropriations from the Equal Justice Sub-Account, the local share of the increases to the various court fees also resulted in significant revenue to local government general funds, particularly for counties. The original 2ESSB 5454 revenue estimates placed local government general fund gains at approximately \$9.9 million annually or \$19.8 million for the biennium.

As in past years, the 2007 TCIA Use Reports indicate that local general fund revenue gains resulting from 2ESSB 5454 continue to have a positive impact on appropriations for the courts. Twenty-one jurisdictions reported general fund budget increases that could be at least partially tied to these revenue gains. (Thirty-seven jurisdictions reported that local appropriations for the courts increased in 2007.)

Trial Court Improvement Accounts

The legislature appropriated \$2.4 million for the 2005-07 biennium for contribution to district and qualified elected municipal court judges' salaries. For the 2007-09 biennium the appropriation was \$6.35 million as the legislation provided for the share of the account allocated for this purpose to grow from 25% in the initial biennium to 50% in the current biennium and future biennia. These funds are distributed quarterly by the Administrative Office of the Courts on a proportional basis to all qualifying jurisdictions.

Upon receipt of these funds counties and participating cities are required to create and fund Trial Court Improvement Accounts in an amount equal to the funds received as partial reimbursement for judges' salaries. In essence, the state funds the TCIA's by providing partial reimbursement for judges' salaries which frees up local general fund dollars to fund the local Trial Court Improvement Accounts in an equal amount.

Funds in the account are appropriated by the legislative authority of each county, city, or town and must be used to fund improvements to court staffing, programs, facilities, and services.

2007 Trial Court Improvement Account Use

In March 2008, a request was made to courts for information regarding actual use in 2007 and intended use in 2008 of the Trial Court Improvement Accounts (Appendix A). All 39 counties and 16 qualifying cities receiving partial reimbursement for district and qualifying municipal court judges' salaries reported on the use or intended use of funds received in 2007.

General Status of Appropriations

In 2007 the transition to the ongoing funding level and to TCIA funded programs, projects and services in all participating courts continued. The transition to the ongoing funding level will be completed in 2008, which will be the first full calendar year in which 50% of the Equal Justice Sub-Account is used to help fund the salaries of district court judges and eligible elected municipal court judges. In 2006, the first full year of funding, jurisdictions received \$1,199,992 statewide (based on a 25% share of the account). In 2007, which spanned two state biennia, remittances to the courts were based on a 25% share for the first half of the year and a 50% share for the second half. In 2007 jurisdictions received \$2,191,396.

As the amount of available funds grew in 2007 and with more structure in place to plan for the use of TCIA monies, expenditures more than doubled from the 2006 level, increasing from \$485,458 to \$1,107,258. The number of courts using TCIA funds increased marginally from 2006 to 2007. Several jurisdictions continue to accrue fund balances until sufficient funds are available to undertake desired projects or have otherwise deferred decisions on how to spend the funds. The current year (2008) will mark the second in which jurisdictions will use the major portion of available funds. Statewide, 27 jurisdictions have budgeted \$1,597,693 in 2008, and several others are working toward making 2008 budgeting decisions later in the year.

2005 TCIA Report	Number of Jurisdictions	2006 TCIA Report	Number of Jurisdictions	2007 TCIA Report	Number of Jurisdictions
Funds expended in 2005:	4	Funds expended in 2006:	26	Funds expended in 2007:	29
Funds budgeted for 2006:	13	Funds budgeted for 2007:	28	Funds budgeted for 2008:	28
No determination for 2006:	34	No determination for 2007:	25	No determination for 2008:	26

Jurisdictions also reported how the Trial Court Improvement Account funds are maintained and appropriated within the jurisdiction’s budget structure. In most cases trial court improvement money is accounted for separately, but in many it is moved into the court’s operating budget or some other budget when appropriated. In 39 jurisdictions the Trial Court Improvement Account is a separate fund and in most others Trial Court Improvement Account receipts are accounted for separately from other money in the local accounting structure. One jurisdiction reports that TCIA money is deposited directly into the local general fund. On the expenditure side, of those reporting, 14 jurisdictions indicated that the TCIA funds were allocated within the court’s general operating budget and 17 said that the jurisdiction had or would create a separate “Trial Court Improvement Account” expenditure budget from which to appropriate funds.

Expenditure Budget Structure	2005	2006	2007
Superior Court Operating Budget:	1	0	0
District Court Operating Budget:	5	6	7
Superior and District Court Operating Budgets:	1	2	3
Municipal Court Operating Budget:	2	3	4
Separate “Trial Court Improvement Account” Budget:	16	23	17
Other County or City Budget:	-	-	7
Not determined:	21	19	16

The separate “Trial Court Improvement Account” expenditure budget is the preferred model for courts to follow because it will allow for a more direct accounting of how TCIA funds are allocated and expended over time. Further, when TCIA funds are co-mingled with the court’s general operating budget it is more likely that the funds will supplant normal general fund appropriations as general budget reductions occur during regular budgeting cycles.

A summary of the amounts received and expended in 2007 and of 2008 budget allocations and structures by jurisdiction is located in Appendix A.

Budget Allocation Decision Processes

In 2007 collaboration among the courts on spending decisions and participation of Trial Court Coordination Councils increased. Various approaches to the allocation decision process have developed and can be summarized as follows:

- In many counties there is clear communication and collaboration between the superior and district courts in planning for TCIA budget allocation requests for joint presentation to the legislative authority. Ten counties report that the superior and district courts have executed an agreement on how funds will be allocated.
- In six counties the local Trial Court Coordinating Council, Law and Justice Council or similar body has been tasked with developing budget allocation recommendations for presentation to the legislative authority. In 2006 four jurisdictions reported such participation.
- As in past years, municipal courts in cities where TCIA funds have been spent submitted budget requests without the participation of the local Trial Court Coordinating Council, Law and Justice Council or similar bodies.

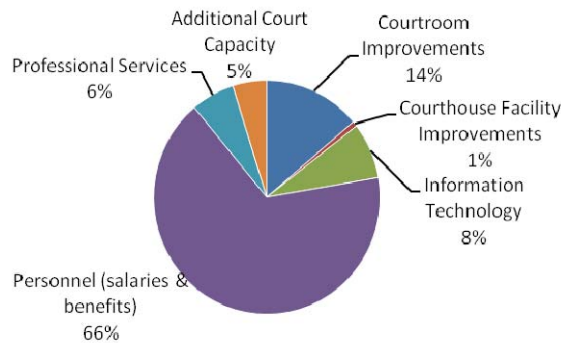
One jurisdiction, the City of Renton, reported that TCIA funds had been deposited into the city's general fund with no plans to appropriate them for court improvement purposes. In five other jurisdictions there are indications that the TCIA funds have been appropriated by the legislative authority without direct consultation with the trial court leadership. While the authority to appropriate the funds clearly falls within the sphere of the legislative authority, a more collaborative approach was envisioned by the judicial proponents of the enacting legislation.

Comments on Actual and Planned Expenditures

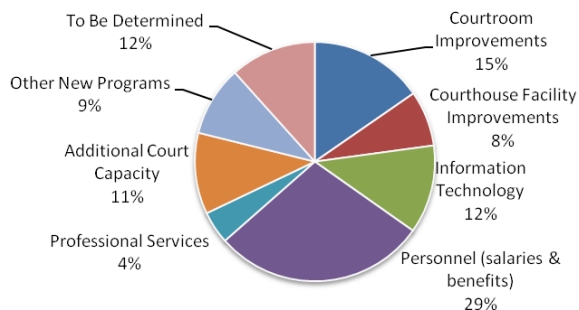
As the TCIA funds increased and the transition to use of the funds continued in 2007, the number of jurisdictions reporting TCIA expenditures grew from 28 to 34 and the number with plans in place grow from 26 for 2007 to 35 for 2008. Actual expenditures in 2007 and budgeted 2008 expenditures can be broken down as follows:

	2007	# of Jurisdictions	2008	# of Jurisdictions
Courtroom Improvements	\$153,264	12	\$244,991	11
Courthouse Facility Improvements	\$7,779	5	\$119,794	7
Information Technology	\$85,592	8	\$191,009	7
Personnel (salaries & benefits)	\$738,061	18	\$458,663	19
Professional Services	\$68,722	4	\$70,450	3
Additional Court Capacity	\$53,842	2	\$175,456	4
Other New Programs			\$151,659	2
To Be Determined			\$185,671	2
	\$1,107,260		\$1,597,693	

2007 Actual Expenditures



2008 Planned Expenditures



The 2007 expenditures and 2008 plans continue to reflect the 2005 TCIA Use Report's observation that:

“In categorizing how Trial Court Improvement Account funds have been or will be expended it is evident that local jurisdictions must make an initial and critical choice between funding one-time, limited duration expenses and funding on-going permanent personnel costs.”

The 2007 TCIA reports show widespread and growing use of TCIA funds for personnel in the courts. In 2007, 66% of TCIA dollars expended went to salaries and benefits in 18 jurisdictions, up from 11 in 2006. Some of these uses begun in 2007 and prior years, however, ended in 2007 or will end in 2008. Three courts, including two that used substantial amounts of TCIA funds for personnel costs in 2007, reported that these expenditures were either one-time or had ceased. Salaries and benefits constitute only 29% of the 2008 expenditures planned by the courts as of March 2008. In addition to the jurisdictions which separately reported personnel related expenditures, two reported using funds for new courts; the operating costs in these cases include salaries and benefits, but these costs were not reported separately and are not included in the data presented in this section.

Though some courts have stopped using TCIA funds for personnel costs, overall it is growing and will likely continue in most jurisdictions which fund permanent positions in this way. The five courts that indicated TCIA funds were being used for personnel related costs with no fixed duration for TCIA support in 2005 and 2006 all reported that they plan to continue the positions and funding arrangements. Eleven courts funded positions in 2007 and three plan to start funding positions in 2008. Therefore, for 14 jurisdictions, the resources in the Trial Court Improvement Account will be, over the long-term, tied to a single improvement (personnel), rather than being used for multiple one-time expenses and projects.

The courts in one jurisdiction indicated that they are using the TCIA to fund an additional position on a pilot basis with the proviso that funding will revert to the county general fund if the position proves beneficial.

In the category of personnel costs, the predominant use is to fund judicial officers (one-half of the jurisdictions reporting this type of use in 2007). In addition, courts report

using TCIA funds for a variety of other positions including bailiffs, clerks, probation officers and support staff, security officer, a manger, al law clerk, and a guardian ad litem.

Eight courts of limited jurisdiction indicated that they are using their TCIA's to fund portions of judges' salaries. Six of these jurisdictions increased judges' hours and/or added judicial positions. As originally reported in 2006, two of the six are municipal courts that used the funds to make their part-time judges full-time; this increased judicial hours (and enabled them to qualify for the TCIA funds they used for this purpose).

In two of those eight jurisdictions, TCIA money was directed to salaries for judges who were already full-time. A municipal court is continuing to use its TCIA to raise municipal court judges' salaries to 95% of a district court judge's salary which enables the court to qualify for the TCIA funds it used for this purpose. While using TCIA funds to raise salaries arguably enables the jurisdiction to attract better qualified candidates for a judicial position, this type of use precludes using TCIA to fund new programs. Of particular concern, is a district court where the county commission has directed that the TCIA funds be used for the salary of an existing full-time judge.

In the remaining jurisdictions which have spent or allocated funds for other mostly one-time purposes, several trends continue and fall primarily into three broad categories:

- Those funding a new program or service.
- Those expanding or improving an existing program or service.
- Those making capital improvements or purchases.

As anticipated, in those jurisdictions using the funds for purposes other than personnel it can be anticipated the areas of court operations impacted by the accounts are changing over time. In 2007, the capital improvements and purchases were concentrated in courtroom improvements. In 2008, the amount for courtroom improvements will grow but more substantial increases will occur in expansion of court capacity (i.e., more courtrooms and improvement of other court facilities and acquisition of information technology).

In many cases, operational level improvements involve the acquisition of equipment in such areas as courtroom recording, telephones, video conferencing, other audio-visual

and security. It is apparent that the limited TCIA dollars available, particularly in smaller jurisdictions, restrict the opportunities for improvements to small capital purchases. Moreover, few jurisdictions have reported expenditures for larger capital projects such as facilities, but that number is growing.

Much of the equipment purchased with TCIA funds is essential to court operations. For example, it is critical to have an accurate record of courtroom proceedings. The fact TCIA funds have been used for such core operational needs is indicative of the degree to which courts have been underfunded in past years.

Courts are also using TCIA funds to expand facilities. Two jurisdictions report 2008 projects that will use the funds to partially pay for additional courtrooms.

Jurisdictions also report funding information technology in the form of equipment and software. The relatively small number likely reflects the fact that the state, through the Judicial Information System equipment replacement program, provides much of the computer equipment courts need and through the JIS application provides much of the automation courts need. However, increasingly jurisdictions are using TCIA funds to acquire applications not provided through the JIS. These include case and interpreter management software in 2007 and 2008.

Several jurisdictions reported expenditures for programs and improvements that enhance access to justice. This includes equipment and facilities changes that are directed toward people with disabilities, and the translation of court documents and forms into other languages.

