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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, 2007 and 2008. This report covers the use, or intended use, of those funds distributed for 2008 as well as plans for funds to be distributed in 2009. The year 2008 was the first full year in which 50% of the Equal Justice Sub-Account was available for this purpose. Disbursements to the counties and cities increased from \$2,192,227 in 2007 to \$3,175,000 in 2008. The 2008 disbursements reflect the anticipated future funding level for the program. More than 80% of jurisdictions reported that trial court improvements were funded from the accounts in 2008. Many have plans in place for 2009. A 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 2008 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 2008.)

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.

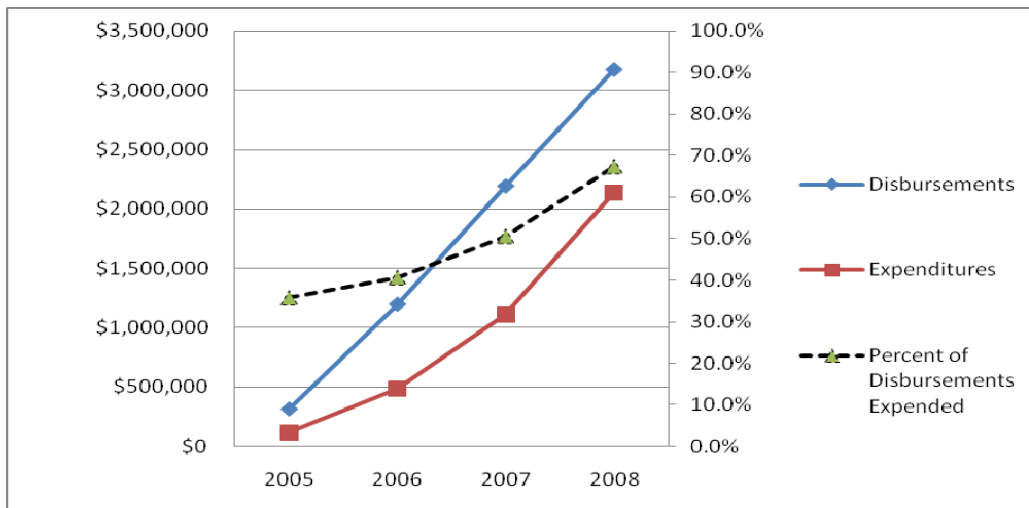
Funds in the account are appropriated by the legislative authority of each county, city, or town and must be used to fund improvements to court staffing, programs, facilities, and services.

2008 Trial Court Improvement Account Use

In March 2009, a request was made to courts for information regarding actual use in 2008 and intended use in 2009 of the Trial Court Improvement Accounts (Appendix A). All 39 counties and 17 qualifying cities receiving partial reimbursement for district and qualifying municipal court judges' salaries reported on the use or intended use of funds received in 2008.

General Status of Appropriations

In 2008 the transition to the ongoing funding level and to TCIA funded programs, projects and services in all participating courts was completed. As provided in the legislation creating the TCIA's, this was the first full calendar year in which 50% of the Equal Justice Sub-Account was 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 \$2,191,396, based on a 25% share for the first half of the year and a 50% share for the second half. In 2008 jurisdictions received \$3,174,590.



Continuing the trend resulting from additional available funds and increasing institutionalization of trial court improvement programs in the participating jurisdictions, expenditures increased by 91% from \$1,107,260 in 2007 to \$2,134,921 in 2008. (From 2006 to 2007, expenditures more than doubled, increasing from \$485,458 to

\$1,107,258.) In 2008 jurisdictions spent two-thirds of the funds remitted during the year versus one-half in 2007. The number of courts using TCIA funds increased dramatically from 29 out of 54 qualifying jurisdictions in 2007 (54%) to 41 out of 56 in 2008 (73%). 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.

From the inception of the program through 2008, \$6,872,970 has been provided for Trial Court Improvement Accounts and \$3,838,782 has been used. This indicates that a significant amount of money has been “banked” for future use.

Annual Disbursements and Expenditures

	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total for Program
Total Disbursements	\$310,770	\$1,194,973	\$2,192,227	\$3,175,000	\$ 6,872,970
Planned Expenditures		\$292,151	\$1,054,942	\$1,597,693	
Planned as a Percent of Disbursements		24.4%	48.1%	50.3%	
Actual Expenditures	\$111,145	\$485,458	\$1,107,258	\$2,134,921	\$3,838,782
Actual as a Percent of Disbursements	35.8%	40.6%	50.5%	67.2%	55.9%

The current year (2009) will mark the third in which jurisdictions will use the major portion of available funds. Statewide, 40 jurisdictions have budgeted \$2,605,600 in 2009, and several others are working toward making 2009 budgeting decisions later in the year.

2005 TCIA Report	Number of Jurisdictions	2006 TCIA Report	Number of Jurisdictions	2007 TCIA Report	Number of Jurisdictions	2008 TCIA Report	Number of Jurisdictions
Funds expended in 2005:	4	Funds expended in 2006:	26	Funds expended in 2007:	29	Funds expended in 2008:	41
Funds budgeted for 2006:	13	Funds budgeted for 2007:	28	Funds budgeted for 2008:	28	Funds budgeted for 2009:	40
No determination for 2006:	34	No determination for 2007:	25	No determination for 2008:	26	No determination for 2009:	16

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 32 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. On the expenditure side, of those reporting, 11 jurisdictions indicated that the TCIA funds were allocated within the court's general operating budget and 26 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	2009
Superior Court Operating Budget:	1	0	0	2
District Court Operating Budget:	5	6	7	2
Superior and District Court Operating Budgets:	1	2	3	3
Municipal Court Operating Budget:	2	3	4	4
Separate "Trial Court Improvement Account" Budget:	16	23	17	26
Other County or City Budget:	-	-	7	2
Not determined:	21	19	16	17

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 2008 and of 2009 budget allocations and structures by jurisdiction is located in Appendix A.

Budget Allocation Decision Processes

In 2008 collaboration among the courts on spending decisions and participation of Trial Court Coordination Councils increased marginally. 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. Eleven counties (versus ten in 2007) report that the superior and district courts have executed an agreement on how funds will be allocated.

- As in 2007, 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.
- 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.

As in 2008, there are indications in five jurisdictions that the TCIA funds were 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.

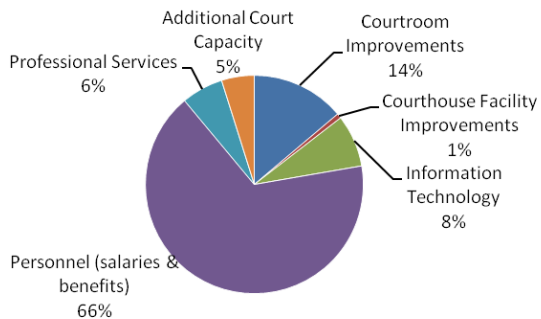
However, issues with executive branch control appeared to have eased somewhat from 2007. A district court where the county commission had directed that the TCIA funds be used for the salary of an existing full-time judge now has authority to spend the funds for other purposes. A municipal court which reported that in 2007 TCIA funds had been deposited directly into the general fund with no provision that they be directed to the court reported that in 2008 the funds were allocated to support the judge's salary at 95% of a district court judges pay and with a commitment that a portion of the funds would be available for the court to invest in an records management system. Nevertheless, in this case the local legislative body made these decisions without consulting the court leadership and used the funds for a position that was already full-time.

Comments on Actual and Planned Expenditures

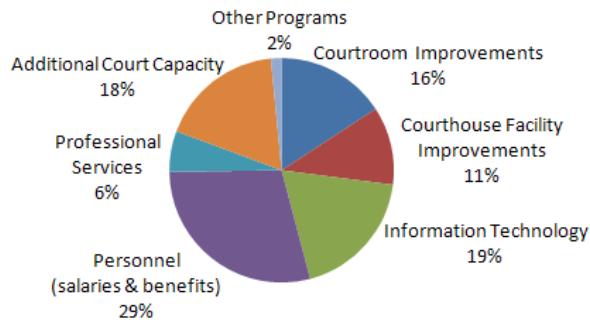
As the TCIA funds increased and the transition to use of the funds continued in 2008, the number of jurisdictions reporting TCIA expenditures grew to 41 from 28 in 2006 and 34 in 2007, and the number with plans in place for at least part of available and anticipated TCIA dollars grew from 26 for 2008 to 40 for 2009. Actual expenditures in 2007 and 2008 and budgeted 2009 expenditures can be broken down as follows:

	2007 Actual	# of Jurisdictions	2008 Actual	# of Jurisdictions	2009 Budgeted	# of Jurisdictions
Courtroom Improvements	\$153,264	12	\$337,270	19	\$218,745	14
Courthouse Facility Improvements	\$7,779	5	\$240,192	9	\$202,620	9
Information Technology	\$85,592	8	\$402,606	12	\$591,977	10
Personnel (salaries & benefits)	\$738,061	18	\$616,465	19	\$690,931	17
Professional Services	\$68,722	4	\$125,426	7	\$103,494	5
Additional Court Capacity	\$53,842	2	\$380,392	2	\$151,440	3
Other New Programs	\$0	0	\$32,500	1	\$171,112	3
To Be Determined²	n/a		n/a		\$475,281	13
	\$1,107,260		\$2,134,851		\$2,605,600	

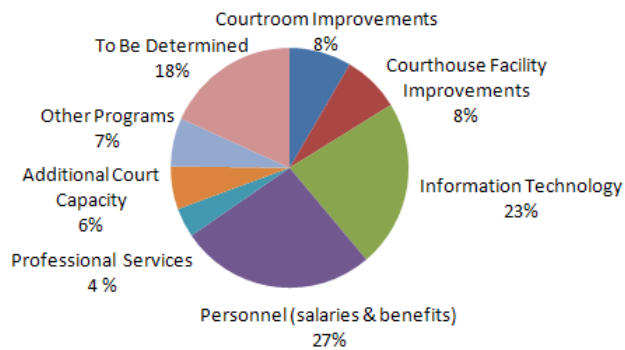
2007 Actual Expenditures



2008 Actual Expenditures



2009 Planned Expenditures



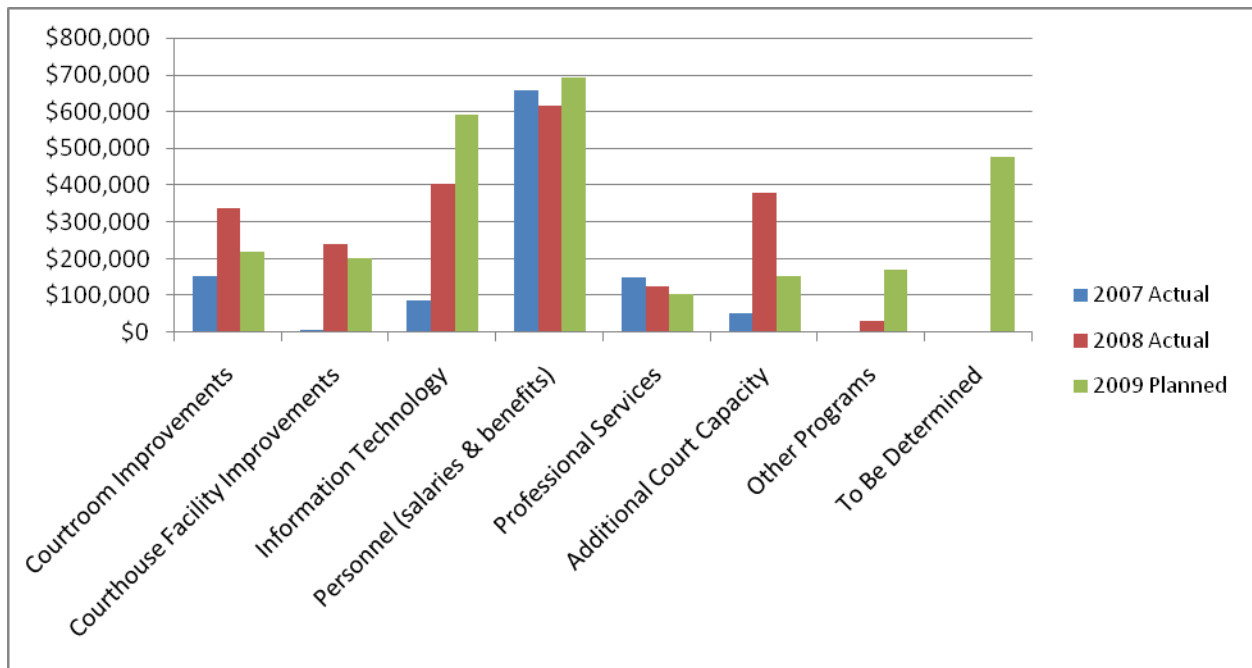
Distribution of funds among the court levels also changed from 2007 when the preponderance of the funds were used to benefit courts of limited jurisdiction. While all used more TCIA funds in 2008, the superior courts' share rose from 36% to 46%.

Expenditures	2007	%	2008	%
Superior Courts	\$402,588	36.4%	\$986,740	46.2%
District Courts	\$521,939	47.1%	\$649,771	30.4%
Municipal Courts	\$182,731	16.5%	\$498,410	23.3%
	\$1,107,258	100.0%	\$2,134,921	100.0%

² Funds are in local expenditure budgets, but their actual use is yet to be determined.

The 2008 expenditures and 2009 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.”



Although a smaller portion of TCIA funds overall were spent on personnel, funding salaries and benefits, particularly for judicial officers, continues to consume the largest share of TCIA dollars. Most of the jurisdictions using the funds for this purpose have committed to this use for the long-term, thus limiting the availability of funds for other purposes.

In the other 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.

This report describes a variety of other uses. Information technology, including the

acquisition and implementation of computer equipment and software accounts for the second largest portion of the funds. Courts have invested funds in upgrading to modern electronic equipment including courtroom recording systems, sound systems, presentation and video equipment. Acquisition of additional capacity in the form of new courtrooms and additional court time in existing courtrooms also represents a significant use.

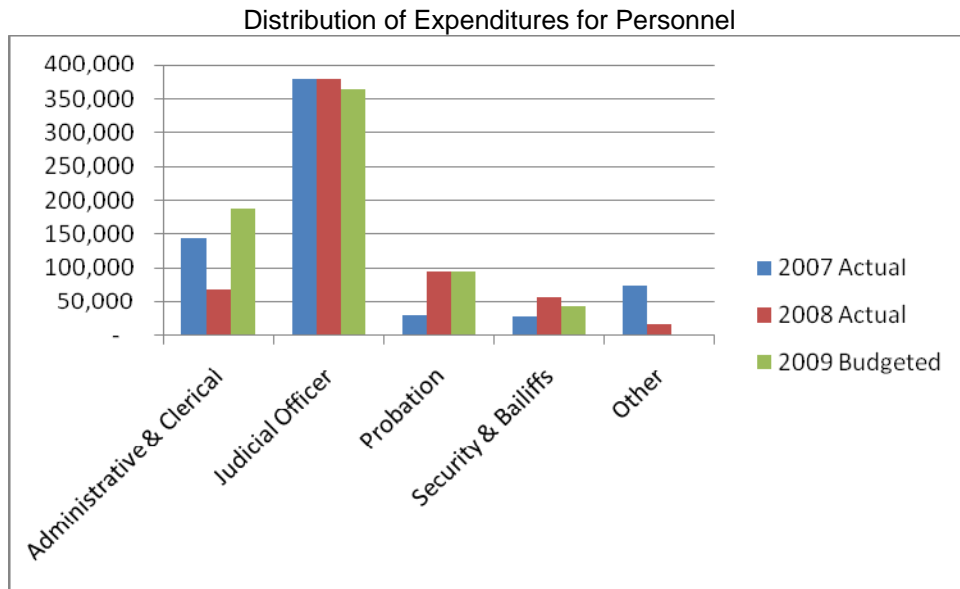
Jurisdictions reported that TCIA uses can be broken down in these ways:

2006	2007	2008	2009 ³	
5	10	12	16	Funds a new program or service not previously provided by the court.
4	9	14	9	Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
0	1	3	5	Funds restore a previously de-funded program.
1	9	11	9	Funds capital facilities or equipment for the court.
16	34	57	46	Funds equipment, technology, or software.
15	40	57	45	Funds a one-time expense for a project or service.
15	21	30	23	Funds a recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years.
4	3	5	5	Funds are primarily used to increase salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
0	3	3	3	Funds are primarily used to increase salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
3	6	5	2	Funds are primarily used for new or increased (e.g., part-time to full-time) position for judicial officers.
6	9	7	4	Funds are primarily used for new or increased (e.g., part-time to full-time) position for non-judicial personnel.