Jurisdictions reported that TCIA uses can be broken down in these ways:			
2006	2007	2008²	
5	10	7	Funds a new program or service not previously provided by the court.
4	9	11	Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
0	1	1	Funds restore a previously de-funded program.
1	9	9	Funds capital facilities or equipment for the court.
16	34	30	Funds equipment, technology, or software.
15	40	36	Funds a one-time expense for a project or service.
15	21	20	Funds a recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years.
4	3	2	Funds are primarily used to increase salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
0	3	2	Funds are primarily used to increase salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
3	6	3	Funds are primarily used for new or increased (e.g., part-time to full-time) position for judicial officers.
6	9	8	Funds are primarily used for new or increased (e.g., part-time to full-time) position for non-judicial personnel.

Actual Reported Expenditures

Thirty-four jurisdictions reported actual expenditures in 2007 as follows:

Adams County

Completed payment on 2006 sound system improvements including:

- Installed new digital recording systems in all three of the county's courtrooms.
- Installed an enhanced public address system in the Superior Court.
- Installed listening assistance system in two courtrooms to comply with Americans With Disabilities Act requirements.

² Planned projects, programs and services.

Asotin County

Established a wi-fi “hot spot” in the courthouse.

Benton County

Funded a pilot program, starting in August 2007, to provide a law clerk to assist judicial staff and the court administrator. If the position proves beneficial, funding will revert to the county general fund on an ongoing basis. †

Clallam County

Continued to fund a portion of the cost of a courthouse security officer position. The remainder is covered by the county’s general fund. †

Cowlitz County

- Developed a long-range strategic plan for superior court.
- Implemented a video system connecting the district court to the jail for arraignments.

Douglas County

- Remodeled the district court’s Bridgeport courtroom and upgraded the furniture to enhance safety and the appearance of the room. †
- Upgraded computer equipment for the district court including a tablet computer (to capture signatures at the jail), monitor, scanner and printer.

Ferry County

Remodeled door to courtroom and partially funded ramp and elevator for courthouse to improve access for the physically disabled.

Franklin County

- Funded a pilot program, starting in August 2007, to provide a law clerk to assist judicial staff and the court administrator. If the position proves beneficial, funding will revert to the county general fund on an ongoing basis. †
- Acquired software to electronically store all case documents filed with the county clerk.
- Acquired microphones for district court’s courtroom.

Grays Harbor County

Contracted with local dispute resolution center to provide mandatory mediation services for small claims cases prior to trial. (District Court)

Jefferson County

Purchased an “inexpensive court evidence” (ICE) cart for the district court. (An ICE cart has audiovisual equipment and is used for the presentation of evidence.) †

King County

- Obtained training for the superior court on performance measurement tools and techniques. †
- Translated many commonly used superior court criminal and family law forms in such languages as Spanish, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Russian and Somali. †
- Added an attorney Guardian ad Litem (GAL) for the Dependency Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).
- Funded increases in salaries and benefits for non-judicial staff for the district court.
- Funded professional services, such as courthouse facilitators and interpreters, for the district court.

Kitsap County

Continued to fund the district court judge position added in 2006 using TCIA funds. †

Klickitat County

Continued to partially fund the probation officer for the drug court. The district court uses the Trial Court Improvement Account to contribute one-third of the cost. The 2006 report indicated that the court would make this contribution for three years and that thereafter the county will fund the position completely from the general fund. †

Lincoln County

- Implemented digital recording system in superior court courtroom. †
- Completed sound and recording system upgrade in district court courtroom. †
- Purchased additional laser printer for district court.
- Purchased hardware for a district court imaging system.

Okanogan County

- Obtained a software interface to link district court document images to Judicial Information System docket entries. †
- Upgraded the courtroom sound systems for both courts. †
- Remodeled the district court courtroom to remove elevated areas considered a safety hazard. †
- Renovated the superior court jury room.

Pacific County

Maintained the 0.1 FTE increased district court judicial staffing begun in 2006.

Pend Oreille County

Continued to partially fund the district court judge's salary. Neither the judge's FTE status nor salary has been increased because of the availability of TCIA funds.

Pierce County

Continued to partially fund an additional superior court commissioner and an additional judicial department allowing the court to create an ex parte hearing department. †

Skamania County

- Continued to partially fund an additional clerk position in district court. †

Snohomish County

- Improved security for superior court administrative offices.
- Enhanced video capability in superior court high profile courtroom.
- Purchased a projector for "PowerPoint" presentations.

Spokane County

- Funded a temporary position to help both the superior and district courts to redesign and update their websites.
- Acquired a computer and other equipment for the jury check-in station.
- Converted superior court's jury orientation VHS tapes to DVDs and CDs.
- Acquired consulting services to prepare the application for a federal BJA Mental Health Planning Grant for the superior court.
- Purchased 19 benches for seating in district court courtrooms.
- Acquired repair and maintenance service for 10 court reporter steno machines.
- Paid for travel expenses for judges and staff to support an SJI grant application for a strategic planning project, attendance at the Washington State Coalition For Language Access (WASCLA) summit, and attendance at the BJA Court Security Committee.

Stevens County

Continued to fund the acquisition of furniture, telephone, audio-visual and information technology equipment including:

- A fax machine.
- Conference tables.
- Telephone headsets.
- Date calculation software.
- License for imaging system.

Walla Walla County

Continued to partially fund a district court probation assistant position. The county matches the TCIA funds.[†]

Whatcom County

- Implemented a night court for small claims cases.[†]
- Partially funded new receptionist, cashier and court clerk positions for district court.[†]

Whitman County

- Continued to fund amplification systems and assistive listening devices in the courtrooms in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.[†]
- Purchased furniture for probation department and jury box.

Yakima County

Continued to fund the operating expenses for the district court satellite facility in Grandview.[†]

City of Auburn

Partially funded a court commissioner.

City of Bremerton

Purchased a walk-through metal detector for the entrance to the court facility.

City of Federal Way

Partially funded an additional judge.

City of Kirkland

Continued to fund judge position increased to full-time and increased commissioner hours.[†]

City of Marysville

Funded increased hours for the judge (who is part-time).

City of Spokane³

Acquired a case management system designed for use by the Public Defenders Office, Prosecutors Office and Probation Department.

City of Tacoma

Remodeled a courtroom to improve sound quality and appearance.

³ Because the City of Spokane did not operate a municipal court in 2006, no TCIA funds were remitted to the City of Spokane in 2007. Funds remitted to the City of Spokane in 2005 and 2006 were spent in 2007.

City of Yakima

Maintained the 2006 increase the judges' salaries made in order to qualify for TCIA funding.

[†] Expenditure of TCIA funds for this item in 2007 was reported as a planned 2007 expenditure in the 2006 TCIA Use Report.

Planned 2008 Expenditures

Thirty-five jurisdictions reported firm planned expenditures for 2008 as follows:

Benton County

Fund through July 2008 the pilot program, started in 2007, to provide a law clerk to assist judicial staff and the court administrator. If the position proves beneficial, funding will revert to the county general fund on an ongoing basis.

Clallam County

Continue to fund a courthouse security officer position.

Clark County

Apply TCIA funds to the construction of a Family Law Annex with three additional courtrooms for the superior court.

Douglas County

Fund remodeling in the Waterville courthouse to create an additional hearing room and add video conferencing for the superior court. TCIA funds will be applied to this for several years in the future. (Note: this was originally planned for 2007.)

Ferry County

Fund additional improvements for access for the disabled. Details are to be determined.

Franklin County

- Acquire equipment for the superior court including a white board for the jury room, a TTY machine, and two interpreter headsets.
- Acquire information technology equipment for the county clerk including high-speed scanner and a printer for each courtroom.
- Acquire equipment for the district court including desktop scanners and headsets for the hearing impaired to use in courtrooms.

Grays Harbor County

Continue the district court contract with local dispute resolution center to provide mandatory mediation services for small claims cases prior to trial.

Jefferson County

Fund a civilian bailiff for jury trials in district court instead of using sheriff's deputies. Use TCIA funds for the existing civilian bailiff services in superior court.

King County

- Continue to fund the attorney Guardian ad Litem (GAL) for the Dependency Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).
- Produce parenting seminar materials, including printed materials and a DVD of the seminar, in multiple languages.
- Produce informational DVDs on court services and processes, including a "Navigating the Court" DVD for all pro se litigants and a DVD specifically for pro se family law litigants.
- Purchase portable and close range video conferencing equipment for use in trials.
- Print brochures on a variety of juvenile programs.
- Establish a pilot project for an Early Resolution Case Manager at the Maleng Justice Center.
- Conduct pilot project(s) to implement recommendations in the superior court's Children and Family Operational Master Plan which was approved in 2006.

Kitsap County

Continue to fund the district court judge position added in 2006 using TCIA funds.

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Klickitat County

Continue to partially fund the probation officer.

Lincoln County

- Acquire software and finish the imaging system in district court.
- Upgrade the superior court sound system.
- Purchase a scanner for district court.

Okanogan County

- Purchase and install new jury management software for use by both superior and district court; train staff to use it.
- Remodel the district court jury room and judge's chambers.

Pacific County

Continue the 0.1 FTE increased district court judicial staffing begun in 2006.

Pend Oreille County

Continue to partially fund the district court judge's salary.

Pierce County

Remodel the district court's clerk's office space including reconfiguring the public counter for better public service and access by persons with disabilities.

Snohomish County

- Acquire software for scheduling interpreters via the Internet, and for monitoring their use and determining payments to them.
- Enhance audio/visual equipment, including wireless microphones, for high profile courtroom.
- Purchase a mobile courtroom presentation station for audio, video and computer based presentation in trial courtrooms.
- Implement web conferencing between the main courthouse and juvenile court for judges and commissioners.
- Upgrade the recording systems in 10 district court courtrooms.

Skagit County

Acquire electronic display panels for court calendars for superior and district courts.

Skamania County

Continue to partially fund an additional clerk position in district court.

Spokane County

- Provide local match for State Justice Institute technical assistance grant to support a strategic planning project for the district court. The grant and match will pay for a consultant. The project's goal is to determine how to best achieve effective court services in light of dramatically increased service needs.
- Support the existing day reporting service for defendants in both courts.

Stevens County

Continue to fund the acquisition of telephone, audiovisual and information technology equipment including:

- File server software.
- Wireless microphones for the courtroom.
- An assistive listening device for the courtroom.
- Additional copies of date calculation software.

Walla Walla County

Continue to fund the probation assistant position.

Whatcom County

- Continue to fund the night court.
- Construct second video viewing room for in-jail courtroom.

Whitman County

- Purchase a laptop computer, video conferencing equipment and related software for district court.
- Acquire digital presentation device and document camera for superior court.
- Acquire television and DVD/VHS player for Pullman branch of district court for use in drug court.

- Replace the microphones and sound system in the superior court courtroom.
- Acquire equipment and software for electronic keypad access to the district court courtroom, judge's chambers, and clerk's office.
- Purchase new counsel tables for both courts' courtrooms.

Yakima County

- Partially fund an additional part-time family court commissioner.
- Continue to fund the operating expenses for the district court satellite facility in Grandview.

City of Auburn

Continue to partially fund the court commissioner.

City of Bremerton

Upgrade the recording system in a second courtroom.

City of Edmonds

- Improve security by installing wireless duress alarms for the judge and others who interface with the public and electronic card readers for access to the judge's chambers and back door to the court facility. Note: originally planned for 2007.
- Improve entrance to probation office in order to enhance safety.

City of Everett

Implement a video arraignment system connecting the county jail and the court. This was originally planned for 2006.

City of Federal Way

Continue to fund partially fund an additional judge.

City of Kent

Partially fund a new probation clerk.

City of Kirkland

Continue to fund judicial officer increases.

City of Marysville

Acquire computer equipment for new court commissioner.

City of Seattle

Acquire a new public defendant case management system to manage case assignments with public defender agencies.

City of Yakima

Continue to fund the increase in judge's salaries begun in 2006.

The following seven jurisdictions reported that a final decision had not yet been reached on how funds will be used in 2008. In some, a variety of projects or expenditures were under active consideration.

Chelan County
Cowlitz County
Grant County
Kittitas County
Lewis County
Wahkiakum County
City of Tacoma

The following 12 jurisdictions reported that a decision had been made to allow a sufficient account balance to accrue before determining how to best utilize the funding:

Adams County
Asotin County
Columbia County⁴
Garfield County
Grant County⁵
Island County
Kittitas County

⁴ The Trial Court Coordination Council is proposing to use the funds to acquire more space for the courts.

⁵ Four small municipal courts in Grant County also received small amounts of money (\$18-\$91). These funds were used for operating expenses in those courts.

Lewis County
 Mason County
 San Juan County⁶
 Thurston County
 Wahkiakum County

Some of these jurisdictions expect to expend funds in 2008 but have not made decisions on how to use the funds.

Actual jurisdiction responses which provide additional detail on the summary descriptions above are located in Appendix D.

In addition to providing detailed descriptions of actual or planned expenditures, jurisdictions were asked to categorize the areas affected in general terms using checklists. The following data is presented in the format used in the report response form completed by individual jurisdictions with the number of jurisdictions marking the box shown to the left of each statement. Because multiple responses under each checklist category were possible, the totals vary. The types of cases likely to be impacted by the expenditure of trial court improvement funds are fairly evenly distributed and all of the major case types and areas of law are represented.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?									
2006	2007		2006	2007		2006	2007		
16	17	Civil	5	8	Civil – Arbitration	11	16	Civil – Small Claims	
12	16	Criminal – Felony	23	34	Criminal – Misdemeanor	10	14	Juvenile Offender	
11	14	Family Law	19	23	Domestic Violence	8	11	Dependency	
6	12	Probate & Guardianship	8	12	Mental Illness	6	9	Adoption	
15	22	Traffic and Other Infractions	6	10	Other				

⁶ The funds are being allowed to accrue in anticipation of setting up an additional courtroom in 2008.