Personnel: The 2008 TCIA reports shows a drop in the expenditure of TCIA funds for personnel in the courts, a use which had grown substantially over the first three years of the program. In 2008, 29% (\$616,465 in 19 jurisdictions) of TCIA dollars expended statewide went to salaries and benefits, compared to 59% (\$656,657 in 18 jurisdictions)

³ Planned projects, programs and services.

in 2007. Salaries and benefits constitute 29% of the 2009 expenditures planned by the courts as of March 2009.



In the category of personnel costs, the predominant use is to fund judicial officers (more than one-half of the jurisdictions using TCIA funds for personnel) reported this type of use in 2008. In addition, courts report using TCIA funds for a variety of other positions including bailiffs, clerks, probation officers and support staff, a security officer, a manager, and a law clerk.

Eight courts of limited jurisdiction, including six municipal courts, indicated that they are using their TCIA funds to fund portions of judges' salaries. Five of these jurisdictions increased judges' hours and/or added judicial positions. As originally reported in 2006, two municipal courts 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 four 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.

As in 2007, three jurisdictions reported using TCIA funds to pay for personnel in their probation departments.

In addition to the jurisdictions which separately reported personnel-related expenditures, two reported using funds for the operation of courts created in prior years because of the availability of TCIA funds; 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.

Prior annual TCIA reports concluded that the use of TCIA funds to cover personnel costs would grow. The 2008 jurisdiction reports show it leveling off and a shift in emphasis to investments in equipment. Nevertheless, the 2008 reports indicate that most of the current expenditures for judicial officer salaries, probation staff, and administrative employees will continue into the future. Seventeen courts indicated that TCIA funds will be used for personnel-related costs with no fixed duration and that they plan to continue the positions and funding arrangements in 2009. Therefore, for 17 jurisdictions, the substantial 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. In 11 jurisdictions all TCIA funds will be used to cover personnel costs. In addition the impact of cuts in local jurisdiction budgets may result in more TCIA money spent on personnel the next few years.

Court Operations: As anticipated, in those jurisdictions using the funds for purposes other than personnel, 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, as plans reported last year indicated, the amount for courtroom improvements grew, but the amount spent for improvements for other court facilities jumped from \$7,779 to \$240,192. Also, as indicated in last year's report a substantial amount (\$380,392) was used to fund the expansion of court capacity (i.e., more courtrooms and additional court time in existing courtrooms).

Courts continue to use TCIA funds to acquire electronic equipment essential for courtroom operations. In 2008, 10 jurisdictions used the money to make a large overall investment (\$230,558 or 11% of all TCIA funds expended) in courtroom recording

systems and five purchased sound and assisted listening equipment. Plans for 2009 indicate an emphasis on the implementation of video systems in courtrooms, with five courts planning to spend \$102,293.

Past years' reports noted that the limited TCIA dollars available, particularly in smaller jurisdictions, restrict the opportunities for improvements to small capital purchases. However, as more TCIA funds have become available, many smaller jurisdictions have been able to make significant investments in equipment and technology. On the other hand, few jurisdictions have reported expenditures for larger capital projects such as the construction or acquisition of new facilities.

Also, as noted in past years' reports, 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 that TCIA funds have been used for such core operational needs is indicative of the degree to which courts have been underfunded in past years.

Increased Court Capacity: Courts use TCIA funds to expand facilities and to enable increased and enhanced usage of existing facilities, or the implementation of therapeutic and problem-solving courts. Two jurisdictions reported the completion of 2008 projects that used the funds to partially pay for additional courtrooms. One county will start a drug court in 2009. However, no jurisdictions reported plans to use TCIA funds to add courtrooms in 2009.

Information Technology: Many jurisdictions report funding information technology in the form of equipment and software. The relatively small number using TCIA funds for personal computers and the types of applications implemented by local courts reflect the fact that the state, through the Judicial Information System (JIS) equipment replacement program, provides much of the computer equipment courts need and, through the JIS application, provides much of the automation courts need. A few courts spent TCIA funds to purchase equipment used for JIS applications.

As seen in 2007, however, jurisdictions are increasingly using the funds to acquire applications not provided through the JIS, and to purchase the equipment needed to run and use those applications. These include:

- Jury management systems for which five jurisdictions used TCIA money in 2008 and two plan to use in 2009.
- Record management systems for which two jurisdictions used TCIA money in 2008. Others indicated such systems as possible future TCIA projects or indicated plans to purchase related equipment.

Other jurisdictions reported using TCIA funds to undertake significant projects. The Seattle Municipal Court, which does not use the JIS, used TCIA funds to implement a data warehouse. King County Superior Court will fund replacement of its automated case management system.

Planning and Innovation: Three jurisdictions report funding, or plans to fund, strategic planning projects. Other innovative uses include funding for dispute resolution services and for a day reporting program which provides supervised monitoring for low-risk misdemeanor and felony defendants and which provides counseling and referral to community resources.

Access to Justice Improvements: Several jurisdictions reported expenditures for programs and improvements that enhance access to justice. This includes equipment, such as assistive listening devices, and facilities changes, that are directed toward people with disabilities. It also includes the translation of court documents and forms into other languages and the installation of foreign language signs in the courthouse.

Actual Reported Expenditures

Thirty-four jurisdictions reported actual expenditures in 2008 as follows:

Asotin County

- Replaced the recording system in superior court.
- Began to provide district court forms for which funding was cut from prosecutor's budget.
- Continued to provide wi-fi "hot spots" in both courts.

Benton County

- Continued to fund a pilot program, starting in August 2007, to provide a law clerk to assist judicial staff and the court administrator. †

- Funded first installment payment for purchase of automated jury management system.
- Purchased equipment and software for both courts including TTY machines, additional user licenses for records management system, recording equipment and software for new courtrooms, and a server for use by case management and jury management programs.

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. †

Clark County

Applied TCIA money to partially fund the construction of a Family Law Annex with three additional courtrooms for the superior court. †

Columbia County

Partially funded a video conference system connecting the courtroom and the jail.

Douglas County

Applied funds to remodeling 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.) †

Franklin County

- Continued to fund a pilot program, starting in August 2007, to provide a law clerk to assist judicial staff and the court administrator.
- Funded first installment payment for acquisition of an automated jury management program for use by both courts.
- Funded attendance by the superior court administrator, district court administrator, and county clerk at a national conference on court management.
- Acquired equipment for the superior court including a white board for the jury room, a TTY machine, and two interpreter headsets. †
- Acquired a printer for the clerk in each superior court courtroom. †

- Acquired equipment for the district court including desktop scanners and headsets for the hearing impaired to use in courtrooms. †

Garfield County

Upgraded recording systems by acquiring a wireless handheld microphone system for use in the courtrooms and a new recording machine, and repairing existing recording equipment. Implemented jury selecting software.

Grays Harbor County

- Acquired digital scanner, software, and support services to implement a digital records system for the district court.
- Continued district court contract with local dispute resolution center to provide mandatory mediation services for small claims cases prior to trial. †

Island County

Acquired presentation technology for superior court courtrooms.

Jefferson County

- Funded a civilian bailiff for jury trials in district court instead of using sheriff's deputies. Funded existing civilian bailiff services in superior court. †
- Purchased assistive listening systems for both superior and district court courtrooms.
- Funded an employee's attendance at interpreter workshop.

King County

- Continued to fund translation of commonly used superior court criminal and family law forms in such languages as Spanish, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Russian and Somali.
- Obtained consulting assistance in updating the superior court's strategic plan.
- Produced an informational "Navigating the Court" video for pro se litigants on the superior court's services and processes. The video is available in the court's website. †
- Established a pilot project for an Early Resolution Case Manager for the superior court at the Maleng Justice Center. †
- Provided knowledge center training for district court staff.

- Remodeled space in courthouse to enable the call center to move out of higher-cost leased space in another building.

Kitsap County

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

Kittitas County

- Purchased ADA compliant sound and recording systems for all three of the county's courtrooms.
- Acquired a new automated jury management system.

Klickitat County

Continued to partially fund a probation officer for the drug court. 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. †

Lewis County

Replaced chairs in district court jury box.

Lincoln County

- Acquired software and completed the imaging system in district court. †
- Upgraded the superior court sound system. †
- Purchased a copier for district court.

Mason County

- Acquired a portable recording system for use in both courts.
- Purchased assistive listening devices for each courtroom.

Okanogan County

- Purchased and installed new jury management software for use by both superior and district court; trained staff to use it. †
- Installed security door in hallway leading into back of the courtroom.

Pacific County

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

Pierce County

- Funded an expanded pro-tem judge program in superior court to accommodate more hearings.
- Remodeled the district court's clerk's office space including reconfiguring the public counter for better public service and access by persons with disabilities. †

Skamania County

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

Snohomish County

- Acquired software for use by both courts to schedule interpreters via the Internet, and monitor their use and determine the payments to them. †
- Purchased a mobile courtroom presentation station for audio, video and computer-based presentation in superior court trial courtrooms. †
- Upgrade the recording systems in 10 district court courtrooms. †

Spokane County

- Funded a temporary position to assist both courts in redesigning their websites.
- Acquired equipment for the jury check-in station in superior court.
- Purchased 175 chairs for superior court jury room.
- Acquired monitors, video projection equipment, and sound and a sound system for use in juror orientation and meetings in the superior court.
- Installed a card reader at the entrance to the superior court judges' chambers.
- Provided local match for State Justice Institute technical assistance grant to support a strategic planning project for the district court. †
- Supported the existing day reporting service for defendants in both courts. †

Stevens County

- Purchased four workstations for district court staff.
- Obtained, with labor contributed by a local high school shop class, a locking cabinet for recording equipment.

- Purchased new laptop computer for courtroom.
- Acquired a server for the automated records system used by both courts.
- Purchased a second (dual) monitor for each district court employee.
- Purchased a color printer for use by both courts for purposes such as the production of flyers and training aids, and to eliminate the need to outsource such work.
- Acquired a paper folding machine for use by both courts.

Wahkiakum County

- Upgraded courtroom recording system.
- Contributed funds to clerical staff salaries in order to maintain staffing levels when both courts' budgets were reduced.

Walla Walla County

Continued to partially fund a district court probation assistant position. †

Whatcom County

- Continued to fund a night court for small claims cases. †
- Constructed second video viewing room for in-jail courtroom. †

Whitman County

- Purchased laptop computers for both the superior and district court judges.
- Purchased a digital camera for district court probation.
- Replaced the sound amplification system in the superior court courtroom. †
- Acquired Spanish language teaching software.
- Installed equipment and software for electronic keypad access to the district court courtroom, judge's chambers, and clerk's office. †

Yakima County

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

City of Auburn

Continued to partially fund the salary of a court commissioner. †

City of Bremerton

- Upgraded the recording system in one courtroom. †
- Enabled four desktop computers to be used for reviewing and duplicating recordings.

City of Edmonds

Installed controls and door to upgrade security for the judge's chambers and the probation office. †

City of Federal Way

Continued to partially fund an additional judge. †

City of Kent

Funded a new probation clerk. †

City of Kirkland

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

City of Olympia

Increased the judge's salary to 95% of a district court judge's salary.

City of Renton

Partially funded the judge's salary in order to pay at 95% of a district court judge's salary.

City of Seattle

- Implemented a data warehouse.
- Acquired new personal computers and servers in order to migrate to newer office and email software.

City of Tacoma

- Remodeled a courtroom to improve sound quality and appearance.
- Installed cables needed for new electronic recording equipment.

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 2008 was reported as a planned 2008 expenditure in the 2007 TCIA Use Report.

Planned 2009 Expenditures

Thirty-five jurisdictions reported firm planned expenditures for 2009 as follows:

Asotin County

- Replace recording system for district court.
- Continue to provide district court forms for which funding was cut from prosecutor's budget.
- Continue to provide wi-fi "hot spots" in both courts.

Benton County

- Purchase equipment for district court including assistive listening devices, interpreter headsets and transmitters, a jury room table, and laptops and printers for judges.
- Purchase ergonomic task chairs for district court staff.
- Fund second installment payment for automated jury management system.
- Upgrade the recording system in juvenile court.
- Purchase equipment and furniture for superior court including chairs for court reporters, a desktop computer and printer in the law library, and a refrigerator for the jury room.
- Fund workers compensation costs for pilot law clerk program undertaken in 2007 and 2008.
- Fund conference attendance for district court administrator and county clerk.

Clallam County

Continue to fund a courthouse security officer position.

Clark County

Fund a drug and alcohol education program for youth. (Additional 2009 funding decisions will be made later.)

Cowlitz County

- Acquire electronic reader boards for display of superior court calendars in lobby.
- Complete translation of documents, forms and signs begun in 2008.
- Fund activities to complete a strategic plan for the juvenile court.

Douglas County

Continue to apply funds to remodeling 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.)

Ferry County

Contribute funds for acquisition of new automated jury management system for use by courts in the Ferry-Pend Oreille-Stevens judicial district. In Ferry County both the superior and district courts will use the system.

Franklin County

- Upgrade digital recording system for the juvenile court.
- Purchase a podium for attorneys to use on one courtroom.
- Acquire a projector for one courtroom.
- Purchase two chairs for district court judges.
- Fund second installment payment for acquisition of an automated jury management program for use by both courts.

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.

Island County

Acquire video conferencing technology and additional monitors for jurors to view evidence.

Jefferson County

Continue to fund a civilian bailiff for jury trials in district court instead of using sheriff's deputies and to contribute to funding for the existing civilian bailiff services in superior court.

King County

- Produce parenting seminar materials, including printed materials and a DVD of the seminar, in multiple languages (originally planned for 2008).
- Produce an informational DVD on superior court services and processes specifically for pro se family law litigants (originally planned for 2008).
- Purchase portable and close range video conferencing equipment for use in trials (originally planned for 2008).
- Print brochures on a variety of juvenile programs (originally planned for 2008).
- Continue a pilot project for an Early Resolution Case Manager at the Maleng Justice Center through September 2009.
- Conduct pilot project(s) to implement recommendations in the superior court's Children and Family Operational Master Plan which was approved in 2006 (originally planned for 2008).
- Obtain additional consulting services for updating the superior court's strategic plan.
- Provide multi-lingual signs in the courthouse.
- Provide funding for replacement of the superior court's automated case management system.

Kitsap County

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

Kittitas County

Partially fund an adult drug court.

Klickitat County

Continue to partially fund a probation officer for the drug court.

Pacific County

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

Pend Oreille County

- Contribute to funding a new automated jury management system for use by courts in the Ferry-Pend Oreille-Stevens judicial district. In Pend Oreille County both the superior and district courts will use the system.
- Purchase a DVD/CD player for courtroom use by both courts.