Seven jurisdictions (including those not reporting detailed information) indicate that therapeutic or problem solving courts are, or will likely be, beneficiaries of the Trial Court Improvement Account funding. The table below shows the courts benefited in those jurisdictions.

Which therapeutic or problem-solving courts are directly supported by the funds?					
2006	2007		2006	2007	
3	5	Drug Court – Adult	1	4	Drug Court – Juvenile
0	4	Drug Court – Family	4	3	DUI Court
1	2	Unified Family Court	3	2	Mental Health Court
3	4	Domestic Violence Court	1	7	Other

Conclusion

Because of the growth of available TCIA funds and the additional jurisdictions using TCIA funds as they have accrued, 2007 provides an increasingly complete picture of how the funds are being managed and used.

The timing of the initial disbursement in October 2005 resulted in few jurisdictions making actual expenditures in 2005. In their 2006 reports, nearly half of the jurisdictions indicated they had expended Trial Court Improvement Account funds and had included TCIA funds in their initial 2007 adopted budgets. For 2007, more than 60% reported using TCIA funds and including TCIA funds in their 2008 budgets. Some others will make 2008 spending decisions later in the year.

In 2008, with 50% of the funds in the Equal Justice Sub-Account to be appropriated for district court and qualifying municipal court judges' salaries, the amount of funds

available to courts through the TCIA's to improve services will increase. Although many courts are continuing to allow a fund balance to accrue prior to making any decisions regarding use of the funds, jurisdictions have budgeted more than \$1.5 million for specific trial court improvement projects and programs in 2008. It is therefore expected that the report on actual 2008 expenditures will provide an even clearer picture of how the Trial Court Improvement Accounts have impacted the provision of justice in Washington State.

Questions and Comments

This is the third annual report on the use of Trial Court Improvement Accounts. The 2007 data collection tool was revised based on responses received for the 2006 report. Comments on this report are welcomed and will assist in the continued improvement of this report and the supporting data collection effort for 2008. Please direct any questions or comments on how this report might be improved to:

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APPENDIX A

2007

TRIAL COURT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

**Summary of Distributions
and Budget Allocations**

Jurisdiction	2007 Amount Received	2007 Expended	2008 Allocation Determined	2008 Budget Placement	2008 Amount Budgeted	Detail Provided
Adams County	\$15,971.00	\$12,802	No - TCIA funds allowed to accrue	Separate TCIA Budget	\$0	No
Asotin County	\$15,789.00	\$0	No - TCIA funds allowed to accrue	Not Determined	\$0	Yes
Benton County	\$54,446.00	\$10,792	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$16,208	Yes
Chelan County	\$36,298.00	\$0	No - supplemental request planned	Separate TCIA Budget	\$0	Yes
City of Anacortes	\$1,465.00	\$0	No - TCIA funds allowed to accrue	District Court Operating	\$0	No
City of Auburn	\$17,899.00	\$17,899	Yes	Municipal Court Operating	\$17,899	
City of Bremerton	\$17,490.00	\$2,906	Yes	Other County or City Budget	\$8,298	Yes
City of Burlington	\$2,532.00	\$0	No - TCIA funds allowed to accrue	District Court Operating	\$0	No
City of Edmonds	\$9,482.00	\$0	Yes	Other County or City Budget	\$10,768	Yes
City of Everett	\$30,853.00	\$0	Yes	Other County or City Budget	\$22,500	Yes
City of Federal Way	\$34,482.00	\$39,014	Yes	Municipal Court Operating	\$39,014	Yes
City of Kent	\$34,980.00	\$0	Yes	Municipal Court Operating	\$44,587	Yes
City of Kirkland	\$17,241.00	\$17,241	Yes	Other County or City Budget	\$17,241	Yes
City of Marysville	\$8,620.00	\$6,000	No - TCIA funds allowed to accrue	Not Determined	\$0	Yes
City of Mt. Vernon	\$4,764.00	\$0	No - TCIA funds allowed to accrue	District Court Operating	\$0	No
City of Renton	\$11,609.00	\$0			\$0	No
City of Seattle	\$131,544.00	\$0	Yes	Other County or City Budget	\$75,000	Yes
City of Spokane		\$46,849	N/A	N/A	\$0	Yes
City of Tacoma	\$54,446.00	\$16,524	No - supplemental request planned	Not Determined	\$0	Yes
City of Yakima	\$36,298.00	\$36,298	Yes	Municipal Court Operating	\$36,298	Yes
Clallam County	\$29,038.00	\$29,038	Yes	Not Determined	\$0	Yes
Clark County	\$108,892.00	\$0	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$50,000	Yes
Columbia County	\$7,622.00	\$0	No - TCIA funds allowed to accrue	Not Determined	\$0	
Cowlitz County	\$36,298.00	\$30,022	No - supplemental request planned	Not Determined	\$0	Yes

Jurisdiction	2007 Amount Received	2007 Expended	2008 Allocation Determined	2008 Budget Placement	2008 Amount Budgeted	Detail Provided
Douglas County	\$18,148.00	\$20,831	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$23,327	Yes
Ferry County	\$6,533.00	\$4,000	Yes	Other County or City Budget	\$4,000	Yes
Franklin County	\$18,148.00	\$9,852	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$14,927	Yes
Garfield County	\$4,724.00	\$0	No - TCIA funds allowed to accrue	Not Determined	\$0	No
Grant County	\$36,007.00	\$0	No - TCIA funds allowed to accrue	Not Determined	\$0	Yes
Grays Harbor County	\$36,298.00	\$9,000	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$18,000	Yes
Island County	\$18,148.00	\$0	No - TCIA funds allowed to accrue	Not Determined	\$0	Yes
Jefferson County	\$18,148.00	\$7,682	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$6,000	Yes
King County	\$381,121.00	\$282,445	Partially	Superior/District Operating	\$272,500	Yes
Kitsap County	\$72,594.00	\$44,000	Yes	District Court Operating	\$107,200	Yes
Kittitas County	\$11,796.00	\$0	No - supplemental request planned	Not Determined	\$0	Yes
Klickitat County	\$9,619.00	\$9,619	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$13,675	Yes
Lewis County	\$36,298.00	\$0	No - TCIA funds allowed to accrue	Not Determined	\$0	No
Lincoln County	\$13,430.00	\$21,801	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$13,430	Yes
Mason County	\$18,148.00	\$0	No - TCIA funds allowed to accrue	Not Determined	\$0	No
Okanogan County	\$36,298.00	\$46,266	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$70,000	Yes
Pacific County	\$10,890.00	\$10,890	Yes	District Court Operating	\$10,890	Yes
Pend Oreille County	\$10,890.00	\$10,890	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$15,879	Yes
Pierce County	\$145,188.00	\$195,463	Yes	Superior/District Operating	\$200,000	Yes
San Juan County	\$13,974.00	\$0	No - TCIA funds allowed to accrue	Not Determined	\$0	Yes
Skagit County	\$13,018.00	\$0	No - supplemental request planned	District Court Operating	\$0	
Skamania County	\$7,260.00	\$3,081	Yes	Superior/District Operating	\$3,200	Yes
Snohomish County	\$145,188.00	\$17,035	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$264,000	Yes
Spokane County	\$163,338.00	\$28,323	Partially	Not Determined	\$18,000	Yes

Jurisdiction	2007 Amount Received	2007 Expended	2008 Allocation Determined	2008 Budget Placement	2008 Amount Budgeted	Detail Provided
Stevens County	\$18,148.00	\$2,175	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$16,000	Yes
Thurston County	\$54,446.00	\$0	No - TCIA funds allowed to accrue	Not Determined	\$0	No
Wahkiakum County	\$7,260.00	\$0	No - TCIA funds allowed to accrue	Not Determined	\$0	No
Walla Walla County	\$21,779.00	\$21,779	Yes	District Court Operating	\$21,779	Yes
Whatcom County	\$36,298.00	\$35,234	Partially	Separate TCIA Budget	\$19,333	Yes
Whitman County	\$18,148.00	\$10,900	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$14,800	Yes
Yakima County	\$72,594.00	\$50,607	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$132,940	Yes
Statewide Total	\$2,191,936	\$1,107,258			\$1,597,693	

APPENDIX B

2007 TRIAL COURT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT REPORT FORM for Counties

Trial Court Improvement Account 2007 Annual Report

Introduction

In 2005 the Washington State Legislature, upon the request of the Board for Judicial Administration, created trial court improvement accounts¹. These accounts are funded by counties and qualifying cities in amounts equal to that received by the county or city as partial reimbursement for district court and municipal court judges' salaries. The trial court improvement accounts are to be used to fund improvements to superior, district and municipal court staffing, programs, facilities, or services, as appropriated by the county or city legislative authority.

As the first step of a long-term effort to secure greater state participation in funding our trial courts and in improving the adequacy of that funding, it is critical that the judiciary document that the funds are used as intended. This means two things: That the state funds do not merely replace or supplant existing levels of local funding; and, that the funds make a measurable difference in the level or quality of services delivered. In short, the judiciary must develop long-term credibility by holding *ourselves* accountable to the state for their initial investment in the courts.

Therefore, the Board for Judicial Administration is requesting that the Presiding Judge of each trial court benefiting from funds in trial court improvement accounts complete the following annual report. The information in the report will be used to:

- Report to the Washington State Legislature on the efficacy of the accounts in improving justice in Washington State.
- Monitor and report to the Legislature on use of the accounts to supplant current local funding of the trial courts.
- Report to the court community innovative uses of the funds in other jurisdictions.
- To the extent that the information yields patterns of funding need, use the information in continuing to seek additional increases to funding for trial court operations.

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Jurisdiction:	
Report Period:	January – December, 2007
Amount Remitted to County by AOC:	
Superior Court Presiding Judge:	
District Court Presiding Judge:	

Name of Person Who Prepared This Report: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

General Information:

1. What was the total amount of TCIA funds expended in 2007?

\$ _____ for the Superior Court

\$ _____ for the District Court

2. Which of the following apply for your county's 2008 budget cycle:

_____ No decisions have been made yet regarding how to budget and use the TCIA funds for 2008. **We will do a supplemental appropriation request in 2008.**

OR

_____ No decisions have been made yet regarding how to budget and use the TCIA funds for 2008. **We are allowing TCIA funds to accrue until sufficient funds are available for the use(s) we plan for the TCIA.**

OR

_____ Funding was transferred from the TCIA to the following budgets:

\$ _____ was transferred to the Superior Court's budget.

\$ _____ was transferred to the District Court's budget.

\$ _____ was transferred to the county office budget of _____

OR

_____ A separate county budget has been established for appropriating funds

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from the TCIA. In 2008, this budget includes funding for items that improve staffing, programs, services or facilities for:

\$ _____ for the Superior Court

\$ _____ for the District Court

\$ _____ Other _____

3. Where is the Trial Court Improvement Account within the jurisdiction's accounting and budget structure?

_____ The Trial Court Improvement Account is a separate fund.

_____ The Trial Court Improvement Account is a separate account within the _____ Fund.

_____ Other:

4. How much did the General Fund appropriation to the courts increase from the 2007 budget to the 2008 budget?

Superior Court

\$ _____

_____ %

District Court

\$ _____

_____ %

Can the increase be attributed to the 2005 legislation that also raised fees in order to increase revenue for the General Fund?

Superior Court

_____ Yes

_____ No

_____ Partially

District Court

_____ Yes

_____ No

_____ Partially

Comments:

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5. How have decisions regarding the use of TCIA funds been made? (Check all that apply)

_____ District and/or superior courts independently submitted specific requests to the local legislative authority.

_____ District and superior courts collaborated in planning and submitting requests.

_____ District and superior courts have executed an agreement on how the funds will be allocated.

_____ The local Trial Court Coordinating Council, Law and Justice Council, or similar body submitted recommendations to the local legislative authority.

_____ The local legislative body appropriated TCIA funds without consultation with trial court leadership.

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds:

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by expenditures from Trial Court Improvement Account funds? (Check all that apply)

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil – Arbitration | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil – Small Claims |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal – Felony | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal – Misd. | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Offender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Dependency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Probate/Guardianship | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Illness | <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic & Other Infractions | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

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Which therapeutic or problem solving court(s) are directly supported by TCIA funds?
(Check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Court – Adult | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Court – Juvenile |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Court – Family | <input type="checkbox"/> DUI Court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unified Family Court | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Court | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

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2007 Project/Service Description

Please complete a project/service description **FOR EACH DISCRETE AREA OF FUNDING** for which TCIA funds were expended in **2007**.

Title of Program or Project: _____

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
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This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

Amount expended for this project or service in 2007: \$ _____

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

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Title of Program or Project: _____

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

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Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services. Include any measurable outcomes, data, or other information that has or will document the improvements.

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How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources? For example, are the trial court improvement account funds used to increase the amount previously funded, are the funds used to restore funding previously reduced as a policy choice or decision or an "across the board" budget reduction, or are the funds used to shift the funding burden from the general fund, grant funding, or other revenue source?

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Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

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2008 Project/Service Description

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APPENDIX C

2007

TRIAL COURT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT
REPORT FORM
for Cities

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Jurisdiction:	
Report Period:	January – December, 2007
Amount Remitted to City by AOC:	
Municipal Court Presiding Judge:	

Name of Person Who Prepared This Report: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

General Information:

1. What was the total amount of TCIA funds expended in 2007?
\$_____ for the Municipal Court

2. Which of the following apply for your city's 2008 budget cycle:

_____ No decisions have been made yet regarding how to budget and use the TCIA funds for 2008. **We will do a supplemental appropriation request in 2008.**

OR

_____ No decisions have been made yet regarding how to budget and use the TCIA funds for 2008. **We are allowing TCIA funds to accrue until sufficient funds are available for the use(s) we plan for the TCIA.**

OR

_____ Funding was transferred from the TCIA to the following budgets:
\$_____ was transferred to the Municipal Court's budget.

\$_____ was transferred to the city office budget of

\$_____ was transferred to the city office budget of

OR

_____ A separate city budget has been established for appropriating funds from

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the TCIA. In 2008, this budget includes funding for items that improve staffing, programs, services or facilities for:

\$ _____ for the Municipal Court

\$ _____ Other _____

3. Where is the Trial Court Improvement Account within the jurisdiction's accounting and budget structure?

_____ The Trial Court Improvement Account is a separate fund.

_____ The Trial Court Improvement Account is a separate account within the _____ Fund.

_____ Other:

- 4.. How much did the General Fund appropriation to the courts increase from the 2007 budget to the 2008 budget?

Municipal Court

\$ _____

_____ %

Can the increase be attributed to the 2005 legislation that also raised fees in order to increase revenue for the General Fund?

Municipal Court

_____ Yes

_____ No

_____ Partially

Comments:

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5. How have decisions regarding the use of TCIA funds been made? (Check all that apply)

_____ The Municipal court submitted specific requests to the local legislative authority.

_____ The local Trial Court Coordinating Council, Law and Justice Council, or similar body submitted recommendations to the local legislative authority.

_____ The local legislative body appropriated TCIA funds without consultation with trial court leadership.

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds:

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by expenditures from Trial Court Improvement Account funds? (Check all that apply)

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil – Arbitration | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil – Small Claims |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Dependency |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic & Other Infractions | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

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(Check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

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Project/Service Category

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Facilities/Equipment:

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- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

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- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
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- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

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- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

Amount expended for this project or service in 2007: \$ _____

This project/service is a:

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- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

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Title of Program or Project: _____

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

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Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services. Include any measurable outcomes, data, or other information that has or will document the improvements.

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Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

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2008 Project/Service Description

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Project/Service Category

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This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008: \$ _____

This project/service is a:

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- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

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Title of Program or Project: _____

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Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

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APPENDIX D

2007

TRIAL COURT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT INDIVIDUAL JURISDICTION RESPONSES

Cities

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Auburn

Title of Program or Project: COURT COMMISSIONER SALARY

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
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- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$17,899

Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Auburn

Title of Program or Project: COURT COMMISSIONER SALARY

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$17,899 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Bremerton

Title of Program or Project: SECURITY SCANNER FOR ENTRANCE TO COURT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$2,906

Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The Bremerton Municipal Court purchased a walk-through metal detector for the entrance of the court. This allows us to scan all persons that enter the court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
By scanning all individuals that enter the court facility, we are able to create an environment and atmosphere of safety and security. This also allows us to monitor items that individuals try to bring into the court facility. In October 2007, the court began tracking items via a security report that is given to the Court Services Manager.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

The TCIA funds are used to augment funding in the court budget, therefore allowing the court the ability to obtain needed equipment that we would not have had before.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

No, we are a singular court facility.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Bremerton

Title of Program or Project: FTR GOLD RECORDING SYSTEM EXPANSION

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Addition of courtroom.

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$8,298 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
FTR Gold is the current recording system that is used in our courtroom to record all courtroom proceedings. We used this project to expand the system to a second courtroom as well as installing the software on the courtroom clerks' desktops. This provides for a much more efficient use of the courtrooms and the clerks time.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
By adding a second courtroom that is fully functional we are able to run court in both courtrooms at the same time. This provides for better customer service as well as being more efficient.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Without this funding we would not be able to have the necessary technology in both courtrooms.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Edmonds

Title of Program or Project: PANIC BUTTONS

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$1,500 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

<p>Please provide a brief description of the project or service:</p> <p>WHOM WILL THE PANIC BUTTON SERVE? The Judge in the courtroom at his location The clerk in the courtroom at his/her location The front counter</p> <p>WHOM WILL THE PANIC BUTTON NOTIFY? The Panic Button can ring into a phone line and then to 911 (There is an emergency in the Edmonds Municipal Court Public Safety Building, 250 5th Ave N.)</p> <p>WHAT ARE THE HOURS OF SERVICE NEEDED? Monday to Friday 8 AM to 10 PM or if there is no monthly fee the hours should be seven days a week for 24 hours.</p>
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Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

This will increase safety for the Judge, Court Staff and the General Public.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

The funds are used to shift the funding burden from the general fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Edmonds

Title of Program or Project: PASS CARD ENTRY DOORS

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$6,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
DOORS WITH PASS CARD ENTRY Change door from courtroom to judge's chambers to a pass-card entry door. Change door on Bell Street for the court to a pass-card entry door.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
This will increase safety for the judge and the court staff.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

The funds are used to shift the funding burden from the general fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Edmonds

Title of Program or Project: PROBATION OFFICE DOOR

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$2,300 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
PROBATION OFFICE DOOR
Change the door that the defendants enter to go to the probation office to a door that will not come first into the court's office. The door will directly enter into the probation officer's office.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
This will increase safety for the Judge, Court Staff and Probation Officers.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

The funds are used to shift the funding burden from the general fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Everett

Title of Program or Project: VIDEO CONFERENCING

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$22,500 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Install video arraignment equipment that will directly connect the Snohomish County Jail hearing room to the court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
No need to move the prisoner; saves taxpayer money by eliminating or reducing the need to transport prisoners; improves public safety; better use of law enforcement personnel; reduces delay; eliminates risk of escape; and cuts transport costs.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Used to shift the funding burden from the general fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

No.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Federal Way

Title of Program or Project: FUND ADDITIONAL JUDGE'S PARTIAL SALARY

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$39,014 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
To provide an additional judge for courtroom services.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
It has increased the number of cases heard at our court. We've seen an increase in overall revenues and cases heard.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
It's used to increase the amount previously funded with the addition of one judge.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.
No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Federal Way

Title of Program or Project: FUND ADDITIONAL JUDGE'S PARTIAL SALARY

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$39,014 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
To provide an additional judge for courtroom services.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
It has increased the number of cases heard at our court. We've seen an increase in overall revenues and cases heard.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

It's used to increase the amount previously funded with the addition of one judge.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Kent

Title of Program or Project: PROBATION CLERK

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Probation

\$44,587 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$48,900 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

New employee - support staff for Probation Department.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

This position will allow the probation officers to dedicate their time to manage their caseloads by holding probationers accountable to the court's order. It will also allow probation officers the ability to report non-compliance or violations to the court immediately.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Kirkland

Title of Program or Project: INCREASED JUDICIAL SALARY & PART-TIME POSITION TO A FULL-TIME POSITION

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$17,241 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Increased judicial salary and part-time position to a full-time position. Increased commissioner hours.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Additional calendars were added in order to better serve the public. Provide administrative time for the judge. Commissioner hours were increased to provide coverage.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
Funds are used to support new and additional services as stated above.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.
No.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Marysville

Title of Program or Project: JUDICIAL SALARY

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$6,000 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Funds were used to cover the cost of additional hours the part-time judge sat on the bench.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
By having the fund to cover costs it allowed the court to complete more hearings by being able to add more judicial hours.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

TCIA funds are in addition to funds already budgeted for judicial salary.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Marysville

Title of Program or Project: SOFTWARE/COMPUTER UPGRADE

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$2,800 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The Court recently hired a part-time court commissioner; computer and docking station for chambers and bench were necessary for the court commissioner to complete calendars and necessary work in chambers.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The commissioner uses the computer in court during hearings. This improves the efficiency of the court proceedings as well as the preparation of the calendars.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

This project was not related to any other funding source.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Seattle

Title of Program or Project: PUBLIC DEFENDANT CASE MANAGEMENT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$75,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

<p>Please provide a brief description of the project or service:</p> <p>The Seattle Municipal Court's current Public Case Management System (ISIS) was developed by an outside source in a programming language (PowerBuilder) that is obsolete and not supported by current court technology staff. As part of the department's technology strategy to stabilize and simplify its technology environment, we have a goal to reduce the number of unsupported applications. This initiative will support this as well as provide the opportunity to eliminate redundant data entry, create a more effective way to monitor attorney case loads and provide a more effective way to provide attorneys with case information.</p>
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Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

As described above, the current system is not being supported, this initiative would not only provide for the benefits of a support application, but would also provide real-time communication between the court, the three defender agencies and the Office of Planning and Management (OPM), which would result in improved information flow between all parties.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

The funds are being combined with existing court funds to replace/develop the system.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

No.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Spokane

Title of Program or Project: JUSTWARE CASE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$178,075 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
JustWare is a case management system designed for use by courts, public defenders, prosecutors and probation departments. The software will be used by the Public Defenders Office, Prosecutors Office and Probation Department.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Use of the same software will help establish consistency in case reporting and allow each agency to use the City's document imaging system to move towards a paperless environment.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

The funds were used to augment a one-time only purchase of software.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.

It benefits three divisions of the court, thus clients receive more efficient service and court personnel receive more accurate information quicker.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Tacoma

Title of Program or Project: COURTROOM REMODEL

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$16,524 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Courtroom 135 was remodeled to remove all covering and install acoustical panels.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
This project has improved the sound quality and visual appearance in the courtroom.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

This project would not have been possible within the court's current budget.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

No.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Yakima

Title of Program or Project: JUDICIAL OFFICER SALARY

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$44,359 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The 2007 TCIA funds were used exclusively to raise the salary of municipal court judges.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
TICA has afforded the court the ability to attract qualified judicial officers to serve in the positions in courts of limited jurisdiction. TCIA funds will allow the court to enhance courtroom security by adding security personnel in the courtroom during additional court calendars.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

2007 TCIA funds supplemented the general fund to reach 95 percent of district court judge salary level.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Yakima

Title of Program or Project: JUDICIAL OFFICER SALARY

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$66,504 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The 2007 TCIA funds were used exclusively to raise the salary of municipal court judges.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Court security.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

2008 TCIA funds will supplement the general fund to reach 95 percent of district court judge salary level.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

No.

Counties

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Adams County

Title of Program or Project: IMPROVE COURTROOM SOUND SYSTEMS

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$12,802 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Purchase and install FTR (For The Record™ digital recording systems) in all three courtrooms in Adams County to replace aging Lanier Recording System. Purchase and install enhanced PA system in superior court. Purchase and install listening assisted systems to comply with ADA requirements in two of the three courtrooms. The listening assisted system was installed in 2006, with funds allocated in 2005.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Access, storage and transcription of the court's records and accommodating the hearing impaired.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

Both Superior and District Court benefits from the above expenditure.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Asotin County

Title of Program or Project: COMPUTER ACCESS WIFI HOT SPOT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The recurring expense will be the monthly line dedicated for access.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

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Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

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2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Benton County

Title of Program or Project: JUDICIAL LAW CLERK PILOT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$10,792 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

<p>Please provide a brief description of the project or service:</p> <p>The law clerk pilot program will provide a law clerk to assist the judicial staff with research and briefing and assist the court administrator and judicial staff in revising and updating the court's personnel policies and procedures and Language Assistance Plan/grant application. If the position proves to be of benefit to the judicial staff they will request that the position be funded on an on-going basis through the general fund.</p>

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

The law clerk will assist judges with docket and trial preparation reducing the delay in decisions from the bench. The position will also provide updated personnel policies and procedures for reference when dealing with personnel matters and a Language Assistance Plan and Language Assistance grant funding will increase services to those in need of language assistance within the courts.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Trial Court Improvement funds have been used in addition to general fund budget.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

Language Assistance Plan and grant funding will benefit both District Court and Superior Court.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Benton County

Title of Program or Project: JUDICIAL LAW CLERK PILOT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$16,207 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

The law clerk pilot program will provide a law clerk to assist the judicial staff with research and briefing and assist the court administrator and judicial staff in revising and updating the court's personnel policies and procedures and develop a language assistance plan and grant application. If the position proves to be of benefit to the judicial staff they will request that the position be funded on an on-going basis through the general fund.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

The law clerk will assist judges with docket and trial preparation reducing the delay in decisions from the bench. The position will also provide updated personnel policies and procedures when dealing with personnel matters and the language assistance plan and grant funding will increase service to those in need of language assistance.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Trial Court Improvement funds have been used in addition to general fund budget.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

The Language Assistance Plan and funding will benefit all court levels.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Clallam County

Title of Program or Project: COURT SECURITY OFFICER

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$63,073 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Funds are designated for a courthouse security officer. The officer's primary responsibility is for prompt and proper action in matters pertaining to court and courthouse security, improving employee and public safety. Duties include patrolling the courthouse and juvenile court facilities; screening litigants entering courtrooms; monitoring courtrooms, staff areas, lobby, hallways, facility entrances, and parking areas.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

The level of safety to employees and the public has been greatly increased. Previously the court had waited up to 45 minutes for emergency assistance because they did not have an officer in the area. The court now has the ability to have an individual taken into immediate custody from the courtroom. The ability for immediate arrests supports the court's Drug and DUI courts, and provides escort service for domestic violence and anti-harassment calendars.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

The funds will be used to shift the funding burden from the general fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

General duties include superior court, district court and the juvenile court facility.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Clallam County

Title of Program or Project: COURT SECURITY OFFICER

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$70,010 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

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Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

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2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Clark County

Title of Program or Project: FAMILY LAW ANNEX

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$50,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Adds three courtrooms, chambers and ancillary offices at the new site two blocks south of the courthouse. Family law and dependency cases to be heard there.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

Clark County Superior Court is short of courtrooms. This will permit each judge and commissioner to have a courtroom every day.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

To increase funds available for the project.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

District Court will also have use of an additional courtroom.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Columbia County

Title of Program or Project: ADEQUATE SPACE FOR TRIAL COURTS

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Strategies and goals to better serve court users and enhance internal operations.