San Juan County

Use funds as match for grant from Washington State Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program. The TCIA funds will be used for audio (including assistive listening devices), video and ADA-related upgrades in the courtroom.

Skagit County

Acquire electronic display panels for court calendars for superior and district courts. This project was originally planned for 2007, but received no responses to a request for bids. The county has revised the specifications and will rebid the project.

Skamania County

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

Snohomish County

- Implement technology upgrades for the superior court.
- Implement security improvements for the district court. These include barriers, glass customer service windows and electronic entry doors.

Spokane County

- Continue to support the existing day reporting service for defendants in both courts.
- Replace carpet in the juvenile detention center's school.
- Replace floor in the juvenile detention center's intake area.
- Purchase a new photocopier for the juvenile court.
- Install a cage barrier in the juvenile court's transport vehicle.
- Replace video view stations used for hearings in the jail.
- Acquire an assisted listening system for the superior court jury room.

Stevens County

- Install an assistive listening device in the commissioner's hearing room.
- Purchase four workstations for district court staff.
- Purchase a hands-free phone set for juvenile court.
- Acquire an additional microphone to record side bar/bench conferences and sound masking equipment to ensure the courtroom audience cannot hear such conferences.
- Purchase desktop scanners so that all clerk's office staff can scan documents. The position that was responsible for scanning was eliminated in the 2009 budget.
- Purchase software to enable clerk's staff to send records to the court of appeals electronically.
- Purchase report 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.

Yakima County

- Continue to 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 salary of a court commissioner.

City of Bremerton

Provide security and public access features for new permanent court facility.

City of Edmonds

- Improve security by installing wireless duress alarms for the judge and others who interface with the public. Note: originally planned for implementation in prior years.

- Implement a video arraignment system connecting the jail and the court.

City of Everett

Implement a video arraignment system connecting the county jail and the court. This was originally planned for 2008.

City of Federal Way

Continue to fund partially fund an additional judge.

City of Kent

Continue to fund the probation clerk initially added using TCIA funds in 2008.

City of Kirkland

Continue to fund judicial officer increased hours.

City of Olympia

Continue to fund an increase in the judge's salary to 95% of a district court judge's salary begun in 2008.

City of Renton

Continue to partially fund the judge's salary in order to maintain the pay at 95% of a district court judge's salary.

City of Seattle

Fund technology improvements.

City of Tacoma

Fund additional clerical staff needed to process photo enforced infractions.

City of Yakima

Continue to fund the increase in judge's salaries to 95% of a district court judge's salary begun in 2006.

The following 10 jurisdictions reported that a final decision had not yet been reached on how funds will be used in 2009. In four, funds have been allocated for use by the court, but specific expenditure plans are not yet in place. In some of the 10, identified projects

or expenditures were under active consideration.

- Chelan County
- Clark County
- Columbia County
- Lewis County
- Lincoln County
- Okanogan County
- Pierce County
- Whitman County
- City of Puyallup
- City of Tacoma

The following six 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
- Garfield County
- Grant County⁴
- Mason County
- Wahkiakum County
- City of Marysville

As the fund levels have increased in jurisdictions allowing funds to accrue, the number of jurisdictions in this category has declined from 16 in 2006 and 12 in 2007.

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

⁴ Four small municipal courts in Grant County also received small amounts of money (\$26-\$128). These funds were used for operating expenses in those courts.

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	2008	
16	17	23	Civil
5	8	8	Civil – Arbitration
11	16	21	Civil – Small Claims
12	16	23	Criminal – Felony
23	34	38	Criminal – Misdemeanor
10	14	21	Juvenile Offender
11	14	20	Family Law
19	23	28	Domestic Violence
8	11	15	Dependency
6	12	18	Probate & Guardianship
8	12	13	Mental Illness
6	9	13	Adoption
15	22	31	Traffic and Other Infractions
6	10	10	Other

Nine jurisdictions indicate that therapeutic or problem solving courts are, or will likely be, beneficiaries of the Trial Court Improvement Account funding. One reported plans to use TCIA funds to implement a drug court in 2009. The table below shows the courts benefited in those jurisdictions.

Which therapeutic or problem-solving courts are directly supported by the funds?

2006	2007	2008	
3	5	4	Drug Court – Adult
1	4	4	Drug Court – Juvenile
0	4	4	Drug Court – Family
4	3	3	DUI Court
1	2	4	Unified Family Court
3	2	2	Mental Health Court
3	4	6	Domestic Violence Court
1	7	5	Other

Conclusion

Because of the growth of available TCIA funds and the additional jurisdictions using TCIA funds as they have accrued, each year has provided 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. In 2008 more than 85% of the jurisdictions used at least some of the available TCIA funds and more than 75% report having budgeted the use of TCIA funds in 2009. Some others will make 2009 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 some 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 \$2.6 million for trial court improvement projects and programs in 2009. Also, at the end of 2008, there was more than \$3 million in unspent funds in local TCIA accounts. Because local jurisdictions are facing extreme pressure on their budgets, it can be expected that many budget decisions will be subject to change and that the jurisdictions will draw on the TCIA funds accrued in previous years. It is anticipated that the report next year on actual 2009 expenditures will reflect local strategies for coping with shortfalls.

Questions and Comments

This is the fourth annual report on the use of Trial Court Improvement Accounts. For the first time, an electronic form was provided for jurisdictions to use in preparing their reports. The 2008 data collection tool was also revised based on responses received for the 2007 report. Continuing a trend seen in previous years, reporting by the courts was of higher quality and more complete.

Comments on this report are welcomed and will assist in the continued improvement of this report and the supporting data collection effort for 2009. Please direct any questions or comments on how this report might be improved to:

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APPENDIX A

2008

TRIAL COURT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

**Summary of Distributions
and Budget Allocations**

Jurisdiction	2008 Amount Received	2008 Expended	2009 Allocation Determined	2009 Budget Placement	2009 Amount Budgeted
Adams County	\$22,553.00	\$0	No - TCIA funds	N/A	\$0
Asotin County	\$23,066.00	\$8,625	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$5,200
Benton County	\$76,887.00	\$83,687	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$66,876
Chelan County	\$51,258.00	\$0	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$141,000
Clallam County	\$41,006.00	\$50,000	Yes	Superior Court Operating	\$38,000
Clark County	\$153,774.00	\$245,000	Partially	Not Determined	\$15,000
Columbia County	\$12,049.00	\$3,558	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$2,500
Cowlitz County	\$51,258.00	\$0	Partially	Not Determined	\$13,500
Douglas County	\$25,629.00	\$25,629	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$25,000
Ferry County	\$9,227.00	\$0	Partially	Separate TCIA Budget	\$16,614
Franklin County	\$25,629.00	\$40,711	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$22,395
Garfield County	\$6,663.00	\$9,995	No - TCIA funds	N/A	\$0
Grant County	\$50,848.00	\$0	No - TCIA funds	N/A	\$0
Grays Harbor County	\$51,258.00	\$38,000	Partially	Separate TCIA Budget	\$24,000
Island County	\$25,629.00	\$8,193	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$30,000
Jefferson County	\$25,629.00	\$12,795	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$6,000
King County	\$538,207.00	\$220,894	Partially	Separate TCIA Budget	\$549,296
Kitsap County	\$102,516.00	\$44,000	Yes	District Court Operating	\$166,200
Kittitas County	\$42,287.00	\$67,104	Yes	Superior Court Operating	\$44,500
Klickitat County	\$13,583.00	\$13,583	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$13,583
Lewis County	\$51,258.00	\$1,890	No - supplemental	Not Determined	\$0
Lincoln County	\$25,629.00	\$16,856	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$11,150
Mason County	\$25,629.00	\$13,289	No - TCIA funds	N/A	\$0
Okanogan County	\$51,258.00	\$22,100	No - supplemental	Not Determined	\$0
Pacific County	\$15,377.00	\$15,377	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$15,377
Pend Oreille County	\$15,377.00	\$0	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$10,000
Pierce County	\$205,032.00	\$200,000	Yes	Superior/District Operating	\$200,330

San Juan County	\$19,734.00	\$0	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$48,500
Skagit County	\$18,383.00	\$435	No - supplemental	Separate TCIA Budget	\$0
Skamania County	\$12,814.00	\$1,600	Yes	Superior/District Operating	\$12,000
Snohomish County	\$205,032.00	\$121,259	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$270,000
Spokane County	\$230,660.00	\$111,103	Partially	Separate TCIA Budget	\$71,507
Stevens County	\$25,629.00	\$13,653	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$25,374
Thurston County	\$76,887.00	\$22,709	No - supplemental	Not Determined	\$0
Wahkiakum County	\$10,252.00	\$12,802	No - supplemental	Not Determined	\$0
Walla Walla County	\$30,754.00	\$30,754	Yes	District Court Operating	\$30,754
Whatcom County	\$51,258.00	\$25,959	Yes	Superior/District Operating	\$40,622
Whitman County	\$25,629.00	\$15,086	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$47,656
Yakima County	\$102,516.00	\$139,864	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$107,545
City of Anacortes	\$2,069.00	\$0			\$0
City of Auburn	\$25,629.00	\$25,629	Yes	Municipal Court Operating	\$25,629
City of Bremerton	\$24,348.00	\$8,298	No - TCIA funds	N/A	\$0
City of Burlington	\$3,575.00	\$0			\$0
City of Edmonds	\$13,392.00	\$6,091	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$20,781
City of Everett	\$42,483.00	\$0	Yes	Other County or City Budget	\$50,000
City of Federal Way	\$48,695.00	\$48,695	Yes	Other County or City Budget	\$48,695
City of Kent	\$48,695.00	\$50,000	Yes	Municipal Court Operating	\$50,000
City of Kirkland	\$24,348.00	\$24,348	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$24,410
City of Marysville	\$18,260.00	\$0	No - TCIA funds	N/A	\$0
City of Mt. Vernon	\$6,727.00	\$0			\$0
City of Olympia	\$24,348.00	\$24,348	Yes	Municipal Court Operating	\$24,348
City of Puyallup	\$9,107.00	\$0	No - supplemental	Separate TCIA Budget	\$0
City of Renton	\$24,348.00	\$12,205	Yes	Municipal Court Operating	\$12,000
City of Seattle	\$182,357.00	\$216,000	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$98,000
City of Tacoma	\$76,887.00	\$31,538	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$130,000
City of Yakima	\$51,258.00	\$51,258	Yes	Municipal Court Operating	\$51,258
Statewide Total	\$3,174,590	\$2,134,921			\$2,605,600

APPENDIX B

2008

TRIAL COURT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

REPORT FORM

for Counties

Trial Court Improvement Account (TCIA) 2008 Superior and District Court Annual Report

Introduction

In 2005 the Washington State Legislature, upon the request of the Board for Judicial Administration (BJA), 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 BJA 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 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.

New for 2008: The forms this year are fillable Word document forms. If you are unable to use them, please contact Colleen Clark at 360-704-4143 to receive a paper copy.

Please complete:

- The Annual Report form in this document.
- One 2008 Project/Service Description form for each project or service for which your county used TCIA funds in 2008.
- One 2009 Project/Service Description form for each project or service for which your county plans to use TCIA funds in 2009.

Please e-mail or fax the completed report and Project/Service Description forms to:
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Phone: 360-704-4143

Please direct questions to:
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Phone: 360-705-5320

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE REPORT FORMS BY MARCH 23, 2009

¹ Chapter 457, Laws of 2005. See RCW 3.46.160, RCW 3.50.480, RCW 3.58.060 and RCW 35.20.280.

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Jurisdiction	_____
Report Period	January – December 2008
Amount Remitted to County by AOC	_____
Superior Court Presiding Judge	_____
District Court Presiding Judge	_____

Name of Person Who Prepared This Report _____

Title _____

Telephone _____

E-mail Address _____

General Information

1. What was the total amount of Trial Court Improvement Account (TCIA) funds expended in 2008?

\$_____ for the superior court.

\$_____ for the district court.

2. Which of the following apply for your county's 2009 budget cycle?

No decisions have been made yet regarding how to budget and use the TCIA funds for 2009. **We will do a supplemental appropriation request in 2009.**

OR

No decisions have been made yet regarding how to budget and use the TCIA funds for 2009. **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

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A separate county budget has been established for appropriating funds from the TCIA. In 2009, 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 TCIA within the jurisdiction's accounting and budget structure?

The TCIA is a separate fund.

The TCIA is a separate account within the _____ fund.

Other: _____

4. How much did the General Fund appropriation to the courts increase from the 2008 budget to the 2009 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

District Court

Yes

Yes

No

No

Partially

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 TCIA funds.
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Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by expenditures from TCIA 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: _____ | |

Trial Court Improvement Account (TCIA) 2008 Superior and District Court Annual Report

2008 Project/Service Description

Please complete a project/service description **FOR EACH DISCRETE AREA OF FUNDING** for which Trial Court Improvement Account (TCIA) funds were expended in **2008**.

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
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial staff
- 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 staff
- 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: _____

Amount expended 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
- For the superior court
- For both courts
- For the district court

Trial Court Improvement Account (TCIA) 2008 Superior and District Court Annual Report

Title of Program or Project: _____

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. Include any measurable outcomes, data, or other information that has or will document the improvements.

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

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

Trial Court Improvement Account (TCIA)

2009 Project/Service Description

Please complete a project/service description **FOR EACH DISCRETE AREA OF FUNDING** for which Trial Court Improvement Account (TCIA) funds are budgeted or planned for **2009**.

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
- 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: _____

Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009 \$_____

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court For both courts
- For the district court

Trial Court Improvement Account (TCIA)

2009 — Title of Program or Project _____

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. Include any measurable outcomes, data, or other information that has or will document the improvements.

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

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

APPENDIX C

2008

TRIAL COURT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

REPORT FORM

for Cities

Trial Court Improvement Account 2008 Municipal Court Annual Report

Introduction

In 2005 the Washington State Legislature, upon the request of the Board for Judicial Administration (BJA), 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 BJA 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.

New for 2008: The forms this year are fillable Word document forms. If you are unable to use them, please contact Colleen Clark at 360-704-4143 to receive a paper copy.

Please complete:

- The 2008 Annual Report form in this document.
- One 2008 Project/Service Description form for each project or service for which your county used TCIA funds in 2008.
- One 2009 Project/Service Description form for each project or service for which your county plans to use TCIA funds in 2009.

Please e-mail or fax the completed report and Project/Service Description forms to:

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Fax: 360-956-5700

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Please direct questions to:

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brian.backus@courts.wa.gov

Phone: 360-705-5320

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE REPORT BY MARCH 23, 2009

¹ Chapter 457, Laws of 2005. See RCW 3.46.160, RCW 3.50.480, RCW 3.58.060 and RCW 35.20.280.

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Jurisdiction	
Report Period	January – December 2008
Amount Remitted to City by AOC	
Municipal Court Presiding Judge	

Name of Person Who Prepared This Report _____

Title _____

Telephone _____

E-mail Address _____

General Information

1. What was the total amount of Trial Court Improvement Account (TCIA) funds expended in 2008?
\$ _____ for the municipal court.

2. Which of the following apply for your city's 2009 budget cycle?

No decisions have been made yet regarding how to budget and use the TCIA funds for 2009. **We will do a supplemental appropriation request in 2009.**

OR

No decisions have been made yet regarding how to budget and use the TCIA funds for 2009. **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

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A separate city budget has been established for appropriating funds from the TCIA. In 2009, this budget includes funding for items that improve staffing, programs, services, or facilities for:

\$ for the municipal court.

\$ Other _____

3. Where is the TCIA within the jurisdiction's accounting and budget structure?

The TCIA is a separate fund.