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

The Courts of Limited and General jurisdiction have been moving toward a space and courtroom shortage for the last several years. We currently share one courtroom and scheduling has become increasingly difficult. While the caseload has not increased dramatically, the contentiousness of the litigation certainly has increased. This fact has resulted in continued and increased conflict with office, courtroom and storage space. In view of this situation, the Trial Court Coordination Council proposes (other than the exception noted below) to roll the fund and apply it toward the goal of adequate space for District and Superior courts. The Executive branch is pursuing the goal of new jail space, which will provide us with an office. This, in turn, will provide the county with our old office space to be used ultimately for office space for our attorneys for the indigent and even a pro se litigation center, and for our court facilitator.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

Remodel and appropriate storage of district court archival files. Space for defense attorneys, court facilitator, pro-se litigation center. Security. Scheduling ease-access to justice.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Conceivably indigent defense fund; law and justice budget line.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

Yes - done with knowledge and approval of Trial Court Coordination Council.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Columbia County

Title of Program or Project: ADEQUATE SPACE FOR TRIAL COURTS

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Strategies and goals to better serve court users and enhance internal operations.

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The Courts of Limited and General jurisdiction have been moving toward a space and courtroom shortage for the last several years. We currently share one courtroom and scheduling has become increasingly difficult. While the caseload has not increased dramatically, the contentiousness of the litigation certainly has increased. This fact has resulted in continued and increased conflict with office, courtroom and storage space. In view of this situation, the Trial Court Coordination Council proposes (other than the exception noted below) to roll the fund and apply it toward the goal of adequate space for District and Superior courts. The Executive branch is pursuing the goal of new jail space, which will provide us with an office. This, in turn, will provide the county with our old office space to be used ultimately for office space for our attorneys for the indigent and even a pro se litigation center, and for our court facilitator.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

Remodel and appropriate storage of district court archival files. Space for defense attorneys, court facilitator, pro-se litigation center. Security. Scheduling ease-access to justice.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Conceivably indigent defense fund; law and justice budget line.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

Yes - done with knowledge and approval of Trial Court Coordination Council.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Cowlitz County

Title of Program or Project: SUPERIOR COURT LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLAN

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Strategies and goals to better serve court users and enhance internal operations.

\$7,097 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

The Superior Court Judges directly supervise Family Court, Juvenile Court and Drug Court, all of which will benefit from improved and positive changes to our court processes and structure.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Cowlitz County

Title of Program or Project: VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT SYSTEM

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$22,925 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
This project was to add video connection with the jail for our third courtroom.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
This has increased efficiency by allowing the judge to stay in his courtroom for the entire docket. The other benefit is that this allows superior and district court to share courtrooms.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

The other courtrooms were upgraded two years ago with general funds. The TCIA funds were used to increase what was spent to finally finish the project.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

Yes. It benefits both superior and district court.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Douglas County

Title of Program or Project: BRIDGEPORT-DISTRICT COURT IMPROVEMENT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Appearance of the court.

\$3,134	Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
	AND/OR
\$0	Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
Upgrade courtroom: tables, wood panels to hide computer wires, carpet and recover chairs.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
A more judicial appearance to the court. It no longer looks like a run down, antiquated courtroom.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

The TCIA funds are being used to make improvements that would otherwise not have funding.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

This project was for the district court.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Douglas County

Title of Program or Project: TECHNOLOGY UPDATE & DOCUMENT SIGNATURE ON TABLETS FROM JAIL

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Using imaged documents and real-time editing of documents between courtrooms and jail.

\$17,697 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Update equipment: scanner, printer; expand technology for future CMS/JIS. The new system did not have the ability to do screen partitions. Because of this we would need a monitor for the new CMS/JIS and one for our document images. We also wanted the ability to have defendants sign documents with computer signatures at the jail.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
The equipment is more efficient in speed and reliability. Having defendants sign documents in a computer tablet, the court can have it print at the jail and pull it into our imaging system. Currently we are having a problem getting the court's paperwork back to the appropriate court level.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

TCIA funds are used to increase the amount previously funded. Because of the TCIA we are able to do this project.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

Yes, the need for a second monitor was in the Superior Court's Clerk's Office and District Court. The tablet (computer) with signature for the jail is for Superior and District court.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Douglas County

Title of Program or Project: SUPERIOR COURT HEARING ROOM

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: New hearing room.

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$23,327 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Remodel a space in the Waterville courthouse to create a second hearing room with video conferencing for Superior Court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Currently the only hearing room (secondary) is small, unsafe and lacks air circulation.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Without the TCIA funds this project would not happen.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

This will only benefit Superior Court.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Ferry County

Title of Program or Project: ADA ACCESS

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$4,000 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Expanded doorway and access to the courtroom to allow disabled individuals easier access to the courtroom. This also helped with the disabled ramp in the front of the building and the handicapped elevator lift for easier access to the building.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
This will allow litigants/customers easier access to the third floor which has both superior and district courts. It will allow them access to all areas of business on the third floor.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
It supplements a grant that was awarded to the county for improving handicapped accessibility.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.
Yes, it benefits the entire courthouse. The elevator lift allows access to all three levels of the building.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Franklin County

Title of Program or Project: DISTRICT COURT MICROPHONES

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$1,264 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
Microphones and bases for District courtroom to provide a clear and audible record.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Microphones will enhance the clarity of the record on the digital recording system.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

TCI funds have been used in addition to general fund budget.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

Microphones assist all courts using the enhanced courtroom.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Franklin County

Title of Program or Project: JUDICIAL LAW CLERK PILOT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$3,713 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense (total expenditure of \$9,000 from Aug 2007 - Jul 2008)
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

<p>Please provide a brief description of the project or service:</p> <p>The law clerk pilot program will provide a law clerk to assist the judicial staff with research and briefing and assist the court administrator and judicial staff in revising and updating the court's personnel policies and procedures and Language Assistance Plan/grant application. If the position proves to be of benefit to the judicial staff they will request that the position be funded on an on-going basis through the general fund.</p>

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

The law clerk will assist judges with docket and trial preparation reducing the delay in decisions from the bench. The position will also provide updated personnel policies and procedures for reference when dealing with personnel matters and a Language Assistance Plan and Language Assistance grant funding will increase services to those in need of language assistance within the courts.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Trial Court Improvement funds have been used in addition to general fund budget.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.

Language Assistance Plan and grant funding will benefit both District Court and Superior Court.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Franklin County

Title of Program or Project: APPEALS MODULE FOR APPLICATION EXTENDER

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$4,875 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Appeals module to add to application extender to electronically store all case documents filed with county clerk.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Appeals module will enhance the electronic storage of cases.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

TCI funds have been used in addition to general fund budget.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

Electronic storage of records enhances future access by all courts.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Franklin County

Title of Program or Project: JUDICIAL LAW CLERK PILOT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$5,287 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense (total expenditure of \$9,000 from Aug 2007-Jul 2008)
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The law clerk pilot program will provide a law clerk to assist the judicial staff with research and briefing and assist the court administrator and judicial staff in revising and updating the court's personnel policies and procedures and develop a language assistance plan and grant application. If the position proves to be of benefit to the judicial staff they will request that the position be funded on an on-going basis through the general fund.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
The law clerk will assist judges with docket and trial preparation reducing the delay in decisions from the bench. The position will also provide updated personnel policies and procedures when dealing with personnel matters and the language assistance plan and grant funding will increase service to those in need of language assistance.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Trial Court Improvement funds have been used in addition to general fund budget.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

The Language Assistance Plan and funding will benefit all court levels.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Franklin County

Title of Program or Project: SUPERIOR COURT EQUIPMENT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Jurors

\$0	Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
	AND/OR
\$1,626	Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

White Board for jury room.
TTY machine to assist hearing impaired communicate with the courts.
Two interpreter headset units to assist with interpreting in the courtroom.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

White Board will assist jurors during deliberation.
TTY machine to assist hearing impaired individuals and court staff communication.
Interpreter headsets to assist interpreter in communicating with those needing the service during court hearings/trials.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Trial Court Improvement funds have been used in addition to general fund budget.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

All items will be available to all court levels in Franklin County.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Franklin County

Title of Program or Project: FRANKLIN COUNTY CLERK TECHNOLOGY

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$4,614 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
High speed scanner for the clerk's office and three printers, one for each courtroom.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Increase scanning capabilities with high speed scanner.
Allow clerks to print documents in the courtroom as needed.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Trial Court Improvement funds have been used in addition to general fund budget.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

Printers are available to all court levels utilizing the courtrooms.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Franklin County

Title of Program or Project: FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT EQUIPMENT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$3,400 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Four desktop scanners.
Two headsets for hearing impaired for courtroom use.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
Scanners will increase District Court Clerk's scanning capability.
Headsets will assist those with hearing impairment in the courtroom.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Trial Court Improvement funds have been used in addition to general fund budget.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

Headsets for hearing impaired would serve all levels of courts utilizing the courtroom.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Grays Harbor County

Title of Program or Project: MANDATORY MEDIATION OF SMALL CLAIMS CASES

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$9,000 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Grays Harbor County contracted with the local Dispute Resolution Center organized under ch. 7.75 RCW to provide mandatory mediation services in small claims cases prior to trial.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Mediation of small claims cases frees up substantial court time - judicial and staff, reducing small claims trials by at least 50 percent. In 2007, the number of small claims trials was 47, prior to mediation services being available, small claims trials averaged more than 100 per year.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
Not related to other funding sources.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.
No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Grays Harbor County

Title of Program or Project: MANDATORY MEDIATION OF SMALL CLAIMS CASES

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$18,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Grays Harbor County contracted with the local Dispute Resolution Center organized under ch. 7.75 RCW to provide mandatory mediation services in small claims cases prior to trial.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
Mediation of small claims cases frees up substantial court time - judicial and staff, reducing small claims trials by at least 50 percent. In 2007, the number of small claims trials was 47, prior to mediation services being available, small claims trials averaged more than 100 per year.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Not related to other funding sources.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

No.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Jefferson County

Title of Program or Project: ICE CART FOR SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT COURTS

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$4,682 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Jefferson County District and Superior courts joined efforts in an attempt to modernize the technology available in both courtrooms for use by the Bar Association and pro se litigants. With increased filings in both courts the ability to efficiently expedite matters was imperative. The Ice cart system contains laser pointers, cinema portable screen, multimedia projector cart, LCD projector with document camera, DVD/VHS combo deck player, lap top, and multimedia speaker system.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

Both courtrooms have had hearing units to assist hearing impaired participants and jurors for quite some time but nothing to assist the sight impaired. The image quality and size produced by the document camera, projector and cinema screen have greatly assisted those participants and jurors who are sight impaired. With this equipment, it tremendously speeds up time in jury trials when exhibits are published to the jury. In the past, court would have to wait while each juror reviewed the evidence, now it is published to each juror at the same time with the use of the Ice cart.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Superior Court received a grant from the Foundation for Washington State Courts for their Ice cart. The funds from TCIA allowed the District Court to purchase one as well. This is a small county and we share courtrooms from time to time; it is critical that we keep the courtrooms compatible.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

Yes, it enables both the District and Superior courtrooms to be interchangeable.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Jefferson County

Title of Program or Project: CIVILIAN BAILIFF FOR DISTRICT COURT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators; interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$6,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

<p>Please provide a brief description of the project or service:</p> <p>In 2007, District Court requested and was approved to hire a civilian bailiff for jury trials as they do in Superior Court. By using a civilian bailiff, we would be using the same pool of civilian bailiffs as the superior court now uses. This allowed for the civilian bailiffs to be cross-trained in both courts and freed up the courthouse deputies to provide security to the entire courthouse instead of being short a deputy on jury trial days. Courthouse deputies used to bailiff district court jury trials and therefore they were unavailable to provide security to any other part of the courthouse.</p>
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Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

By using a civilian bailiff we would be using the same pool of civilian bailiffs as superior court now uses, this allowed for the civilian bailiffs to be cross-trained in both courts and freed up the courthouse deputies to do their jobs and provide security to the entire courthouse.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

In preparing the 2008 budget, county administration decided to fund the civilian bailiffs for both district and superior courts out of TCIA funds and therefore remove the funding burden for this position from the general fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

Yes, both district and superior courts have a pool of civilian bailiffs that are cross-trained.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Training.