The TCIA is a separate account within the fund.

Other:

4.. How much did the General Fund appropriation to the courts increase from the 2008 budget to the 2009 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 TCIA funds.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by expenditures from TCIA 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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2008 Project/Service Description

Please complete a project/service description **FOR EACH DISCRETE AREA OF FUNDING** for which Trial Court Improvement Account (TCIA) funds were expended in **2008**.

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.
- Increase in salary or benefits for existing non-judicial staff.
- 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 staff.
- 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: _____

Amount expended 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

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Title of Program or Project: _____

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. Include any measurable outcomes, data, or other information that has or will document the improvements.

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

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

Trial Court Improvement Account (TCIA)

2009 Project/Service Description

Please complete a project/service description **FOR EACH DISCRETE AREA OF FUNDING** for which Trial Court Improvement Account (TCIA) funds are budgeted or planned for **2009**.

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 budgeted for this project or service in 2009 \$

This project/service is a:

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

Trial Court Improvement Account (TCIA)

2009 —Title of Program or Project: _____

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.

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

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

APPENDIX D

2008

TRIAL COURT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT INDIVIDUAL JURISDICTION RESPONSES

*Due to the volume of Appendix D,
please see the online version at*

http://www.courts.wa.gov/programs_orgs/pos_bja/?fa=pos_bja.funding

(scroll down to Trial Court Improvement Account)

Cities

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.,

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

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

\$25,629 Amount expended 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.

2009 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
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- 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: _____

Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009: All TCIA funds

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 Bremerton

Title of Program or Project: UPGRADE AND EXPAND RECORDING 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.,

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

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

\$8,928 Amount expended 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 were able to add a second courtroom to the FTR Gold recording system that we currently have in use. We were also able to expand the recording/reviewing and duplicating function to four staff desktops.

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

We are using two courtrooms on a pretty consistent basis throughout the week. Prior to this change, only the primary courtroom had the recording equipment and we were using a tape recorder in the second courtroom. By expanding the recording system, we were able to have a central networked location for all court proceedings.

This upgrade/expansion also enables the staff to utilize their time more efficiently when they are not in the courtroom by having the ability to review court recordings and update cases without having to be within the courtrooms.

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

The TCIA funds are used to shift the burden from the general fund. As budgets decrease and needs are constantly increasing, the TCIA funds enable us to provide a funding source so that we can try to keep up while doing more with less.

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

No.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Bremerton

Title of Program or Project: PERMANENT COURT FACILITY EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS

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: _____

Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009: To Be Determined

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.
When the City of Bremerton decides on a permanent court facility for the Municipal Court, we would like to use these funds to add security features not currently in place and other features that will make the court more user friendly.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
We want to provide a court that is safe, secure and accessible to the public. The improvements will be documented through the building or remodel process.

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

The TCIA funds are used to shift the burden from the general fund. As budgets decrease and needs are constantly increasing, the TCIA funds enable us to provide a funding source so that we can try to keep up while doing more with less.

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

No. We are a single level court.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Edmonds

PASS CARD ENTRY FOR DOORS, NEW PROBATION OFFICE DOOR

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
- 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: _____

\$6,091

Amount expended 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 the Judge's chamber to a pass-card entry door. Change outside court entry door on Bell Street to a pass-card entry door. PROBATION OFFICE DOOR Change the door that the defendants enter to go into 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.
Both of these projects 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.

2009 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.,

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

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

\$2,350

Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

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 PANIC BUTTON WILL BE USED BY: The Judge in the courtroom at his location; the clerk in the courtroom at him/ her location; andnd the front counter
WHOM WILL THE PANIC BUTTON NOTIFY? The Panic Button can ring into a phone line and then to 911. (Which automatically says: "There is an emergency in the Edmonds Municipal Court Public Safety Building, 250 5th Ave N.")
WHAT ARE THE HOURS OF SERVICE NEEDED? There will be no monthly fee; the hours the buttons will work are 7 days a week for 24 hours a day.

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.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Edmonds

Title of Program or Project: VIDEO HEARINGS

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: _____

\$15,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

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:
VIDEO HEARINGS
There will be cameras and a video screen in the courtroom and at the jail. All parties will be able to see what is occurring at the same time. The courtroom clerks and the public will not be in danger because Edmonds Police officers will not need to transport as many defendants. The video hearing will allow the judge to have a hearing even if the defendant is in jail.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
The court will have fewer continuances with video hearings. The concerns of a defendant who is in-custody about not have a speedy trial will be reduced.

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.

2009 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.,

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

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

\$50,000

Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

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 connect the Snohomish County jail hearing room directly 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 tax payer 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; 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.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Federal Way

Title of Program or Project: JUDGES' SALARIES

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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- 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: _____

\$48,695 Amount expended 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:
Applied to judges' salaries.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
The judges have been able to increase the number of hearings held from 17,660 in 2007 to 19,700 in 2008.

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.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Federal Way

Title of Program or Project: JUDGES' SALARIES

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:

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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 2009: All TCIA funds

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.
Apply to judges' salaries.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
We anticipate a continued increase in the number of hearings held by the judges.

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: 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.,

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

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

\$50,000 Amount expended 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.

2009 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.,

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

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

\$50,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

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 Kirkland

Title of Program or Project:

CONTINUED INCREASE OF JUDICIAL HOURS TO 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.,

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

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

\$24,348

Amount expended 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:
On-going from 2006 to increase judicial hours to full-time position and additional commissioner hours.

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

On-going from 2006.

Additional court calendars were added in order to better serve the public and reduce the court calendars to a more manageable number. Provide administrative time for the judge to perform legal research, meet with staff, handle managerial duties, review and rule on lengthy and complex written motions, etc.

Commissioner hours were also increased to allow for coverage of additional court calendars and workload.

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

Funds are used to support additional services as stated above.

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

No.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Kirkland

Title of Program or Project: CONTINUED INCREASE OF JUDICIAL HOURS TO 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.,

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

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

\$24,410

Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

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:
On-going from 2006 to increase judicial hours to full-time position and additional commissioner hours.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
On-going from 2006. Additional court calendars were added in order to better serve the public and reduce the court calendars to a more manageable number. Provide administrative time for the judge to perform legal research, meet with staff, handle managerial duties, review and rule on lengthy and complex written motions, etc. Commissioner hours were also increased to allow for coverage of additional court calendars and workload.

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

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

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Olympia

Title of Program or Project: JUDGE'S 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.,

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

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

\$24,348

Amount expended 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?
Olympia Municipal Court was able to convince the City Council to raise our judge's salary to within 95% of a District Court Judge's salary by using the TCIA funding to offset the increase. The city would not have had the funding available to raise the judge's salary otherwise.

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

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Olympia

Title of Program or Project: JUDGE'S 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.,

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

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

\$24,348 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

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?
Olympia Municipal Court was able to convince the City Council to raise our judge's salary to within 95% of a District Court Judge's salary by using the TCIA funding to offset the increase. The city would not have had the funding available to raise the judge's salary otherwise.

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

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Renton

Title of Program or Project: ON-GOING COURT OPERATING EXPENSES

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: _____

\$12,205 Amount expended 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 portion of the 2008 TCIA is used to fund the judge's pay at the 95% district court judge level. This is to allow the City to attract and retain the most qualified judicial officer to the position and to maintain a high-quality judicial operation. The remaining balance of \$12,143 will be reserved for a proposed court document imaging program/system.

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.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Renton

Title of Program or Project: ON-GOING COURT OPERATION EXPENSES

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: _____

\$12,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

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 portion of the 2009 TCIA is used to fund the judge's pay at the 95% district court judge level. This is to allow the City to attract and retain the most qualified judicial officer to the position and to maintain a high-quality judicial operation.

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 Seattle

Title of Program or Project: DATA WAREHOUSE AND TECHNOLOGY
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

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: _____

\$216,000 Amount expended 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 investment is to implement a data warehouse by using Microsoft Reporting Services. The court has limited tools to access key departmental data and develop performance measures. Most reports require key Court Technology staff to extract the data for analysis and report creation. The goal of this project is to implement a reporting environment using Microsoft Reporting Services for improved data access and reporting.

The other investment is to upgrade the department's technology infrastructure to prepare for the city's migration to Microsoft Office 2007 and Microsoft Outlook (Exchange). An assessment of the department's technology infrastructure identified computers and servers that would not meet minimum city standards due to deferred replacement. This project brings the Court's technology infrastructure to meet current requirements.

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

The new data warehouse using Microsoft Reporting Services will allow improved data access and reporting. Beside Court Technology staff, other users will be able to access the reporting environment. The improved technology infrastructure will meet the city's standards.

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

The TCIA is used to supplement the General Fund by increasing the amount of funds available for court's technology improvements.

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

This expenditure benefits all levels of the court since investment to improve data warehouse and technology infrastructure will enable us to maintain court operations and comply with the city's technology standards.

2008 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.,

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

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

\$12,002 Amount expended 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 235 was remodeled to remove wall covering and install acoustical panels. State seals were purchased and installed in five courtrooms.

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 courtrooms.

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.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Tacoma

Title of Program or Project: ELECTRONIC RECORDING 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: _____

\$19,536 Amount expended 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:
In 2008, the court changed electronic recording systems from FTR Gold to CourtSmart. Funding for the purchase of the system was provided by the City Council from the General Fund. However, funding was not provided for the cabling necessary for the project. TCIA funds were used to pay for the cabling portion of the project.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
Installation of the new court recording system has increased the quality of the audio recording and the retrieval of the information. It also allows the court to share courtroom resources with Pierce County Superior Court and District Court since they use the same recording system.

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

Without the TCIA funds, the cabling would have been paid out of the court's budget and other areas would have been reduced.

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

To the extent that Superior and District Court could use our extra courtroom, it does benefit both courts.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: City of Tacoma

Title of Program or Project: ADDITIONAL COURT 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.,

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

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

\$130,000

Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

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:
Court filings increased approximately 5 percent from 2007 to 2008. Increases are foreseen in the areas of parking, red light photo enforcement, and speeding in school zones due to additional enforcement resources provided during the budget process. Funding was not available for additional court staff so TCIA funds will be used to fill the gap.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Increased staffing will enable the court to keep pace with the increased workload and the anticipated workload increases.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
TCIA funds will be used to process additional workload until funds can be provided 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 Yakima

Title of Program or Project: JUDICIAL OFFICER'S 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.,

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

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

\$51,258

Amount expended 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 2008 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.
To retain qualified judicial officers to serve in the positions of courts of limited jurisdiction.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
The 2009 TCIA funds will supplement the general fund to reach 95% of District Court Judge salary level.

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

2009 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.,

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

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

\$80,628

Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

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 will be 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.

To retain qualified judicial officers to serve in the positions of courts of limited jurisdiction.

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

The 2009 TCIA funds will supplement the general fund to reach 95% of the District Court Judge salary level.

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

No.

Counties

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Asotin County

Title of Program or Project: INTERNET ACCESS - WI-FI 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.,

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

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

\$1,214

Amount expended 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
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- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
Wi-Fi hot spots in both superior and district courts.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Attorneys requested access to their office electronics.

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: Asotin County

Title of Program or Project: DISTRICT COURT FORMS

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: _____

\$879 Amount expended 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
-
- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The forms used in district court were created and provided by the Prosecutor's Office. They have had budget cutbacks and discontinued providing the forms. The forms are familiar to the litigants, staff, jail staff and sheriff's department and it is an administrative benefit to continue them at this time.

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?

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

No (marginally in superior court).

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Asotin County

Title of Program or Project: SUPERIOR COURT RECORDING SYSTEM
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.,

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

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

\$6,532 Amount expended 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
-
- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The recording system, which is tied into our teleconferencing, broke and had to be replaced. it is essential even though we have a human court reporter for most 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?

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

No.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Asotin County

Title of Program or Project: REPLACE DISTRICT COURT RECORDING 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.,

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

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

\$2,144

Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Both superior and district court systems were aged. District court was becoming increasingly slow and problematic. Ultimately it broke, like the superior court system, and had to be replaced and updated.

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

We do not have a human recorder as superior court does and have always relied upon an electronic recorder. This recorder is part of our teleconferencing system.

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

NA

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

District court does bond hearings for both levels.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Asotin County

Title of Program or Project: DISTRICT COURT FORMS

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: _____

\$1,760 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Forms.

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

The forms are familiar to clients and staff and are essential until we go fully electronic.

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

NA

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

No.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Asotin County

Title of Program or Project: INTERNET ACCESS - WI-FI 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.,

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

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

\$1,296 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Wi-Fi hot spot.

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

Attorneys were requesting access to their office electronics for calendaring, research, presentations and to facilitate "working while waiting."

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

NA

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

Both district and superior courts will benefit.

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.,

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

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

\$12,396 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

<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; assist the court administrator and judicial staff in revising and updating the court's personnel policies and procedures; and assist with the 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>
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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 and Superior Courts.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Benton County

Title of Program or Project: SUPERIOR AND 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.,

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

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: **Court Equipment**

\$50,608

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

<p>Please provide a brief description of the project or service:</p> <p>TTY Machines - one for each court to assist the hearing impaired to communicate with the courts. Liberty Licenses - electronic access to court files for superior court staff and judicial officers. FTR Digital Recorders/Software - two district and two superior court digital recorders purchased for newly acquired and newly constructed courtrooms. Computer server for the Superior Court Case Management Program and Jury Management Program.</p>

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

The TTY machine will assist hearing impaired individuals and court staff to communicate. Liberty Licenses will enable court staff and judicial officers to access court files electronically, enabling more than one person to access the file and time-saving in terms of retrieving the paper file when located in another office. FTR Digital Recorders/Software, all courtrooms are equipped with digital recorders for use when a court reporter is not available or the case does not warrant a reporter. The computer server will run and store information for the Case Management Program and Jury Management Program to enable the courts to better serve the users of the court and jurors through advanced reporting methods.

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 the general fund budget.

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

The equipment described above will benefit the District Court, Superior Court and County Clerk.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Benton County

Title of Program or Project: AUTOMATED JURY MANAGEMENT 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.,

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

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: **Jury Management**

\$20,682

Amount expended 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
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- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Jury Management Program - This is the first of four installments for the purchase of the jury management program.

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

The jury management program will more effectively and efficiently manage all aspects related to jurors from summons to payment for service and create reports to evaluate the court's use of jurors.

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 account.

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

The jury management program will benefit all court levels.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Benton County

Title of Program or Project: 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.,

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

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

\$9,500 Amount expended for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Assistive Listening Devices for the district courtrooms to assist the hearing impaired. Interpreter headsets/transmitters to assist with interpreting in courtroom. Jury room table to replace damaged jury room table. Two laptop computers and printers for the District Court judges.

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

Assistive Listening Devices to assist those with hearing impairment in the courtroom. Interpreter headsets/transmitters to assist in communicating with those needing the service during court hearings/trials. Jury room table for deliberation to replace damaged table. Laptop computers and printers to assist judicial officers in the courtroom and for legal research.

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 equipment will serve the district court.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Benton County

Title of Program or Project: JURY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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: **Jury Management**

\$37,111

Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
This is the second installment of four for the purchase of the jury management program.

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

The jury management program will more effectively and efficiently manage all aspects related to jurors from subpoenas to payment for service and create reports to evaluate the court's use of jurors.

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 jury management program will serve all levels of courts in Benton County.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Benton County

Title of Program or Project: UPGRADE JUVENILE COURT RECORDING 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.,

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

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

\$1,500 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The FTR digital recording system will be upgraded with the latest version of the program to enhance the ability to accurately record the proceedings at the juvenile court.

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

Court proceedings will be accurately recorded and stored for review by the participants or appellate 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.

The expenditure benefits both the Superior Court and County Clerks.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Benton County

Title of Program or Project: TWO COURT REPORTER CHAIRS

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: _____

\$860 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Two chairs for court reporters in the newly acquired superior court courtrooms.

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

Newly acquired space did not include reporter chairs.

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.

Court reporter chairs will benefit the superior court.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Benton 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.,

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

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: **Superior Court Equipment**

\$3,305 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Desktop computer and printer for judicial officers (law library). Small refrigerator, white board and carafes (courtroom/jury room). Workman's Comp/Insurance Management - costs from prior year for judicial law clerk position.

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

Computer and printer to assist judicial officers with workload and legal research. Small equipment for newly acquired courtrooms and jury rooms. Workman's Comp/Insurance Management costs not charged to this fund during the 2008 calendar year.

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 equipment will serve the superior court.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Benton County

Title of Program or Project: EDUCATION

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: **Superior Court Equipment**

\$1,600 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Travel and training costs to send the District Court Administrator and County Clerk to the National Association of Court Manager's Conference to offer a national level educational experience and promote team building between the courts and clerk.

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

Enable Administrator and Clerk to obtain national level training to enhance the performance and coordination of 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.

The education will serve all levels of courts in Benton County.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Benton County

Title of Program or Project: DISTRICT COURT CHAIRS

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: **Superior Court Equipment**

\$13,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
Task chairs for district court staff.

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

Ergonomically correct chairs to replace older, damaged chairs.

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.

This equipment will serve the district court.

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.,

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

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

\$63,381 Amount expended 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
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- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

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 there was no 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.

2009 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.,

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

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

\$67,289

Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

<p>Please provide a brief description of the project or service:</p> <p>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.</p>
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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 to wait 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 T.CIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?

he 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: 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.,

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

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

\$550,000

Amount expended 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
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

This project added three courtrooms, judges chambers and ancillary facilities for the hearing of Family Law and Juvenile matters in rented space approximately 1.5 blocks from the courthouse.

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

This project provided the Superior Court with a 1:1 ratio of judicial officers to courtrooms, thereby permitting the regular scheduling of matters daily without displacing or possibly displacing other judicial officers. It permitted co-location of Family Law and Dependency matters under one roof, enhances the trading of cases and permits judges to assist one another more readily. Ancillary spaces for mediation, children to wait and other spaces were provided that were not available in the courthouse.

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

TCIA funds amounted to a relatively small percentage of the total project cost. For this project TCIA funds were used to supplement general funds available for the project.

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

District Court benefitted indirectly because Superior Court was able to abandon a hearing room to the use of District Court.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Clark County

Title of Program or Project: SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH DRUG/ALCOHOL EDUCATION

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: **Educational services for youth with alcohol/drug related offenses**

\$15,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Education of young drivers about the effects of alcohol and drugs on participants, friends, and community.

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

Contact Rafaela Selga, District Court Administrator for additional details. 360-397-2150

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

Restore funding previously lost; this is the end of the program.

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

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Columbia County

Title of Program or Project: COURTROOM VIDEO 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.,

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

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

\$3,558

Amount expended for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense (total expenditure of \$9,000 from Aug 2008 - Jul 2009)
 - Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
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- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
System from jail to courtroom to facilitate in custody appearances.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level
The primary funding source was a grant for \$11,000 awarded to Columbia County District Court to fund a video conference system for use between the jail and the courtroom. A deputy does not have to escort a prisoner to the courtroom, aiding in preserving the security of the courtroom. The eventual goal is to obtain connectivity between Garfield and Columbia counties, as presently Columbia County cannot house female inmates.

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

As noted, TCIA funds augmented grant funds received.

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

Yes, may be used for felony prisoners as well.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Cowlitz County

Title of Program or Project: LOBBY READER BOARD

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: _____

\$3,500 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense (total expenditure of \$9,000 from Aug 2008-Jul 2009)
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
We would like to provide an electronic reader board for the lobby on the second floor of the Hall of Justice. Superior Court has been working with Central Services (IT Department) for almost a year to execute the groundwork and necessary programming to create a system that will pull information off of SCOMIS (Superior Court Management Information System) to display the daily court cases and the courtrooms in which they are being held. Central Services has completed all but the finishing touches on the software modifications, and what remains is the actual acquisition and installation of the hardware.

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

Litigants, attorneys, and the general public will easily be able to see the courtrooms in which their cases are assigned. This project will save time for both court administration and the clerk's office.

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

No related funding sources.

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

Not at the present time. However, if proven successful, district court could possibly implement such a project.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Cowlitz County

Title of Program or Project: DOCUMENT TRANSLATION

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: Jurors

\$5,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
A critical component of the court's Strategic Plan is "access to justice." To implement the goal of providing greater access to justice for Spanish speaking members of our community, we have initiated a project of translating a number of frequently used documents from English to Spanish. We are requesting \$5,000 from the Trial Court Improvement Fund to complete a project which clearly embraces the fundamental purpose of the legislation.

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

The translated forms will help Superior Court meet new Federal and State requirements and provide people who are deaf, hearing impaired, or with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) to have a greater access to justice. These forms and documents will allow Spanish-reading individuals the opportunity to understand the legal proceedings better. Efficiency will also be increased because certified interpreter time will be minimized for these cases.

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

In 2008, Cowlitz County courts received a \$5,200 grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) as part of its Language Assistance Plan Implementation Program. This funding enabled the use of a federally certified Spanish translator to translate documents and forms from English to Spanish and a second certified interpreter to proofread the completed work. The money ran out before we were able to translate all of the documents, forms, and signage that had been identified as necessary. Permanent signage also needs to be created and installed.

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

Superior court only.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Cowlitz County

Title of Program or Project: JUVENILE COURT 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.,

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

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

\$5,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Juvenile Court is in the process of completing a strategic plan. Once the plan is approved by the Superior Court judges, moving into the implementation stage and working on the goals can begin. A series of day planning retreats, training, overtime, dollars to cover backfilling shifts in detention etc. are required to complete the plan.

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

The goals of our strategic plan are to get to our vision which is to "strengthen our community through a balanced and retroactive approach for a healthier, safer Cowlitz County. Our mission is, "We are committed to enhancing public safety, youth accountability, and youth development by providing effective education, preventive and rehabilitative services to youth and families in Cowlitz County." Our specific goals that will help us achieve the outcomes are as follows: 1. Develop a comprehensive policy manual that will provide a baseline for training and education, etc. 2. Develop quality training orientation programs for each new employee. 3. Provide a comprehensive continuum of effective interventions that are responsive to client needs. 4. Develop and implement an objective evaluation system to encourage and promote job excellence.

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

During our 2009 mid-biennium budget submission at the end of 2008, we eliminated \$5,000 from our budget that was going to be used for strategic planning activities. This \$5,000 will restore the funds previously eliminated.

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

This expenditure will only have an impact on the Superior Court- Juvenile Division.

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.,

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

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

\$25,629

Amount expended 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
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.

This project mainly benefits the superior court; however, district court is also using it for video hearings with the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Waterville. The money will be put into this project for several years.

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

This project provides a better hearing room with an avenue of escape for the judge and adequate air circulation.

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

Without this TCIA funding this project would never have happened.

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

This project is mainly of benefit to superior court, however district court is also using it for video hearings with the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Waterville. It is of benefit to both superior and district courts.

2009 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.,

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

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

\$25,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
This is a project agreed upon by Superior and District Court judges. They created another hearing room by remodeling an available room in the courthouse. The trial court improvement money will go to paying off the loan for this hearing room.

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

having this Superior Court hearing room available has benefitted both Superior and District Court. Superior Court uses it for Juvenile and as a backup courtroom when a jury trial is going in the main courtroom.

District Court uses this room for video conferencing with the deputy prosecuting attorney.

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

The TCIA funds provided a room that would otherwise not be available to the courts to use.

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

Yes, by having this Superior Court hearing room available, it has benefitted both Superior and District Court. Superior Court uses it for Juvenile and as a backup courtroom when a jury trial is going in the main courtroom.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Ferry County

Title of Program or Project: JURY PROGRAM

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: _____

\$2,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Automated jury program.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The jury process for both district and superior court has been done manually for years. District court, in the past, has had to rely on superior court to retrieve jury information. The automation of the jury process will greatly benefit both courts to save time and give each court independence of each other to summons in a jury.

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

Without this funding, the program could not be purchased. The funds will shift the burden from the general fund.

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

Yes, both district and superior courts.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Franklin County

Title of Program or Project: JUDICIAL LAW 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.,

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

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

\$5,596

Amount expended 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
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

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.,

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

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

\$3,136 Amount expended for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense (total expenditure of \$9,000 from Aug 2008 - Jul 2009)
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
White board for jury room. TTY machine to assist the hearing impaired to communicate with the courts. Two interpreter headsets to assist with interpreting in the courtroom.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level
The white board will assist jurors in deliberation. The TTY machine will assist hearing impaired individuals and court staff to communicate. Interpreter headsets will 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: SUPERIOR COURT PRINTERS

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: _____

\$380 Amount expended 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
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Three HP printers.

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

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

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

\$4,540

Amount expended for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense (total expenditure of \$9,000 from Aug 2008-Jul 2009)
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

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.

The scanners will increase the district court clerk's scanning capability. The 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 will serve all levels of courts using the courtroom.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Franklin County

Title of Program or Project: JURY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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: **Jury Management**

\$22,558

Amount expended 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
-
- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.

This is the first of four installments for the purchase of the jury management program.

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

The jury management program will more effectively and efficiently manage all aspects related to jurors from subpoenas to payment for service and create reports to evaluate the court's use of jurors.

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 jury management program will benefit all court levels.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Franklin County

Title of Program or Project: EDUCATION

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: _____

\$4,500 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Travel and training costs to send the Superior Court Administrator, District Court Administrator and County Clerk to the National Association of Court Manager's Conference to offer a national level educational experience and promote team building between the courts and clerk.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
This will enable administrators and the clerk to obtain national level training to enhance the performance and coordination of 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.

This education will serve all levels of courts in Franklin County.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Franklin County

Title of Program or Project:

UPGRADE JUVENILE COURT RECORDING 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.,

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

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

\$1,500

Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

The FTR digital recording system will be upgraded with the latest version of the program to enhance the ability to accurately record the proceedings at the juvenile court.

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

Court proceedings will be accurately recorded and stored for review by the participants or appellate 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.

This expenditure benefits both the superior court and the county clerk.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Franklin County

Title of Program or Project: COURTROOM PODIUM

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: _____

\$478 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense (total expenditure of \$9,000 from Aug 2008 - Jul 2009)
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Purchase of a stand-alone podium for the courtroom to be used by attorneys/court participants when addressing the court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level
To enhance presentations and better serve the users of the court by offering a podium for the presentation.

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 podium will serve all levels of courts in Franklin County utilizing the courtroom.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Franklin County

Title of Program or Project: COURTROOM PROJECTOR

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: _____

\$2,825 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
Projector for the courtroom.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Enhance presentation capability to users of the court.

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 projector will serve all levels of courts in Franklin County utilizing the courtroom.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Franklin County

Title of Program or Project: CHAIRS FOR JUDGES

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: _____

\$2,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense (total expenditure of \$9,000 from Aug 2008-Jul 2009)
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Two chairs for judges in district court to replace damaged chairs.

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

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.

It would serve all levels of courts utilizing the chambers/courtroom with newly purchased chairs.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Franklin County

Title of Program or Project: JURY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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:

\$16,070 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Jury Management Program - this is the second installment of four for the purchase of the jury management program.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
The jury management program will more effectively and efficiently manage all aspects related to jurors from subpoenas to payment for service and create reports to evaluate the court's use of jurors.

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 jury management program will serve all levels of courts in Franklin County.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Garfield County

Title of Program or Project: WIRELESS MICROPHONE 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.,

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

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

\$621

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
Purchase and installation of wireless hand held microphone system.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Better communications and recordings in the courts.

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

Shifts the burden.

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

Yes, both superior and district court will use this equipment.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Garfield County

Title of Program or Project: COURTROOM RECORDING 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.,

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

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

\$6,466

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Purchase and installation of FTR reporter deck 2 recorder.

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

Better recordings of court proceedings.

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

Shifts the burden.

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

Yes, both superior and district court will use this equipment.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Garfield County

Title of Program or Project: RECORDING SYSTEM - REPAIR EQUIPMENT,
SOFTWARE BACKUP

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: _____

\$231 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Repair of FTR reporter deck 2 recorder and installation of back-up CD.

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

Improve recordings of court proceedings.

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

Shifts the burden.

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

Yes, both superior and district court will use this equipment.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Garfield County

Title of Program or Project: JURY SELECTION 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.,

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

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

\$2,677

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.

Purchase and installation of jury selection software.

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

Improve efficiency in jury selection process.

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

Shifts the burden.

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

Yes, both superior and district courts will use this equipment.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Grays Harbor County

Title of Program or Project: MANDATORY MEDIATION - SMALL CLAIMS

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: _____

\$21,000

Amount expended 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
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- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

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.
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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 - by reducing small claims trials by at least 50 percent. In 2007, the number of small claims trials was 47; in 2008, with the implementation of mandatory mediation, the number of small claims trials was 22. 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: DIGITAL RECORDS 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.,

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

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: **Records system.**

\$17,000

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
District court purchased a digital scanner, software, licenses and support services to implement a digital records system.

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

All district court criminal files opened and closed as of January 1, 2009 are being digitally scanned. The digital files are available to other county departments such as probation services and the prosecutor's office allowing them to retrieve and copy the documents from their office rather than having a court clerk handle the task. Also, due to the lack of physical space in district court, it is necessary to store both open and closed files offsite. Digital scanning allows staff immediate access to the files and documents.

How are the TCJA 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.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Grays Harbor County

Title of Program or Project: MANDATORY MEDIATION - SMALL CLAIMS

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: _____

\$24,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Mandatory mediation of small claims cases prior to trial.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Reduce the number of small claims trials thereby reducing the amount of judicial and staff time needed to resolve the cases.

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: Island County

Title of Program or Project: PRESENTATION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE FOR SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENTS 1 & 2

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: _____

\$8,193 Amount expended 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
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- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Technology and equipment was purchased for superior court courtrooms, department 1 and 2, to enhance the presentation of evidence.

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

The technology that was purchased will allow counsel to present video evidence as well as display articles of evidence through video to the jury and judge.

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

TCIA funds have been used to enhance county capital improvement funds that are allocated to the court.

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

Currently the benefit is for superior court only.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Island County

Title of Program or Project: TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE FOR SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT I

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: _____

\$30,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Provide technology for video conferencing and additional monitors for jurors to view evidence in Superior Court Department I.

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

Superior court will review juror exit interviews for improvements and satisfaction.

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

Funds will enhance capital funds provided for superior court from the County's current expense.

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

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Jefferson County

Title of Program or Project: ASSISTED HEARING SYSTEM, INTERPRETER
TRAINING, BAILIFF 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.,

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

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

\$6,760 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

<p>Please provide a brief description of the project or service:</p> <p>Project JAVS - Purchased assisted hearing systems for both courtrooms \$ 6760.49 Project Bailiff - \$3000 per court transferred to cover civilian bailiff = \$6000 Project Interpreter - \$35 spent for Jefferson County Juvenile Court employee to attend the Court Interpreting Training Workshop at the Puget Sound Skills Center in Burien Washington in her pursuit of becoming a Certified Court Interpreter for Jefferson County.</p>

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

Project JAVS will increase the ability for the hearing impaired to participate in court proceedings. Project Bailiff allowed the District Court to have their own civilian bailiff as Superior Court has always had instead of utilizing a member of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Civil Department. This is a cost effective move for the county.