\$7,500 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Consultants were hired to make presentations and facilitate discussions of court performance measures. Focus was placed on the desirability of performance measures and how they enhance court effectiveness, how they have impacted other specific courts, and to help with the adoption of a performance measure strategy for King County Superior Court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Training provided to the court has been helpful in learning standard practices which have already been developed and are being used by other courts. The court is continuing its work in this area.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
There are no other funds dedicated to performance management training and development.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.
The impact(s) of useful information gained from a performance management tool could have favorable impacts on all levels of court.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: FORMS INTERPRETATION & MULTI-LINGUAL SVCS

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Accessibility to court services by non-English speaking members of the public.

\$23,650 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
This project has provided for the translation of many commonly used criminal and family law forms and documents into multiple languages, including Spanish, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Russian and Somali.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Accessibility to the court and court services for the non-English speaking population who interact most commonly with the court has been improved.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Funding for translation services is not provided for in the courts general fund budget.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.

Expenditures for multi-lingual signage is beneficial for both superior and district court.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: ATTORNEY GAL FOR DEPENDENCY CASA

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$59,795 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

This proposal added an Attorney GAL in Dependency CASA to supplement the volunteer model of client representation currently used by the Court. It is an alternative to expanding the existing model which would require recruiting more CASA volunteers and hiring additional staff to train, supervise and provide administrative and legal support for them.

The intended outcome of creating this position is to reduce the number of children who are not provided CASA representation due to limited program capacity.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

This position was supplemented by other funds with an intake specialist position in order to increase the number of cases that are matched with volunteers. The end result of the two new positions working in tandem has been a reduction of the number of children waiting for a CASA assignment by approximately 50% - prior average of 185 to the current waiting list of 92.

In addition, the Attorney GAL position is appointed as the representative in cases that are emergent, legally challenging, or logistically hard to match but statutorily require an appointed representative. Having the Attorney GAL available for this purpose has created programmatic efficiencies as well as increased utilization of existing volunteers.

This has been a highly successful pilot project and the position originally funded with TCIA funds is now a regular position in the court funded with other grant dollars.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

The TCIA has allowed for the creation of this position to expand existing services.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

This primarily benefits the Dependency CASA program within Superior Court.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: SHORT TERM STAFFING

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Likely a combination of courtroom services and direct services.

\$191,500	Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
	AND/OR
\$0	Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

The King County District Court is continuing to struggle with inadequate staffing levels in 2007. Unfortunately, due to a number of contributing factors, the Court is experiencing a significant and unacceptable inability to perform its mandated functions. The situation is critical. Court filings in 2007 have increased significantly (15.35%) and have prevented the District Court from being able to recover from the difficult circumstances that existed prior to and during the implementation of electronic court records (ECR) and a single DISCIS database. Not only has the Court been unable to recover from these initiatives, the current increase in workload has resulted in a decrease in performance and a significant increase in backlogs.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

1. Restore public confidence in KCDC by timely processing court documents.
2. Restore public confidence in KCDC by timely processing court work.
3. Restore public confidence in KCDC by timely processing court payments.
4. Restore public confidence in KCDC by reducing court errors.
5. Restore public confidence in KCDC by answering the phones in a timely fashion.
6. Improve customer satisfaction by reducing the repetitive calls to the court for a response.
7. Improve customer service by reducing delays in court hearings and wait times.
8. Improve customer service by reducing the wait times at the front counter.
9. Provide for better training of employees.
10. Improve employee morale.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Shift the funding burden from the general fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: PRODUCE PARENTING SEMINAR MATERIALS IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Accessibility to parenting seminars by non-english speaking members of the public.

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$20,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

This project would:

- Translate and print written parenting seminar materials, and dub the parenting seminar DVD into Spanish & Vietnamese - \$12,000
- Film the parenting seminar and produce DVD's - \$8,000

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:

Accessibility to parenting seminars for the non-English speaking population who interact most commonly with the court will be improved.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Funding for filming, dubbing & translation services for parenting seminars are not provided for in the courts general fund budget.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: PRODUCE INFORMATIONAL DVDS REGARDING COURT SERVICES

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Accessibility to court services.

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$22,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

This project would:

- Produce an informational DVD specifically for pro se family law litigants - \$7,000
- Produce a "Navigating the Court" DVD for pro se litigants - \$15,000

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

It is expected that providing more information about court services and process will increase accessibility to the court. This project is focused on increasing accessibility by pro se litigants.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Funding for the creation of informational DVDs are not provided for in the courts general fund budget.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: CONFERENCING EQUIPMENT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$4,300 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Portable equipment would be purchased to allow for close range audio and video conferencing.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

The availability of portable and close range video conferencing equipment would allow defendants to participate in court proceedings without actually sitting in the courtroom. It would also allow for high profile case viewing by the media and public in "overflow" room(s).

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Funding for general equipment in the courts budget is minimal. TCIA funds would make this purchase more feasible.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

It is likely that this equipment could be used by district court as well.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: PRINT JUVENILE PROGRAM BROCHURES

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$7,450 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Juvenile probation has created a series of brochures through the Reclaiming Futures' Communication Action Team, and they have been reviewed to assure that the contents are appropriate and useful for internal and external customers of Juvenile Court. This proposal would provide for the printing cost of 1,500 brochures for each of the following court programs: 4C's Coalition, Probation Services, Family Treatment Court, Juvenile Drug Court, Parent's Guide to Juvenile Court (Offender Process), Parent's Guide to Juvenile Court (Dependency Process), Multi Systemic Therapy (MST), Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART), Becca, CASA, Partnership For Youth Justice, and Community Programs.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

Information brochures should increase awareness and understanding of the many programs offered at juvenile court.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Funding for discretionary printing in the courts budget is minimal. TCIA funds would make this project more feasible.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: EARLY RESOLUTION CASE MANAGER

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$82,091 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

<p>Please provide a brief description of the project or service.</p> <p>The Early Resolution Case Manager is a pilot project in Kent provided by Trial Court Improvement Funds through September 2009. The position will establish and implement procedures that facilitate early resolution of pro se cases and review, streamline and simplify processes used to better serve the public with particular emphasis on clients with low to moderate income. It will also work with judicial officers, members of the Family Law bar section and others to establish guidelines, templates, checklists and other resources to increase standardization and efficiencies in creating court documents such as parenting plans, child support orders, findings, conclusions and decrees in Title 26 actions. Additionally, it will provide neutral assistance to one or both parties in dispute. Finally, the position will create and maintain a database to track case data and provide statistical reports to determine the effectiveness of the pilot program.</p>

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

It is anticipated this position will increase the settlement rate and number of pro-se cases, provide improved services to pro-ses and judges. The pilot will track information via a database and provide the information prior to the conclusion of the pilot.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

TCIA funding makes this pilot project possible.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: PILOT PROJECTS

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Likely a combination of courtroom services and direct services.

\$0	Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
	AND/OR
\$136,659	Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

These funds will allow for the court to conduct one or more pilot projects related to the recommendations resulting from the Court's Children and Family Operational Master Plan. The County Council approved the Superior Court's targeted operational master plan in September 2006. Included in that plan are 11 key recommendations intended to provide guidance to the court in improving case-related services for children and family law cases. The court is working through all 11 options to determine what pilot projects would be most useful and effective.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

Details regarding which specific pilot projects have not yet been determined.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

There are no funds currently available to the Court to conduct these pilot projects.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

This is not yet known.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Kitsap County

Title of Program or Project: ADDED A FOURTH JUDGE TO DISTRICT COURT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Timely dispositions.

\$44,000 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Added a fourth district court judge.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Timely dispositions and greater access to justice.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.
No.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Klickitat County

Title of Program or Project: ADULT PROBATION

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$13,675 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Provide a monitor for persons involved in adult drug court and supervise defendants in district court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The drug court program in superior court could not function without funding for this position. After three years the county will fully fund this position from the General Fund. The results will be measured by the number of graduates from drug court that do not re-offend.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
The funds are for one-third the cost of a counselor. The other two-thirds are paid from county funds.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.
Yes; superior court drug court and district court probation.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Klickitat County

Title of Program or Project: ADULT PROBATION

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$13,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Provide a monitor for persons involved in adult drug court and supervise defendants in district court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The drug court program in superior court could not function without funding for this position. After three years the county will fully fund this position from the General Fund. The results will be measured by the number of graduates from drug court that do not re-offend.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

The funds are for one-third the cost of a counselor. The other two-thirds are paid from county funds.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

Yes; superior court drug court and district court probation.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Lincoln County

Title of Program or Project: SUPERIOR COURT - FTR - DIGITAL RECORDING PROJECT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$6,315 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Replace outdated recording equipment with digital.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Most hearings are not reported by a court reporter. Service will be improved by having a good record and being able to quickly find recordings.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

There was no shifting - no other funding was budgeted over many years for this capital improvement.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

Yes - it aids the Court of Appeals by improving the quality of the record and the timeliness of getting transcripts.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Lincoln County

Title of Program or Project: DISTRICT COURT SOUND AND RECORDING SYSTEM UPGRADE

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g.,

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$12,596 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
This included \$757.94 for re-wiring microphones in the District Court Room and \$971.97 work on the mixer and \$10,866.31 which was the purchase of a new sound system.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
We basically re-did the whole sound system which helps in making a clear record for appeals and being able to hold telephonic hearings.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

There was no shifting of funds. There were no other funding sources available for these capital improvements. We are very thankful for the TCIA funds because these were all needed items which we have wanted to fix for years.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

Project One aids Superior Court as well as District Court because the record on appeal is much better and transcripts are much easier to produce.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Lincoln County

Title of Program or Project: LASER PRINTER FOR DISTRICT COURT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g.,

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$1,519 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Purchased a laser printer.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
An additional printer helps with clerks' efficiency since competition for use of courtroom printers is reduced.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

There was no shifting of funds. There were no other funding sources available for these capital improvements. We are very thankful for the TCIA funds because these were all needed items which we have wanted to fix for years.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Lincoln County

Title of Program or Project: IMAGING SYSTEM FOR DISTRICT COURT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g.,

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$1,372 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
We bought an imaging system. The total was \$1,371.78 and included three hard drive servers for \$549.60 and \$822.18 for tape cartridges involved in that imaging system.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
We ran out of room for storage of hard copies of our court records and are now scanning everything into the liberty system. We are largely on our way to paperless operating. Again this was really needed because we simply ran out of room for storage. We had boxes stacked everywhere.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

There was no shifting of funds. There were no other funding sources available for these capital improvements. We are very thankful for the TCIF because these were all needed items which we have wanted to fix for years.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Lincoln County

Title of Program or Project: LIBERTY - SCANNING - DISTRICT COURT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$17,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Physical storage of court files needed to be replaced with scanning documents because we had completely run out of storage.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Increased efficiency comes from having files accessible and being able to operate largely paperless.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

No shifting of funds. No other funding has been available for this new recordkeeping, which has been needed for some time.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Lincoln County

Title of Program or Project: EVCO - SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$10,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Last year, 2006, TCIA funds were used to greatly improve the records in the court reporting system. The 2007 improvements were capital expenditures which ironed out a few remaining problems with the sound recording system.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:

The last upgrade cleared up interference that was still affecting the quality of the recordings of in-court proceedings.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

No shifting of funds. No other funding available.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Lincoln County

Title of Program or Project: SCANNER - DISTRICT COURT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$1,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

A scanner will be purchased.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

Increased efficiency comes from not having to have court clerks share the same scanner.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

No shifting of funds. Funds not otherwise available.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

No.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Okanogan County

Title of Program or Project: LASERFICHE INTERFACE

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Retention of court documents.

\$12,364 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Software to interface JIS with scanning system (Laserfiche).

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

1. Judges have access to all scanned documents linked to any case before him.
2. Staff and judges have access to documents without pulling files and re-filing. Less filing errors.
3. Accounting staff have instant access to court orders when auditing financial reports.
4. No scanning is needed upon closure for retention purposes – all scanning is done on the front end.
5. One step toward paperless.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Funding for new project.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.

No.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Okanogan County

Title of Program or Project: COURTROOM IMPROVEMENTS-SOUND SYSTEM

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$2,754	Amount expended for this project or service in 2007 AND/OR
\$0	Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Installed one additional microphone and replaced main speakers in courtroom to improve sound quality in courtroom.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Existing speakers were the wrong type for a courtroom setting. Overall improvement to sound quality in courtroom. Additional remote microphone at attorney podium for use when attorneys are selecting a jury or speaking away from their desk – improved recording quality.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Shift funding burden from County Current Expense.

NOTE: County current expense paid for the remainder of the sound system upgrade in this courtroom. This project was completed first and when funds were available later in the year – the Current expense dollars were used.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.

Yes – Superior court uses this courtroom on a regular basis.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Okanogan County

Title of Program or Project: COURTROOM SAFETY REMODEL

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$5,707 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service: Elevated areas of courtroom were removed.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

This courtroom had two elevated areas: 1 – in the viewing area, which was also used during jury selection and 2 - in the existing 12-person jury panel area.

Several persons over the years have fallen in these areas, so this was considered a safety hazard. The jury area was on two different elevated steps. We removed both of these elevated areas and relocated the jury area to the front of the courtroom. This created more space in the viewing area and reduced the potential for accidents in the courtroom.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Shift burden from Current expense.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

Yes – This courtroom is used by Superior Court on a regular basis.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Okanogan County

Title of Program or Project: SUPERIOR COURT SOUND SYSTEM

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$5,206 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Installed five new microphones in the courtroom and one new speaker on the judge's bench.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
Court personnel and the audience can hear and court reporters can understand the recording better.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
No other funding.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.
Yes; superior court criminal, civil, juvenile, dependency, paternity and truancy.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Okanogan County

Title of Program or Project: JURY ROOM RENOVATION

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Direct services for jurors.