Project Interpreter: This would benefit all county departments to have an AOC certified Spanish interpreter a phone call away.

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

Funds both shift the burden from the general fund and increase amounts previously funded or reduced.

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

This expenditure benefits both the Superior and District Court. I also honestly believe it extends up as a benefit to both the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court because there may be less appeal issues having the AOC certified interpreter available at short notice and by having the assisted hearing devices available to all who might need it.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Jefferson County

Title of Program or Project: BAILIFF

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: _____

\$6,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Project Bailiff - \$3,000 per court transferred to cover civilian bailiff = \$6,000
It is also our desire to enhance the Jefferson County Superior Court Drug Court utilizing a minimal (\$2,000 or less) from the TCIA funds to purchase participant incentives.

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

Project Bailiff allowed the District Court to have their own civilian bailiff as Superior Court has always had instead of utilizing a member of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Civil Department. This is a cost effective move for the county.

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

Funds both shift the burden from the general fund and increase amounts previously funded or reduced.

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

This expenditure benefits both the Superior and District Court. I also honestly believe it extends up as a benefit to both the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court because there may be less appeal issues having the AOC certified interpreter available at short notice and by having the assisted hearing devices available to all who might need it.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: DISTRICT COURT KNOWLEDGE CENTER TRAINING PROGRAM

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: **Staff Training**

\$5,000 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

One of the recommendations within the District Court Staff Needs Assessment conducted by the National Center for State Courts called for district court to develop a training program to provide procedure manuals for every desk including management, provide for development of subject matter experts, provide a train-the-trainer component, and develop centralized training courses. The court hired a consultant to develop a working prototype of a Knowledge Management Center SharePoint site that allows for searches with SharePoint of documents pertaining to all procedures. The resulting Training Program is an innovative use of SharePoint products and meets the district court's challenge to have unified procedures of all case types and increased consistency in training. The court is in the process of updating and converting its policies and procedures into a best practices format for the SharePoint site. The court's managers have been designated as Subject Matter Experts in specific areas of expertise and are working on building the training modules for publication in the Knowledge Management Center. The initial modules included Parking, Accounting and Probation.

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

Accomplishments include SharePoint training for the Court Leadership and Management Teams, continued development of the training plan, establishment of a document approval workflow, development of the information architecture and taxonomy for the court's Knowledge Center, training Subject Matter Experts on how to create and manage content in SharePoint, and establishing uniformity in the structure of procedural documents and creating a customized training template. The Training Program will be institutionalized through the implementation process and ongoing training.

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

There are no other funds available to continue the work on this project.

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

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: DISTRICT COURT CALL CENTER MOVE AND 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.,

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

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

\$65,000 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The district court's Call Center and Court Technology Unit were housed in leased space within the Yesler Building in Seattle. The court made an effort during its 2009 budget process to reduce ongoing costs and to reduce the court's footprint by moving out of this leased space. The Call Center and Technology Unit were moved into existing district court space within the King County courthouse, which was remodeled to accommodate the needs of these two units.

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

The Call Center and Court Technology Unit are comprised of 19 employees (staff and management). The newly remodeled space has created a more ergonomic, efficient workspace as well as providing added security for the employees. This has increased the morale of staff and improved customer service.

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

The use of TCIA funds for this project was a policy decision to address the needs of the court. Moving the Call Center and Technology Unit out of leased space and into existing district court space within the courthouse has resulted in an ongoing cost savings and a reduction in the court's footprint. The effective use of space and improved functionality has created a more secure and efficient work environment.

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

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2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

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

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: **Accessibility to court services by the non-English speaking public**

\$1,750

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

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 forms translation services are not directly provided for in the courts general fund budget.

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

No. 2008 expenditures were for translating forms specific to King County Superior Court.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: STRATEGIC PLANNING CONSULTANT

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: _____

\$68,316 Amount expended for this project or service in 2008

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense (**continued into 2009**)
 - Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
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- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Superior Court contracted with the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) to assist in updating the court's Strategic Plan. The purpose of the plan is to guide the court's future direction.

Although the previous plan was extensive and did a good job of identifying future trends and issues of importance to the court, the final plan was not incorporated into subsequent work plans or development of committee agendas, and so did not establish the firm foundation and guiding framework needed to guide the organization into the future.

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

The NCSC consultant team selected to assist the court had established an excellent track record of working with other major metropolitan courts, such as the Washington, DC court system, to establish strategic planning documents that are now institutionalized in those courts and used extensively by judicial officers and staff in connecting their work with the overarching mission, vision and goals of the court. In these jurisdictions, the plan is still "alive" years after its creation, and each judicial officer and staff person is able to link their position/responsibilities in the court with the overall guiding document.

The court's new Strategic Plan is scheduled for final approval by the judges in late March. The administrative management team has already begun linking the 2009 administrative work plan activities to the broader issue areas identified in the document. Judges' standing committees will also establish committee goals consistent with the Strategic Plan. In addition, performance measures linked to each issue area will be implemented in order to gauge success of the strategies implemented under the plan.

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

Funding for the development of a strategic plan is not directly provided for with any other funds.

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

The strategic plan is specific to King County Superior Court. However, it could be used as guidance for other courts developing a strategic plan.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: "NAVIGATING THE COURT" VIDEO

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: _____

\$12,400

Amount expended 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
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

This project was the development of a film that provides pro se litigants with some basic information about appearing in court. The subject areas addressed in the film were developed after surveying judges/commissioners. The film is available on the court's web site and the production of written materials to accompany the film is currently underway. The title of the films is Your Day in Court: How to Make Sure Your Voice is Heard in King County. See these links: 'Your Day in Court: How to Make Sure Your Voice is Heard in King County'. (Also available with captions.)

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

The project has two desired outcomes: 1) assist pro se litigants by providing information to them about the court process in a way that does not compromise the neutrality of the court; and 2) improve the quality of judicial decision-making --- the hope is that quality of evidence produced by pro se litigants will be improved because of the video.

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

No other funding was provided or available for this project.

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

This production is specific to King County Superior Court in terms of certain procedures but there is enough general information about litigating "pro se" that it is applicable to any court.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: EARLY RESOLUTION 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.,

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

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

\$68,428

Amount expended 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
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- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

The Early Resolution Case Manager is a pilot project in Kent provided by Trial Court Improvement Funds through September 2009. The position has established and implemented procedures to facilitate early resolution of pro se cases. The ERCM has implemented processes to review, streamline and simplify processes for pro-se dissolutions with an emphasis on clients with low to moderate income. The ERCM has worked with judicial officers and members of the Family Law bar section and others to establish templates and other resources to increase standardization and efficiencies in court documents such as parenting plans and other forms in Title 26 actions. Additionally, the ERCM has provided neutral assistance to one or both parties in dispute and has created a database to track case data and provide statistical reports to determine the effectiveness of the pilot program.

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

In 2008, the ERCM has provided settlement services in the form of mediations (10), form completion and review (78), in person and telephonic contact (373) and weekly assistance on the status/non-compliance calendars. The position has reviewed every dissolution case with 2 pro se parties filed in Kent (415) and provided the parties with clear, concise information about next steps in the process through one of the services listed above. The ERCM has increased the settlement rate of these cases, assisting in 175 finalizations in 2008. Additional assistance has also been provided to judges on the status/non-compliance calendars and pre-trial conferences. Statistical information is still being evaluated; however, the preliminary information indicates the position has been instrumental in increasing both settlement rates and understanding of the process for pro-se litigants. It is anticipated the statistics will also show a decrease in time to resolution for pro-se parties for litigants utilizing the ERCM services.

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

No other funding was provided or is available for this project.

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

This service is specific to King County Superior Court.

2009 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.,

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 p**

\$20,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

<p>Please provide a brief description of the project or service:</p> <p>This project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
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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 court's general fund budget.

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

No – This project is specific to King County Superior Court.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: PRODUCE INFORMATIONAL DVDs ON 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.,

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.**

\$7,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
This project would produce an informational DVD specifically for pro se family law litigants.

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.

This will compliment the video "Navigating the Courts" that was produced in 2008.

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.

This production will likely be specific to King County Superior Court in terms of certain procedures but there should be enough general information about court processes that it should be moderately applicable to any court.

2009 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.,

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)

\$4,300 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

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.

2009 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.,

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

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

\$7,450 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

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.

Several of these programs exist in other courts and would benefit them to a certain extent as well if clients were to access the materials in King County.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: EARLY RESOLUTION 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.,

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

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

\$57,050 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The Early Resolution Case Manager is a pilot project in Kent provided by Trial Court Improvement Funds that was began in 2008 and will continue through September 2009. The position has established and implemented procedures to facilitate early resolution of pro se cases. The ERCM has implemented processes to review, streamline and simplify processes for pro-se dissolutions with an emphasis on clients with low to moderate income. The ERCM has worked with judicial officers and members of the Family Law bar section and others to establish templates and other resources to increase standardization and efficiencies in court documents such as parenting plans and other forms in Title 26 actions. Additionally, the ERCM has provided neutral assistance to one or both parties in dispute and has created a database to track case data and provide statistical reports to determine the effectiveness of the pilot program.

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

In 2008, the ERCM has provided settlement services in the form of mediations (10), form completion and review (78), in person and telephonic contact (373) and weekly assistance on the status/non-compliance calendars. The position has reviewed every dissolution case with 2 pro-se parties filed in Kent (415) and provided the parties with clear, concise information about next steps in the process through one of the services listed above. The ERCM has increased the settlement rate of these cases, assisting in 175 finalizations in 2008. Additional assistance has also been provided to judges on the status/non-compliance calendars and pre-trial conferences. Statistical information is still being evaluated; however, the preliminary information indicates the position has been instrumental in increasing both settlement rates and understanding of the process for pro-se litigants. It is anticipated the statistics will also show a decrease in time to resolution for pro-se parties for litigants utilizing the ERCM services.

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

This service is specific to King County Superior Court.

2009 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.,

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.**

\$141,112 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

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 other 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.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: STRATEGIC PLANNING CONSULTANT

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: _____

\$31,684 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Superior Court contracted with the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) to assist in updating the Court's Strategic Plan. The purpose of the plan is to guide the court's future direction.

Although the previous plan was extensive and did a good job of identifying future trends and issues of importance to the court, the final plan was not incorporated into subsequent work plans or development of committee agendas, and so did not establish the firm foundation and guiding framework needed to guide the organization into the future.

This is a continuation of the same project that was started in 2008.

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

The NCSC consultant team selected to assist the Court had established an excellent track record of working with other major metropolitan courts, such as the Washington, DC court system, to establish strategic planning documents that are now institutionalized in those courts and used extensively by judicial officers and staff in connecting their work with the overarching mission, vision and goals of the court. In these jurisdictions, the plan is still "alive" years after its creation, and each judicial officer and staff person is able to link their position/responsibilities in the court with the overall guiding document.

The Court's new Strategic Plan is scheduled for final approval by the judges in late March. The administrative management team has already begun linking the 2009 administrative work plan activities to the broader issue areas identified in the document. Judges' standing committees will also establish committee goals consistent with the Strategic Plan. In addition, performance measures linked to each issue area will be implemented in order to gauge success of the strategies implemented under the plan.

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

Funding for the development of a strategic plan is not directly provided for with any other funds.

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

The strategic plan is specific to King County Superior Court; however, it could be used as guidance for other courts developing a strategic plan.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: MULTI-LINGUAL SIGNAGE

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: **Accessibility to the court and court services by the non-English speaking members of the public.**

\$10,700 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
This is a continuation of the same project that was started in 2008.

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 will be improved.

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

Funding for this project is provided by the TCIA. No other funds are provided for this in the general fund budget.

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

Multi-lingual signage should be beneficial for all non-English speaking people who enter the courthouse. This will benefit both Superior and District courts located wherever new signage is placed.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: King County

Title of Program or Project: KCMS (CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM)
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.,

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

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

\$270,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.

King County Superior Court uses a case management system called KCMS to manage its civil and family law cases and programs. Each year approximately 30,000 civil and family law cases are filed and immediately assigned to an individual judge. Each judge's court uses KCMS to monitor the case milestones and status as the case progresses from filing to resolution. Family Court Operations uses KCMS to manage its Family Court Services and Unified Family Court programs. These programs provide court-ordered assessments, intensive case management and a 'one judge, one family' approach. These are critical court services and programs that must be supported by an automated system.

KCMS uses a product called 'WebPutty' as the core technology of the application. WebPutty itself is based on Microsoft .NET v1.0, and produces application objects and code that are a hybrid of .NET 1.0 code and WebPutty proprietary logic, and function within an environment consistent with the versions of Windows and SQL Server that were supported by .NET 1.0.

In 2005, WebPutty Inc. went out of business. In June 2007, Microsoft ceased base support for .NET 1.0 and will cease extended support in June 2009. The result is that in June 2009 the KCMS application as-is will be operating on an unsupported software platform, with no assurance that it can operate in association with future OS, network, and ancillary software products, including security patches. Future operation of the application will become problematic, impractical, and eventually impossible. A system replacement is inevitable.

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

The primary objective is to mitigate operational risk. KCMS is a critical application on which the Court relies to perform mandated operations and services in civil and family law case management.

Replacing KCMS may also achieve operational improvements if we are able to integrate further with existing or future systems.

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

Funding for this project is supplemented with TCIA funds. The total project cost is estimated to be \$550,000, with \$270,000 funded by TCIA and \$280,000 funded by local dollars.

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

Not at this time.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Kitsap County

Title of Program or Project: DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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: _____

\$44,000

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Add and pay for the fourth district court judge.

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

Timely dispositions and great access to justice.

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

This was a new, additional position which gave the district court a greater ability to deliver services.

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

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Kittitas County

Title of Program or Project: SOUND AND RECORDING SYSTEM, JURY
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.,

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

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

\$67,104

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

The TCIA funds were used to purchase ADA-qualified sound and recording systems for each of the three courts (both superior courtrooms and each of the district courts) from Aatronics at a total cost of \$40,385. TCIA funds were also used to purchase a new jury management system to be used by each of the courts from Courthouse Technologies for \$26,719.

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

The Aatronics sound and recording systems are state of the art, providing both superior amplification so all proceedings can be more easily heard by the public, including the hearing impaired, and each of the proceedings can have an accurate recording capable of being reproduced. The jury management system allows each of the courts to more easily summons jurors, keep track of those who attend and up date addresses.

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

Not related; these were one-time expenditures.

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

Yes, each of the courts benefitted from the upgrades in the sound and recording systems. Each of the courts utilizes the new jury management system.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Kittitas County

Title of Program or Project: ADULT DRUG 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: _____

\$4,500 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The Kittitas County Superior Court has operated an adult drug court since 2004 with the volunteer assistance of many professionals including those with the Alcohol Drug Dependency (ADD) of Kittitas County. In 2008 ADD determined it could no longer volunteer its services. The TCCC opted to use the TCIA money accrued to help fund a successful drug court for the 2009 fiscal year.

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

The expenditures will enable the successful Kittitas County Superior Court Drug Court to continue to operate for the next year.

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

The TCIA money is related to other funding sources, including general fund and a special drug fund. The TCIA money by far is the bulk of money needed to fund drug court for 2009.

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

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Klickitat County

Title of Program or Project: ADULT PROBATION 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.,

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

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

\$13,583

Amount expended 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
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- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Monitor persons involved in adult drug court/supervise defendants in district court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
Same as last year. The county will fund this position fully from the general fund at the end of three years.

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

Same. The funding is for one-third of the cost of a counselor (salary, benefits); the County pays the remaining two-thirds.

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

Yes. Superior court drug court; district court probation.

2009 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.,

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 budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Provide and monitor persons involved in adult drug court; supervise defendants in district court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The county will fund this position fully from the general fund at the end of three years.

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

Funding is for one-third the cost of a counselor (salary-benefits); the county pays the remaining two-thirds.

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

Yes, Superior Court Drug Court; District Court Probation.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Lewis County

Title of Program or Project: IMPROVEMENTS TO DISTRICT COURT
COURTROOM #1

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: **Courtroom Operations**

\$1,890

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

By agreement of the respective presiding judges and the Board of County Commissioners, the movie style seats in courtroom #1 of the district court were replaced by benches to meet ADA requirements. The same style of seats in the jury box could not be replaced by benches due to function and space requirements. Jury seats were replaced with chairs. Benches were paid for by the facilities budget, the chairs from TCIA funds.

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

This courtroom was unusable for jury trials without the seats, and there was no money available from the general fund. No seats would have meant no jury trials in this courtroom.

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

See above.

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: DOCUMENT IMAGING 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.,

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

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

\$6,261 Amount expended 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
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- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Installed Liberty Scanning of Records system.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Greatly reduced the amount of paper storage of court records. We had completely run out of room for storing paper documents.

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

No.

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

In the case of appeals to superior court, file or document retrieval is quicker for district court staff to assemble and reproduce; therefore the time to put records together for the appellate court is reduced, so there may be some small benefit to superior court.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Lincoln County

Title of Program or Project: PHOTOCOPIER

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: _____

\$245

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Purchased/leased a copier on an installment basis. Part of the purchase price will be in future years.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The old copier gave out and a new one was needed.

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

The capital expense budget for the county is impacted less.

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

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Mason County

Title of Program or Project: PORTABLE RECORDING 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.,

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

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

\$11,676

Amount expended 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
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

The superior and district courts use FTR digital recording (Reporterdecks) in their courtrooms. A joint decision was made to purchase a laptop and FTR software that could be used by either court in the event of a problem with a Reporterdeck or the need to travel to another location for court.

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

In the event a Reporterdeck malfunctions during court, increased efficiency will result in that the backup recording system can be set up allowing the court to remain in session until the Reporterdeck can be repaired.

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

N/A

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

It has the ability to benefit superior, juvenile and district courts.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Mason County

Title of Program or Project: ASSISTED LISTENING 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.,

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

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

\$1,612 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The amount of \$1612.33 was used as a down-payment to purchase assisted listening devices for each courtroom. Purchase of the assisted listening devices was the result of a LAP grant and the down-payment will be placed back into the Trial Court Improvement fund once the funds have been received.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
The assisted listening devices can be used by anyone in the courtroom who is having difficulty hearing.

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

N/A

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

It has the ability to benefit superior, juvenile and district courts.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Okanogan County

Title of Program or Project: JURY MANAGEMENT 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.,

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

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

\$21,024

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Purchased a new Jury Management System and minor equipment to improve efficiency and accuracy of managing trial jurors.

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

1. Improved efficiency in processing jurors using new technology with bar code scanning.
2. Improved reporting allows us to better estimate the number of jurors who actually report, which can reduce costs in mailing as well as paying for more jurors than needed.
3. Improved accuracy in cleansing the jury source list – resulting in fewer errors in summoning jurors who have been permanently excused due to age or are deceased.
4. Ability to summon jurors on a weekly rather than monthly cycle, and to let them know well in advance the week in which they will be serving.
5. Improved ability to hold FTA jurors accountable.

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

Funds were used to replace the existing Jury Management System that we would not have been able to purchase through Current Expense.

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

Yes – the jury system is used by district and superior court.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Okanogan County

Title of Program or Project: SECURITY 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.,

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

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

\$1,076

Amount expended 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
-
- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
Door and lock installed in an open hallway which leads into the back of the courtroom.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Improves courtroom security by denying unauthorized access to back of the courtroom.

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

New project.

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

Yes, this courtroom is used by district and superior court.

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.,

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.

\$55,374

Amount expended 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
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

These funds continued to support an increase of .10 FTE in 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 enabled the district courts to provide additional court days, more effectively managing the increasing caseloads.

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

The TCIA funds increased the district court appropriations.

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

In 2008, these funds applied only to our district courts.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Pacific County

Title of Program or Project: COURT CAPACITY 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.,

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.

\$15,377 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

These funds will continue to support an increase of .10 FTE in court judicial staffing, including wages and benefits.

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

The ability to provide additional court days has and will continue to enable better management of increasing caseloads.

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

The TCIA funds have been used to increase district court budget appropriations.

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

At the current time, these funds apply to our district courts only.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Pend Oreille County

Title of Program or Project: NEW JURY 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.,

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

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

\$8,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
We are a tri-county circuit, we share judges and a court administrator. Stevens County is purchasing a jury system that will be for all three counties. Our expense for this will be taken out of the Trial Court Improvement Fund. We have never had a jury system before and currently do it all by hand.

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

As stated above, we have never had a jury system before. At this time we are unable to insure families that a deceased loved one will be taken off the list of potential jurors. We have no system to record changes into, our only option is to forward on the information to the Auditors who forward the information on to the State, but this process is time consuming and not efficient. The jury system will also make our processes a lot more random, rather than putting names into a hat to draw numbers, we can ask the system to do that for us. These are just a few of the benefits to the new system. All the typing in of names on a spreadsheet and the forms that are created by hand to manage the jury are very time consuming. This new system will save tremendous amounts of time and greatly increase our efficiency.

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

The Trial Court Improvement fund will be used to shift the funding burden from the general fund. In the past we were unable to purchase the improvements that were greatly needed.

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

Yes, both superior court and district court are getting the new jury system.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Pend Oreille County

Title of Program or Project: SMALL 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.,

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

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

\$2,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
We will be purchasing a new DVD/CD player for playing in both superior and district courts. A lot of the exhibits that we are seeing now for playing in the courtroom are not VHS and that is the only equipment we have. We will be purchasing new equipment that plays DVDs/CDs and 911 recordings.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
It will make the courts run smoother; our equipment is outdated and obsolete.

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.

Yes, both superior and district court will use the new equipment.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Pierce County

Title of Program or Project: PRO TEM JUDGE PROGRAM

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: New Superior Court Commissioner (10/06) and 22nd judicial department (12/05)

\$100,000

Amount expended 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
-
- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Expanded the existing pro tem judge program; allowed more cases to be handled by the program.

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

The infusion of \$100,000 allowed the court to handle more hearings. For example in 2007 the program heard a total of 266 matters (trials, motions/presentations, settlement conferences, reconsideration motions). In 2008, with the added funds, the program handled 408 matters (trials, motions/presentations, settlement conferences, reconsideration motions, pleas, sentences).

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

In 2008 the funds were used to increase an existing program. The program had been funded with general fund dollars but the added TCIA funds increased the size of the program.

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: DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE REMODELING

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: _____

\$100,000

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The project scope includes: re-configuration of cubicle and office space in the Clerk's office and reconfiguration of the public counters.

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

The project provides for increased efficiency in the Clerk's office layout, and additional office space. The work in the counter area includes increased control over the traffic flow in the lobby and enhancement to the automated queuing process

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

The original funding was to only cover carpet replacement. It did not address the need to replace the obsolete 20 year old landscape furnishing nor did it address the counter area.

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

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: San Juan County

Title of Program or Project: HISTORIC COURTROOM RESTORATION

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: Frees up available jail space.

\$0 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

In 2006, we applied for a grant from the Washington State Historic County Courthouse Rehabilitation Grant Program, for the 2007-2009 biennium. This grant is a dollar-for-dollar matching grant. The SJC TCCC has banked the TCIA funds in an interest-bearing account in anticipation of this project. In 2009 we will be using the funds for audio (including assisted listening devices), video & ADA upgrades.

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

San Juan has only one courtroom. Superior Court, District Court & Juvenile Court share this room with great inconvenience to citizens and employees. This use of the TCIA funds as part of the matching grant is enabling the county to fund the rehabilitation of the historic courthouse and thereby adding a second, desperately needed courtroom.

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.

Please see previous comments. This project benefits Superior Court, District Court and Juvenile Court.

2008 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.,

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 2008: To be determined.

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Electronic display panels that 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 the specific day. The screen will scroll through all the names, refreshing every 15-20 seconds. This information will be able to be edited at any time.

This project went out to bid in 2007. At that time, only two vendors responded with interest however neither put in a bid. Throughout 2008, Skagit County worked on refining the specifications. During this same time, the County's Information Services Department was in frequent communication with the AOC's I.T. Department about the data exchange to ensure that this project was still viable. The AOC was moving from Hyperion to BOXI and our project received a low priority.

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

Currently, dozens of people who come to Superior and District Court stand in long lines and are required to pass through security screeners even before knowing if they are in the correct building and at the correct court. By utilizing display panels, similar to airports, people can quickly see when they need to be in the courtroom and specifically where they need to be. Due to the size of calendars or trials, both Superior and District Court routinely move judges and commissioners between courtrooms and hearing rooms. Often moves happen at the very last minute when a trial had settled or been continued. The flexibility and edit ability of the display panels will help facilitate getting people to the right place and ease the frustration of people waiting in line only to discover they are in the incorrect building.

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

TCIA funds have been accruing specifically for this project that would benefit all 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 the funds are available.

2009 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.,

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 2009: To be determined.

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Electronic display panels that 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. Display panels are currently used in both Pierce and Snohomish Counties.

This project is going out to bid again in March, 2009.

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

Currently, there are long lines of people waiting to go through security screening. Often after going through this process, they discover that their hearing is in the Public Safety Building or one of the Hearing Rooms rather than in the old Courthouse. This project will greatly help people get to the correct building and courtroom by displaying location of the event on a large screen. It will facilitate hearings and trials starting on time, helping to eliminate downtime for the court waiting on people who are late.

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

The TCIA are dedicated funds that have been accruing for this specific project.

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

Yes, this project will benefit Superior and District Courts immediately. After getting the appropriate infrastructure, it is the hope of the TCCC to expand this project to all of the municipal courts too.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Skamania County

Title of Program or Project: DISTRICT COURT 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.,

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

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

\$1,600

Amount expended 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
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- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Provide ongoing funding for district court clerk position.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Due to increased work load, 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?
Supplements other county funding.

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

2009 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.,

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

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

\$1,600 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Provide ongoing funding for 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?
Supplements other county funding.

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:

SUPERIOR COURT 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.,

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

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

\$29,892

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

This Nomad Technologies unit allows for presentation in the courtroom of PowerPoints, overheads, DVDs, CADs, etc. with a unit plug-in that operates all of the other technology in one consolidated unit that is mobile and can be moved from courtroom to courtroom.

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

This unit allow attorneys to use most available technology in the courtroom and for witnesses, judges, parties and the jury to benefit from clearer and complete presentation of evidence.

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

This expenditure would otherwise have to come 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: SUPERIOR COURT AND DISTRICT COURT
INTERPRETER SCHEDULING 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.,

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

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

\$15,000 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Software to allow for scheduling of interpreters for court needs.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
This software will allow superior and district courts to manage interpreter costs more efficiently.

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

Without this fund both courts would have to rely on the county General Fund for such a purchase.

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

Yes. Both courts have interpreter costs.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Snohomish County

Title of Program or Project: DISTRICT COURT COURTROOM RECORDING 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.,

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

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

\$76,367

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The district courtrooms previously did not document a complete audible record on a CD.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The district court now has a complete record without audible gaps in proceedings on CDs.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
General funds did not exist to upgrade the recording system. Without TCIA funds the court would continue to have an incomplete record of proceedings.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.
It benefits higher level of courts than the district court because on appeal the district court is now able to transmit a complete record of proceedings on CDs.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Snohomish County

Title of Program or Project: SUPERIOR COURT TECHNOLOGY
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.,

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

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

\$181,700 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Superior court technology upgrades.

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

Provide efficiencies to the court.

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

No general fund dollars are available to support these purchases.

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

No.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Snohomish County

Title of Program or Project: DISTRICT COURT SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS AND WORKSTATION RECONFIGURATION

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: _____

\$135,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The district court will install security barriers in the form of walls, glass service windows, and electronic entry doors to non-public areas at the Cascade, Evergreen and South Division courthouses.

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

The public will be separated from court employees and will not have access to non-public areas of court facilities.

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

General fund revenue is being expended for security improvements to county campus facilities but not to the courthouse outside the main county courthouses.

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

No, not directly (general fund). Yes, indirectly - security funds will not be diverted from the county courthouse to provide security for outlying district courthouses.

2008 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.,

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

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

\$6,421

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
A temporary help person (Computer Applications Specialist) was hired to assist both courts in redesigning and updating their websites to better inform and link the public to available court services and information. This is a one-time, special project.

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

New website content, elements, modifications and links improve citizens' understanding of court processes. It saves manpower because people are getting answers from the website rather than directing questions to a court employee. 1) We can measure the number of website hits and compute labor hours saved, and 2) anecdotal information can be passed along by users of the website, e.g., 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, it improves website accessibility and content for all citizens needing court services.

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.,

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

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: **Day reporting frees up available jail space.**

\$32,500 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

<p>Please provide a brief description of the project or service:</p> <p>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 misdemeanor and felony defendants.</p>
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Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.

1) We can calculate jail cost savings as a result of day reporting. 2) We can track and measure recidivism rates. 3) We can track services usage. 4) Personal successes of defendants are wide-ranging and touches the community, individual families, etc. 5) Provides rehabilitation services that are not available in a jail setting. 6) Allows the jail to concentrate on more serious offenders.

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

The TCIA funds the Day Reporting program. In 2006, the District Court Probation Department funded the program. TCIA funds are being used to shift the funding burden from the probation department.

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 as well as to some superior court pretrial cases.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: JURY CHECK-IN 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.,

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.

\$751 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
We purchased a thin client monitor and a bar code reader which was mounted on a small platform for use by jurors reporting for service and for checking out at the end of the day.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
This scanner quickly reads the bar code which appears on each juror summons. This saves juror check in and check out time, reduces reliance on staff to verify jurors coming and going, and takes up less room than our previous compute tower and full-sized monitor.

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

This project was not funded by the county as it did not relate to the court's primary operations. This project was a one-time equipment request.

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

Yes, this benefits superior, district and Spokane municipal court, as we provide juror management functions for all three trial level courts.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: JURY ROOM CHAIRS 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.,

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

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: **Jury chairs**

\$37,535

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Purchase 175 chairs to replace worn and mismatched chairs in our jury assembly room to allow jurors a more comfortable and more professional environment.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
Jurors will be treated a little more professionally and in a comfortable setting. It will not be as distracting to jurors as the old chairs.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
The purchase of the chairs was not funded by the Board of County Commissioners; however, both courts felt this purchase was in the best interests of the jurors and the courts.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court. If so, describe how.
Three levels (superior, district and municipal courts).

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: JURY ROOM DISPLAY 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.,

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

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

\$19,170 Amount expended 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
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Equipment includes six ceiling and wall mounted flat screen monitors, video projection system, sound and video control system, and an electric drop down screen, which are used for juror orientations and other meeting room purposes.

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

This state of the art projection system replaces a VCR system which used five TV carts around the jury assembly room. Video and sound quality are vastly improved with the flat screen monitors and the computer/DVD projection system. We were also able to get rid of the bulky TV carts and make room for additional juror chairs with the addition of this equipment. Juror orientation is the first step in many citizens' contact with the courts and, because of the importance of our jury system and the many fine citizens who participate in this system, we believe these funds were well spent in making our orientation process more professional in content and appearance.

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

County funds were not available for this upgrade in AV equipment.