\$20,235 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The jury room was renovated; bathrooms enlarged and made handicap-accessible. The jury deliberation area was enlarged, a new conference table and new carpet were added.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Jurors are not crowded during deliberations.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
No funding for this project.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.
Superior court jury trials.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Okanogan County

Title of Program or Project: JURY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE REPLACEMENT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$20,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
Purchase New Jury Management System, install, train staff and convert existing data.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
A new system will improve accuracy and streamline jury activities saving staff time. It will increase the satisfaction of citizens from fewer errors and will improve juror attendance by using automated follow-up on Juror FTA's.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Shift funding burden from Current Expense.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

Yes – This is a joint project that will be utilized by both court levels.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Okanogan County

Title of Program or Project: REMODEL JURY ROOM/JUDGES CHAMBERS

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
Unknown Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Remodel Courtroom to change the flow for jurors and judge – currently the judge, jurors, defendants and witness all enter the courtroom and jury deliberation room from the same entrance area. This project, by moving a few walls, will allow judges and jurors to enter through a separate door and changes the path that jail prisoners use when attending all courts – an improvement in safety and security. This remodel will also allow for a more spacious jury deliberation room.
The funding would be partial – the remainder of funding coming from County Capitol improvements – funding decisions have not been made at this time.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

This new floor plan will reduce the opportunity for serious incidents created by all participants entering the courtroom through the same entrance area, it will also create a more spacious and comfortable jury deliberation room. This proposed plan moves a hallway used to transport inmates from the jail to all courtrooms to a more central part of the building (it currently comes out right next to an exit door), and includes a secure attorney meeting room within the secure locked area. These changes will reduce inmate escape/incident risk.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

The request is to use TCIA funds to fund only part of this project the remainder would be county funded

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

Yes – this courtroom is utilized regularly by superior court – the enhanced security will benefit all courts using the courtroom.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Pacific County

Title of Program or Project: COURT CAPACITY ENHANCEMENTS

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$47,958 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The funds maintain a .10 FTE increase in district court judicial staffing, including wages and benefits.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
This increase has enabled the district courts to provide additional court days to manage increasing caseloads.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
The TCIA funds are being used to increase district court appropriations.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.
These funds only apply to our district courts at this time.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Pacific County

Title of Program or Project: COURT CAPACITY ENHANCEMENTS

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$55,374 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
We will continue to maintain a .10 FTE increase in district court judicial staffing, including wages and benefits.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
This increase will enable the district courts to continue to provide additional court days and manage increasing caseloads.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

The TCIA funds will be used to increase district court appropriations.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

In 2008, these funds will apply to district courts only.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Pend Oreille County

Title of Program or Project: DISTRICT COURT JUDGE/COURT COMMISSIONER SALARY

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$10,890 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
Self-explanatory.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Secures funding for the court commissioner.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Funds are used to shift burden from the general fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

Both superior and district courts.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Pierce County

Title of Program or Project: COURT COMMISSIONER

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: New Superior Court Commissioner (10/06) and 22nd judicial department (12/05)

\$195,463 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The funds were used to offset the cost of the 7th Court Commissioner in Superior Court which was added in October, 2006. Funds were also used to offset the added expense associated with the 22nd judicial department in Superior Court which began in December, 2005.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
Added judicial resources aid in handling the workload in Superior Court. It allowed Superior Court to create and maintain an Ex Parte Department.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Funds were used to offset/supplement county funds.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Pierce County

Title of Program or Project: CLERKS OFFICE REMODEL (CCB) - DISTRICT COURT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$100,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The District and Superior Court agreed that for 2008 the District Court would budget \$100,000 of TCIA revenue to assist in accomplishing a remodel of the District Court clerks office space on the 6th floor of the County-City Building in downtown Tacoma. This involves replacing carpet and landscape furniture that is 20 years old, as well as reconfiguration of the public counter space to better serve the public and provide for ADA accommodation.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

This project will increase efficiency by increasing access in the court's public counter service. In addition, it will allow compliance with ADA requirements and provide for greater flexibility in staff assignments. We plan to monitor the public service volume impact through newly installed Q-Matic software. This will allow us to produce before and after service volume data by which the impact can be measured and validated.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

These funds are not being used to supplement other funding. But for this funding, the project, which is a onetime expenditure, would not be undertaken. Pierce County is now planning on a 1.5% budget reduction from the 2008 appropriation (and a 3% reduction in 2009). So, we are very fortunate to have these onetime TCIA monies available at this critical moment.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

There is no direct benefit to other courts.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Skagit County

Title of Program or Project: ELECTRONIC DISPLAY PANELS FOR COURT CALENDARS

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Electronic display panels that will show court calendars for both superior and district courts. Displayed will be the name, location (courtroom) and time of every hearing or trial scheduled for a specific day. The screen will scroll through all the names, refreshing every 15-20 seconds. This information can be edited at any time.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

This project has gone out for public bid. Currently, both superior and district courts hold calendars and hearings in multiple buildings (Courthouse, Larry Muller Public Safety Building and Administration Building - hearing rooms). Paper calendars are hung throughout the courthouse with the superior court's schedule only. Many people, however, assume that district court is also located in the courthouse. Defendants, litigants, attorneys and the public will find that they are in the wrong building after standing in line and going through security screening. Ultimately they end up getting to the correct location late. A display panel will show specifically where they should be and at what time. The location of a calendar, hearing or trial can change at the last moment due to another case concluding early, settling, or being stricken. Ex parte also moves courtrooms sometimes within 15 minutes of the start of the calendar. A display panel will reflect correct location information. People are used to reading airport monitors. These panels will reduce the public's frustration with being at the wrong place. Having people to court on time will eliminate down-time for the judge.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

TCIA funds have been accruing specifically for a project that would benefit the courts. The TCCC approved this project in 2007.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.

At this time, the project will benefit both superior and district courts. It is the intent of the TCCC to expand to the municipal courts once the intra-structure is in place and funds are available.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Skamania County

Title of Program or Project: DISTRICT COURT CLERK POSITION

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$2,130	Amount expended for this project or service in 2007 AND/OR
\$0	Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Provide on-going funding for the district court clerk position.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Due to increased workload, a new clerk position was authorized in 2006 to assist the public.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Used to increase amount previously funded.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Skamania County

Title of Program or Project: DISTRICT COURT CLERK POSITION

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$2,200 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Provide on-going funding for the district court clerk position.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

Due to increased workload, a new clerk position was authorized in 2006 to assist the public.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
Used to increase amount previously funded.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.
No.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Snohomish County

Title of Program or Project: SUPERIOR COURT ADMINISTRATION COURT
SECURITY/SUPERIOR COURT VIDEO UPGRADE IN
HIGH SECURITY COURTROOM

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g.,

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$16,166 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

1. Increased security for Superior Court Administrative Offices.
2. Enhanced video capability in Superior Court High Profile Courtroom.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

These expenditures shifted funding from General Fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

No.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Snohomish County

Title of Program or Project: POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$869 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
1. Purchase of a Power Point Projector.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
It has been used for several staff instructional presentations as well as an All Court training day. In addition, for budget presentations.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
Shifted funding burden from general fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.
No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Snohomish County

Title of Program or Project: INTERPRETER WEB APPLICATION

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$31,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Software product that allows for interpreter self-scheduling via the internet and website. Allows for Court Administration to monitor and pay Interpreters more efficiently and quicker.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
This product will save Court Administration time, increase efficient use of interpreters and result in more timely and accurate payment and accounting for interpreter services.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Expenditure would otherwise be from general fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

This software will be purchased for use by District Court as well as Superior Court.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Snohomish County

Title of Program or Project: HIGH PROFILE COURTROOM AUDIO/MEDIA ENHANCEMENTS

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007 AND/OR

\$5,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Enhanced audio/video equipment.
Wireless microphones for Attorneys.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Provide better audio and video capability for all participants in the trial.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

This expenditure shifts funding burden from the General Fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Snohomish County

Title of Program or Project: PRESENTATION STATION

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$30,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Mobile courtroom presentation station to enhance audio, video, computer presentations in trial courtrooms. Mobile capability makes it available for all courtrooms.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Provides more facility for attorneys and witness as case is presented. Ease of viewing and listening for judge, witnesses and jury.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
Expenditure shift from General Fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.
No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Snohomish County

Title of Program or Project: WEB CONFERENCING

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$18,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Web Conferencing between downtown Everett Judges and Commissioners and Judges and Commissioners assigned to Juvenile Court (5 miles away) for meetings.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Web Conferencing will add to efficiency of Judges' meetings.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
Expenditure would otherwise be from General Fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.
No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Snohomish County

Title of Program or Project: DISTRICT COURT RECORDING ENHANCEMENT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$94,329 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.

Upgrade the recording system in 10 courtrooms for the purpose of having a complete record for every hearing.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

The current court recording system has voids in the official record. Where parties to a case move from their stationery position. The official record (CD sound discs) will be complete for individuals listening or requesting copy of the record and when forwarded on appeal.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
The funding did not and does not occur in the general fund. These funds provide for a project that would not otherwise occur.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.
No.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: WEBSITE DESIGN

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$10,147 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Hired a special project temporary help person to assist both courts in redesigning and updating their websites to better inform and link the public to available court services and information.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
New website content, elements and modifications and links improves citizen's understanding of court processes. Saves manpower because people are getting answers from the website rather than directing questions to a court employee. We can measure the number of website hits and compute labor hours saved. Anecdotal information passed along by users of the website (example - jurors).

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

The TCIA funds are used to supplement levels of service provided by the general fund so TCIA funds add a level of efficiency and enhancement that the general fund is unable to provide.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

Yes. Improves website accessibility and content for all citizens needing court services.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: SUPERIOR COURT JURY MANAGEMENT UPGRADE

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$916 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Purchased a wall-mounted platform, a thin-client computer and flat screen monitor used by jury management to ensure a quick and easy check-in process for all summoned jurors. Also arranged for the conversion of superior court's presentation and two VHS tapes to a DVD or CD format and electronically digitalized the video tape for the jury.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
Jurors instructions are more clearly communicated. Updated equipment replaces aging equipment and technology.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

Yes. All three courts (superior, juvenile and district). Superior court directs the summons process for all courts.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: CONSULTANT WORK TO SECURE A FEDERAL GRANT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Public safety.

\$7,761 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Payment is for consultant services to prepare the application and the Federal BJA Mental Health Planning Grant for superior court that was approved.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The consultant's work done on the JIMHS grant was instrumental in our receiving the grant. The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program seeks to increase public safety through innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals who come into contact with the criminal or juvenile justice systems.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

No.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: COURT BENCHES (DISTRICT COURT)

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$2,172 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Purchase of 19 court benches for courtroom seating.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
Provides more seating. The benches are anchored to the floor which promotes public safety.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.
No.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: COURT REPORTER MACHINE MAINTENANCE

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Maintenance of court equipment.

\$3,761	Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
	AND/OR
\$0	Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Repair and maintenance costs associated with the steno machines of 10 court reporters in superior court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
Well-maintained equipment ensures dependable transcription services.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.
No.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES FOR TRAINING AND THE SJI GRANT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$3,567 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
(1) SJI Grant - State Justice Institute grant-related expenses to support the application of the Strategic Planning Project; local match travel expenses (6/1/07 thru 5/31/08). (2) WASCLA Summit in Ellensburg, WA for four people. (3) Court Security meeting in SeaTac, WA for six people.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

(1) The court services strategic planning project will target how best to achieve court services in light of dramatically expanding service expectations. An experienced court and justice system and management consultant heads this project. (2) The WASCLA Summit brought together participants throughout WA state to share improvements and progress in working to ensure access to limited English proficient people. (3) The BJA Court Security Committee arranged for the US Marshall's Office to present court security training.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.

(1) No (2) Yes (3) Yes

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$3,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

The State Justice Institute (SJI) awarded a technical assistance grant to Spokane County District Court to support the application entitled "Strategic Planning Project." The project will target how best to achieve effective court services in light of dramatically expanding service expectations. The project is facilitated by an experienced court and justice system planning and management consultant. The Trial Court Improvement Account provides a local match to fund travel-related expenses of the consultant dedicated to the project.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

The project has increased working efficiencies among the judges through improved communication skills and team building. The conflict resolution component has improved decision making in complex situations.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.

Yes. This venture will promote better communication between the courts.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: DAY REPORTING SERVICES

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Frees up available jail space.

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$15,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Day reporting is a referral alternative to incarceration for qualified defendants. The service provider designs individually prepared programs for each defendant. Individuals are supervised, counseled and referred to community resources. This includes insistence on employment, demonstration of responsibility through payment of fees and participation in educational programs as appropriate. Day reporting provides constructive, supervised monitoring options for low-risk misdemeanant and felony defendants.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

Able to calculate jail cost savings as a result of day reporting; can track and measure recidivism rates; track services usage; and personal successes of defendants are wide-ranging (touches the community, families, etc.).

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

Yes. The Day Reporting Program provides an alternative sentencing option to district court, in addition to some superior court pretrial cases.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Stevens County

Title of Program or Project: JOINT EQUIPMENT/SOFTWARE PURCHASES

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$2,175 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

<p>Please provide a brief description of the project or service:</p> <p>The fax machine is used to send court calendars to attorneys; send and receive documents from other courts. Two conference tables are used in an extra courtroom. The hands-free phone headsets helps make clerks more efficient and provide better customer service by phone. The Desktop Dozen software is used in the courtroom to calculate dates in criminal cases. The Liberty Imaging System license provides timely access to images of scanned court documents.</p>

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

Improve speed and efficiency in communicating with attorneys and the public. Provides almost immediate access to court records. The software ensures accurate time calculations are made.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

We would not have had budget authority to purchase these items otherwise. There were no funds available.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.

The fax machine is available to other courts and court officers, i.e., juvenile/probation. The conference tables will be used by both levels of court. The hands-free headsets allow mobility to pull files from the vault while still talking to callers, shortening the time spent per phone call and providing more personalized customer service. Desktop Dozen is available to all users of the computer(s) on which it is installed. Liberty licenses were purchased for superior and juvenile court employees.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Stevens County

Title of Program or Project: JOINT EQUIPMENT/SOFTWARE PURCHASES

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$15,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.

(1) File server - a dedicated server specifically for the courts will improve speed and memory and allow a more secure backup for court recordings. (2) Wireless microphones will produce a superior verbatim report for appellate transcripts. (3) Assistive listening devices will make all courtrooms ADA compliant and improve the ability of the hard of hearing to participate in court proceedings. (4) Desktop Dozen software will enable clerks and judges to calculate speedy trial and other important dates in courtroom during hearings.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

See above.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

These funds will shift the burden from the general fund and quite honestly would probably not be approved if these TCIA funds were not available.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

Yes, it benefits all levels.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Walla Walla County

Title of Program or Project: PROBATION

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Probation assistance.

\$40,064 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Probation Assistant: learning all aspects of the probation office, helping with all probationers, paperwork, tracking, filing, meetings, etc.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The caseload was becoming overwhelming for one person. We have had this person on board for about eight months. We now have a better accountability and managing service to probationers and updated filings.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
We have no outside funding other than our county budget. This funding from the TCIA enabled us to hire help for our probation officer (we only had one).

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.
District court is the only office receiving this fund so far.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Walla Walla County

Title of Program or Project: PROBATION

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Probation assistance.

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$40,064 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Probation Assistant: learning all aspects of the probation office, helping with all probationers, paperwork, tracking, filing, meetings, etc.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The caseload was becoming overwhelming for one person. We have had this person on board for about eight months. We now have a better accountability and managing service to probationers and updated filings.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

We have no outside funding other than our county budget. This funding from the TCIA enabled us to hire help for our probation officer (we only had one).

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

District court is the only office receiving this fund so far.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whatcom County

Title of Program or Project: NIGHT COURT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$3,234 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$8,083 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Implemented a new night court program that allows participants in small claims court cases, as well as infraction mitigation and contested hearings an option to have their case heard during an evening session.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Implemented a new night court program that allows participants in small claims court cases, as well as infraction mitigation and contested hearings an option to have their case heard during an evening session.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
New program added specifically due to the availability of TCIA funds.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.
No.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whatcom County

Title of Program or Project: INCREASED STAFFING, DISTRICT COURT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g.,

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$32,000 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The TCIA revenues went toward: 1) increasing customer service with a new receptionist position, 2) maintaining customer service levels and dealing with increased volume of work with new cashier and court clerk positions.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level
1) Increases in customer service has been achieved with the implementation of the receptionist position; calls are now answered by a person and not immediately routed to a phone tree. At this point, 97% of all incoming calls are answered by a staff person who can more efficiently process and route the call.
2) The new cashier and court clerk positions have allowed the court to continue the same level of service to the public and to the judges, and effectively handle the increased volume of work.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

\$32,000 transfer from the TCIA fund to the General Fund used to help fund \$298,486 in additional expenditure authority added to District Court during the 2007-2008 biennial budget process.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

Yes, indirectly, by having a live receptionist answer the incoming calls the court is better able to route callers to the appropriate court or other department when the caller is confused about which court or department is appropriate for their inquiry/situation.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whatcom County

Title of Program or Project: MULTI-COURT VIDEO VIEWING ROOM

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$11,250 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Constructed second video viewing room for in-jail courtroom.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level
With second viewing room the court is able to segregate victims of crime from inmate supporters/family and the public at large, enhancing security for victims of crime.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

TCIA funds are used to contribute to this expansion of the video viewing room for in-jail court appearances (First Appearances) by inmates. The project is jointly funded with Admin Services Fund; Admin Services pays for the facility improvements and TCIA pays for equipment and furnishings.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.

Yes, Superior, District and all Municipal Courts.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: MICROPHONE EQUIPMENT FOR DISTRICT COURT COURTROOM

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$3,765 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Replace microphones in the district court courtroom.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The old microphone equipment was purchased in 1979. Many of the microphones had been knocked to the floor more than once and the sound quality on the record was difficult to understand at times. Microphones that still worked effectively were taken to the Pullman branch of district court to replace their broken ones.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

The TCIA funds are deposited into a separate county fund. These monies are not used to replace or shift funding from any other revenue source.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.

Yes, as stated before, the superior court utilizes the district court courtroom too.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICE SYSTEM FOR THE DISTRICT COURT COURTROOM

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$2,154 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Purchase assistive listening device system for the district court courtroom.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Whitman County has a large population of elderly individuals as well as a large farming industry. Litigants, jurors and citizens frequently need an assistive listening device to understand the court proceedings.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

TCIA funds are deposited into a separate account.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

Yes.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: DESK FOR PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$1,747 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Purchase of a new desk.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The county commissioners authorized the creation of a new position for our probation department. There were no extra desks in the county which would fit the small space or provide the necessary function we needed.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
TCIA funds are deposited into a separate account.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.
No.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: REPLACE JURY BOX SEATING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT COURTROOM

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Comfort of jurors.

\$3,234 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Replacement of jury box seating.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The jury box chairs were installed when the courthouse was built in 1955. The seats and seatbacks were breaking down and uncomfortable for the jurors.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

TCIA funds are deposited into a separate county fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.

Yes, district court occasionally uses the superior court courtroom for jury trials.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: VIDEO CONFERENCING - DISTRICT COURT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$2,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Purchase of laptop and video conferencing equipment and software.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

Whitman County District Court is located in the Whitman County courthouse in Colfax, Washington. We also hold court two days a week in our satellite office in Pullman, Washington. We are a one judge court and it is very difficult to find a pro tem judge to handle in-custody first appearances. The video conferencing will allow the judge to due process defendants from any remote location.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

TCIA funds are deposited into a separate account.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

Yes. Judge Robinson is a superior court commissioner and may have occasion to use this system in that capacity.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: DIGITAL PRESENTER/DOCUMENT CAMERA FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$5,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Purchase digital presenter and document camera unit.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
This device will enable case participants to more easily present evidence and documents to the judge and jury during trial and other hearings. Objects and documents can be placed on the platform and projected onto an overhead screen. It can also play DVD's and be connected to a laptop to project information, i.e., power point presentations, etc.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

TCIA funds are deposited into a separate account.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

Yes. This unit will be portable, enabling the district court to use it as well.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: TELEVISION AND DVD/VHS PLAYER FOR DISTRICT COURT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: Alcohol and other drug court (AOD court).

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$800 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
Purchase a flat screen television and a DVD/VHS player for the Pullman branch of the district court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Judge Robinson conducts the alcohol and other drug therapeutic court two-three times per month in the Pullman branch of the district court. Judge Robinson frequently uses videos during these sessions. The City of Pullman allows the court to use their TV/VCR, however it is not always available.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
TCIA funds are deposited into a separate fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.
No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: MICROPHONES/SOUND SYSTEM FOR SUPERIOR COURT COURTROOM

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$4,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Purchase microphones/sound system for the superior court courtroom.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The microphones and sound amplification system in the superior court courtroom is very old (unsure of its age). It does not produce adequate amplification and the audio recording is poor because the microphones are old and the recording system has been updated to FTR gold.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

TCIA funds are deposited into a separate fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

Yes, as the district court uses the superior court courtroom quite often.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: ELECTRONIC KEY ACCESS FOR THE DISTRICT COURT COURTROOM, CLERK'S OFFICE AND JUDGE'S CHAMBERS

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$1,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Purchase equipment and software for electronic keypad access to the district court courtroom, the district court judge's chambers and the district court clerk's office.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

Current electronic keypad access to the courtroom and judge's chambers is non-functioning. The technology is outdated and they are beyond repair. In addition, the clerk's office needs to be able to allow remote entry into the interior counter.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

TCIA funds are deposited into a separate fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: COUNSEL TABLES FOR BOTH THE DISTRICT COURT AND SUPERIOR COURT COURTROOMS

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$2,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Purchase four new counsel tables for both courtrooms - superior and district court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Current counsel tables were purchased in the 1950's; they are heavy and difficult to move. In addition, it is difficult for two people to sit at each table as the legs are positioned too close to the center of the table.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

TCIA funds are deposited into a separate fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.

Yes, both courts would receive the new tables.

2007 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Yakima County

Title of Program or Project: LOWER VALLEY DISTRICT COURT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$50,607 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR
\$0 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

<p>Please provide a brief description of the project or service:</p> <p>The funds will continue to assist with the operating expenses of the newly established Yakima County District Court satellite office in Grandview. The court offers District and Superior Court services in addition to providing juvenile and adult offender probation services for the southeastern region of the county.</p>
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Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

Cases are now heard at the court nearest to the involved law enforcement agency and/or citizen's residence. In a county with over 4,000 square miles and no bus service, this satellite court has provided economic assistance for law enforcement, legal counsel and local citizens in time and mileage savings; and it has created a clear presence of justice in the Lower Valley area of our county. Since we opened we have gone from 2.5 days of court in session to five days a week. We have two adult probation officers and one juvenile court probation officer in the building which has drastically reduced the number of probation "no show" appointments. In the last year we have also implemented video arraignments when the need arises.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

We had two office specialists assigned to this budget in 2007. The Lower Valley Court was disbanded several years ago due to funding issues. Because of a 3/10ths of one cent tax initiative that was passed in 2005, we were able to secure funding to lease a court building. The TCIA money has enabled us to staff the front office and provide an in-court clerk. Other positions, maintenance, equipment and supply costs that cannot be covered by TCIA or 3/10ths funds are paid for from the general fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court: If so, describe how.

The expenditures from the TCIA fund benefit District Court, Superior Court, Juvenile Court and both Juvenile and Adult Probation.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Yakima County

Title of Program or Project: FAMILY COURT

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$38,894 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

<p>Please provide a brief description of the project or service:</p> <p>Due to increased caseloads, we have added a part-time court commissioner effective January 1, 2008. Part of her salary will be charged to the TCIA fund (approximately 25%). Adding this position will give some relief to the already over-burdened family law dockets. An increased domestic relations caseload and dramatic rise in number of pro se litigants has significantly expanded the docket beyond capacity. We foresee having to increase the position to full-time at some time in the near future if trends continue in this direction.</p>

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

The part-time commissioner is a new position in 2008. Funding was not previously available. Only 25% of a full-time court commissioner salary is being funded from the TCIA funds. We are funding the rest of her part-time position from the general fund. If she goes full-time, we will fund the rest of her position from the 3/10ths tax initiative.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.

Future plans are to expand Superior and Juvenile court services in the rural Lower Valley of Yakima County. Services may include expanded truancy dockets and/or Domestic Violence Court sessions. The Domestic Violence Court is a new 2008 project which will include multiple court jurisdictions and focus on consolidation of duplicative court orders. The new superior court commissioner will be involved in some or all of these projects.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Yakima County

Title of Program or Project: LOWER VALLEY DISTRICT COURT - 2008

Project/Service Category

Programs:

- New program
- Expansion of existing program
- Restoration of previously de-funded program

Facilities/Equipment:

- Capital improvements
- Equipment or technology
- Software or licenses

Staffing:

- Increase in salary or benefits for existing judicial officers
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for judicial officers
- New or increased position (e.g., part-time to full-time) for non-judicial officers
- Additional time or services from contracted direct service providers to clients/litigants (e.g., courthouse facilitators, interpreters)

This project/service is primarily designed to improve which of the following:

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: _____

\$0 Amount expended for this project or service in 2007
AND/OR

\$98,046 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

<p>Please provide a brief description of the project or service:</p> <p>The funds will continue to assist with the operating expenses of the newly established Yakima County District Court satellite office in Grandview. The court offers District and Superior Court services in addition to providing juvenile and adult offender probation services for the southeastern region of the county.</p>
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Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

Cases are now heard at the court closest to the law enforcement agencies and/or citizen's residence. In a county with over 4,000 square miles and no bus service, this satellite court has provided economic assistance for law enforcement, legal counsel, local citizens in time and mileage savings and it has created a clear presence of justice in the Lower Valley area of our county. Since we opened we have gone from 2.5 days of court in session to five days a week. We have two adult probation officers and one juvenile court probation officer in the building which has drastically reduced the number of probation "no show" appointments. In the last year we have also implemented video arraignments when the need arises.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

We have 2.5 office specialists assigned to this budget in 2008. The Lower Valley Court was disbanded several years ago due to funding issues. Because of a 3/10ths of one cent tax initiative that was passed in 2005, we were able to secure funding to lease a court building. The TCIA money has enabled us to staff the front office and provide an in-court clerk. Other positions, maintenance, equipment and supply costs that cannot be covered by TCIA or 3/10ths funds are paid for from the general fund.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.

Superior, Juvenile and District Courts and Adult and Juvenile Probation.