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

This project benefits superior, district and municipal courts.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: SECURITY CARD READER 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.,

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

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

\$4,171

Amount expended 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
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- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

<p>Please provide a brief description of the project or service:</p> <p>Installed a proximity card reader for judge chambers room 307, superior court. This was necessitated by the fact that the judge's chamber door is easily accessible from a main courthouse annex hallway. The judge was subject to harassment and frequent uninvited guests to her office area. Keeping the door locked was not a viable option as it needs to be accessible for attorneys and law enforcement. A proximity card reader was installed to allow restricted access to pre-approved county/court employees.</p>

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

This project is a security project aimed at increasing security for one of our judges who had been subjected to harassment and intimidation by one or more individuals. The design of her main office area provided for access from a main hallway. The installation of a proximity card allows ONLY authorized individuals to enter that office area.

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

County funds were not available and we felt this was of sufficient and immediate importance to warrant using TCIA funds to install a proximity card reader.

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

This benefits superior court only.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: SJI GRANT MATCH 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: _____

\$10,545 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
The State Justice Institute (SJI) awarded a technical assistance grant to the Spokane County District Court to support the application titled "Strategic Planning Project." The court services strategic planning project will target how best to achieve effective court services in light of dramatically expanding service expectations. The planning project will be facilitated by an experienced court and justice system planning and management consultant.

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

Improve collaborative efforts between judicial officers in improving district court operations.

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

TCIA funds were used to cover the local matching piece of the grant so district court could qualify for the grant.

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

No.

2009 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.,

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

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: **Day Reporting frees up jail space.**

\$15,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Currently this project is funded through June 30, 2009. An extension will hinge on a review of the program and a vote of the TCCC to be taken in May. 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.

1) We can calculate jail cost savings as result of day reporting; 2) track and measure recidivism rates; 3) track services usage; 4) the personal successes of defendants are wide-ranging and touches the community, individual families, etc.; 5) provides rehabilitation services that are not available in a jail setting; and 6) allows the jail to concentrate on more serious offenders.

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

The TCIA funds the Day Reporting program. In 2006, the district court probation department funded the program. TCIA funds are being used to shift the funding burden from the probation department.

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 as well as to some superior court pretrial cases.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: CARPETING FOR THE JUVENILE COURT
DETENTION SCHOOL

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: _____

\$28,592 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
This project would be for 551 square yards of carpet in the school center to replace the current carpet which is ripped and sewage stained from a broken pipe. The Juvenile Detention Center has a school for incarcerated youth on the lower level of the building. The carpet is at least eight years old and with daily use it is in severe need of replacement.

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

This expenditure will improve the level of service because the youth and staff will have an environment where trip hazards and sewage stained carpet will not be a distraction to the education environment.

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

The TCIA funds are being used due to lack of county funds.

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

No, the expenditure benefits the Superior Court's Juvenile Court section.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: FLOORING FOR JUVENILE COURT DETENTION INTAKE AREA

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: **Capital Improvement.**

\$6,491 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
This project would allow us to replace the 30 year old flooring in the intake area of the Juvenile Court Detention Services area and provide a product that would hold up better than the current one. We plan to use the same product currently used in grocery stores where there is high traffic. Law Enforcement bring youth into juvenile court through the intake area. Here they are processed, searched, showered and held in temporary holding cells while paperwork is completed. The traffic in this area is tremendous with wear and tear on the floor daily.

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

This expenditure will improve the level of service for juvenile court and law enforcement. The outcome will be to provide a clean, safe environment for youth who are waiting in cells, taking showers and perhaps experiencing the juvenile justice system for the first time.

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

The TCIA funds are being used due to the lack of county funds.

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

No, the expenditure benefits the Superior Court's Juvenile Court section and law enforcement.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: COPY MACHINE FOR JUVENILE 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: _____

\$14,215 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
Juvenile Court's Detention Services employs more than 50 people who make 9,000 copies per month. The new Canon IR5055 copier would replace a copier purchased in 1998 with a growing repair history. The new IR5055 copier will allow for less down time and faster service to the court staff.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
This expenditure will increase efficiency and improve the level of service by providing up-to-date technology and time saving copying for more than 50 staff in the Detention Administration.

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

The TCIA funds are being used due to lack of county funds.

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

No, the expenditure benefits the Superior Court's Juvenile Court section.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: CAGE BARRIER FOR JUVENILE COURT VEHICLE

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: Maintenance of court equipment.

\$690 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
This project will provide a cage barrier for our Juvenile Court Detention Services Electronic Monitoring transport vehicle and protection for staff while transporting youth. This four-wheel drive vehicle is sometimes the only transportation available in increment weather conditions in outlying areas of our county.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
This project will improve the level of service by providing safe transportation for youth and staff who are in the community and where the youth has violated EM conditions.

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

The TCIA funds are being used due to unavailability of county funds.

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

No, the expenditure benefits the Superior Court's Juvenile Court section and law enforcement.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: REPLACE VIDEO VIEW STATIONS - SUPERIOR & DISTRICT COURT JAIL HEARINGS

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: _____

\$2,993 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
This purchase allows both superior and district courts to have replacement view stations for our jail video systems in the event our other camera stations become inoperable. This flexibility also allows us to use the back up station in a different courtroom if another judge is assigned to perform chief criminal duties.

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

Due to the age and unreliable condition of our current Polycom view stations, this purchase will allow both superior and district courts to have a backup view station in the event that our primary stations fail to operate.

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

Funding is not available for this purchase as it is considered a contingency purchase and not necessary for the current operation of the courts. It will allow us to replace our current systems when they are not working with minimal disruption to the court process.

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

One view station will benefit superior court and the other will be reserved for district court.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Spokane County

Title of Program or Project: ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM - SUPERIOR COURT
JURY 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.,

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

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

\$3,166 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
This equipment will provide for ADA compliance in our jury assembly room by installing an infrared hearing system, which will assist jurors summoned for jury service in both trial courts.

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

This purchase will improve services to our summoned jurors by providing assistive listening equipment (infrared) in the main assembly area.

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

Funding was not available for this purpose. Previously, the court utilized pocket talkers which are not as efficient or reliable for hearing impaired individuals.

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

This equipment will benefit all trial courts utilizing our jury management system.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Stevens County

Title of Program or Project: WORK STATIONS

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: **Working conditions of employees**

\$1,749

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
To provide four work stations for district court staff.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
Currently employees are using desks that are no longer sufficient for their needs. They need workstations that support enhanced office productivity such as dual monitors, viewing PDF documents and graphic images. The court has recently added scanners to each desk. New work stations will provide them with the extra space needed for enhanced work flow.

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

Shifted the burden from general fund. If not for the TCIA, we would not have purchased this equipment.

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

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Stevens County

Title of Program or Project: LOCKING CABINET FOR COMMISSIONER'S
HEARING ROOM RECORDING 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.,

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

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

\$300

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

The help of a local high school shop class was enlisted (free labor) and the materials were purchased for them to build a locking oak cabinet for our recording equipment, laptop and Clerk's supplies in our "second" courtroom. This room is very multi-purpose and we began moving the equipment on a portable cart. The locking cabinet allows us to keep the equipment in the room yet not have to worry about theft or vandalism.

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

The previous method with the portable cart was very time consuming and bulky. The cabinet definitely increases efficiency in court set-up and take down and the recording equipment is now in a secure storage area.

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

Although the cost was small, it still shifted the burden from the general fund and was definitely a court improvement.

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

Yes, both superior and district court use this equipment.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Stevens County

Title of Program or Project: LAPTOP FOR COURTROOM 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.,

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

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

\$1,594 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
A new laptop was purchased to be used by the clerks in the courtroom along with the FTR recording system.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
The laptop that was replaced was over seven years old and was previously used before the court got it. It was very slow and couldn't support any new software; it had begun freezing up and not working.

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

The funds used shifted the burden from the general fund. We wouldn't have gotten approval for this expenditure had we not had these funds.

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

Yes, both district and superior court.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Stevens County

Title of Program or Project: SERVER FOR DOCUMENT IMAGING 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.,

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

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

\$6,500 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
To allow storage of court related documents and recordings and to enhance security for these documents.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
Only court related documents and recordings are maintained on this server. Eliminated the need to create a CD of the recording as a backup; the process of recording is not interrupted with a CD becomes full; and it streamlined court functions.

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

Shifted the burden from the general fund. If not for the TCIA, we would not have purchased this equipment.

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

Yes, both courts are storing their scanned documents and recordings on this server.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Stevens County

Title of Program or Project: DUAL MONITORS FOR DISTRICT COURT STAFF

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: _____

\$2,658 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Dual monitors with video cards were provided for each district court employee.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
This helps to increase efficiency - you can have your JIS application up and running on one monitor and your scanning software on the second monitor and both screens are readable. It assists when doing correspondence as you can paste between JIS and Word documents.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
This shifts the burden from the general fund. If not for the TCIA, we would not have purchased this equipment.

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

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Stevens County

Title of Program or Project: COLOR PRINTER

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: **Reproduce training aides and brochures for customers and employees.**

\$499 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Purchased a color printer for use by all courts.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
During the past two years, we have been receiving documentation, flyers and training aides that are in color. The courts, when printing them in black and white, made some areas of the document(s) unreadable. We were outsourcing the documents to another department for printing. We are now able to print and create training aides and brochures as well as print documents sent to us.

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

This shifted the burden from the general fund.

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

Yes.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Stevens County

Title of Program or Project: FOLDING MACHINE

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: **To allow the courts the capability of folding brochures, collection letters small batches of outgoing correspondence.**

\$353 Amount expended 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
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Fold letters, jury and small claims brochures, and collection paperwork.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
It reduces costly reruns; secures document processing; and eliminates the time it takes to stuff envelopes, reducing labor costs. Both clerk's offices have lost people due to the budget crunch and this is a time saving device for them.

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

Shifted the burden from the general fund. If not for the TCIA, we would not have purchased this equipment.

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

Yes, the equipment is being used by district and superior court.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Stevens County

Title of Program or Project: PHONIC EAR - ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICE

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: _____

\$5,377 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
We are installing the Phonic Ear in the Commissioner's hearing room where we regularly hold court hearings. This will assist attorneys and litigants who may need additional help to be able to hear and participate in proceedings and we will finally be ADA compliant for all cases heard in district and superior courts.

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

This is an ADA approved assistive listening device that will immediately enhance the court's capability to provide assistance to the hard of hearing.

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

Without TCIA funds, this project wouldn't happen. The funds are used to shift the burden from general fund.

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

Yes. Both courts are forced to use this hearing room when the regular superior court or district court courtroom are already in use.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Stevens County

Title of Program or Project: WORK STATIONS FOR DISTRICT COURT STAFF

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: **Working conditions of employees.**

\$1,250 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

To provide four work stations for district court staff.

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

Currently, employees are using desks that are no longer sufficient for their needs. They need work stations that support enhanced office productivity such as dual monitors, viewing PDF documents and graphic images. The court has recently added scanners to each desk. New work stations will provide them with the extra space needed for enhanced workflow.

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

Shifted the burden from general fund. If not for the TCIA, we would not have purchased this equipment.

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

No.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Stevens County

Title of Program or Project: HANDS-FREE PHONE SET

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: _____

\$417 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Purchase of hands-free headset for juvenile court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services:
Increase telephone response time. Aid in comfort as well as staff accessibility while occupied on the phone (can answer door, make copies, fax, etc., while on phone calls). Number of missed calls is reduced drastically.

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

Shifts the burden from general fund.

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

No.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Stevens County

Title of Program or Project: SIDE BAR/BENCH CONFERENCE MICROPHONE
AND SOUND MASKING

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: _____

\$1,830 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Superior Court is installing a side bar/bench conference microphone for use during jury trials. In the past, side bar/bench conferences were not recorded. With this microphone, the side bars can be recorded as they occur in the record. The sound masking equipment generates white noise so the audience cannot hear what is being said at the side bar/bench conference.

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

This will document the side bar/bench conferences as they occur, not after the fact. They will be able to be included in the transcripts of trials in context.

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

We would not be able to obtain this equipment without TCIA funding. This shifts the burden from the general fund.

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

It will be installed in the superior court courtroom.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Stevens County

Title of Program or Project: EQUIPMENT FOR SCANNING 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.,

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

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: **Records management/case management.**

\$15,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
The individual who performed the scanning and records management function of the clerk's office was eliminated in 2009. In an effort to continue the statutory records retention requirement, individual desktop scanners were purchased to spread that workload throughout the remainder of the office.

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

Instead of one person scanning 1,000+ pages of documents daily, that workload has been spread among four individuals, reducing the time any one individual has to spend on that job, allowing them to perform other functions as well.

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

There were no other county funds available with which to make this purchase. If these funds were not available, one person would have to spend their entire day performing records management.

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

No.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Stevens County

Title of Program or Project: 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.,

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

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

\$1,000 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.
Purchase OCR and Adobe Acrobat software. The clerk in charge of appeals for the superior court clerk's office will now be able to send files electronically to the Court of Appeals.

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

With the clerk's office being short-staffed due to layoffs in the county, this will improve efficiency in forwarding records to the Court of Appeals. The records will no longer have to be manually placed in the mail.

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

These funds are the only reason we were able to purchase this software.

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

No.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Stevens County

Title of Program or Project: DATA MINING AND REPORTING 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.,

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

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

\$500 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Purchase Monarch software that will allow the collections clerk to pull information from SCOMIS to merge into documents.

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

Because the clerk's office is understaffed, the clerk who had been working on collections full time has had to cut back those duties in order to help in other areas of the clerk's office. This software will allow her to be more efficient and able to increase the amount of collection work she can do because of it.

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

This software could not be purchased without the TCIA funds.

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

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Wahkiakum County

Title of Program or Project: UPGRADE RECORDING 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.,

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 2008

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Upgrade the recording system in the courtroom.

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

Replaces the old Lanier tape system.

How are the TCIA funds for this project or service related to other funding sources?
Allowed the upgrade of the recording system when funds would not otherwise have been available.

Does this expenditure benefit more than one level of court? If so, describe how.
Yes, both district and superior courts.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Wahkiakum County

Title of Program or Project: 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.,

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 2009: To be determined.

This project/service is a:

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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
To avoid reduction in staffing November and December 2008. The county mandated cuts and allowed TCIA funds to be used to avoid cuts in staffing.

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

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

Restores funds.

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

Both district and superior courts affected.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Walla Walla County

Title of Program or Project: PROBATION ASSISTANT

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: Probation assistance.

\$41,613 Amount expended 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
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- For the superior court
 - For the district court
 - For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Provides the salary of a probation assistant to ensure compliance with conditions of probation.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The caseload was overwhelming for the one probation officer. With an assistant, cases are more closely monitored and restitution recovery is emphasized. Defendants are required to return to court for their violations more swiftly than in the past.

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

These funds were added to our general funding of a part time file clerk which enabled us to hire the full time probation assistant.

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

No.

2009 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Walla Walla County

Title of Program or Project: PROBATION ASSISTANT

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: Probation assistance.

\$41,613 Amount budgeted for this project or service in 2009

This project/service is a:

- One-time expense
- Recurring expense for which TCIA funds will likely be used in future years
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Salary of a probation assistant to ensure compliance with conditions of probation.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The caseload was overwhelming for the one probation officer. With an assistant, cases are more closely monitored and restitution recovery is emphasized. Defendants are required to return to court for their violations more swiftly than in the past.

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

These funds were added to our general funding of a part time file clerk, which enabled us to hire the full time probation assistant.

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

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whatcom County

Title of Program or Project: DISTRICT COURT 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.,

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

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
- Other direct services for clients/litigants
- Other: **Increase access to the court for those attending night court sessions.**

\$2,148

Amount expended 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
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service.

District Court has continued its night court program. There were two night court sessions per month. One was for mitigation and contested infraction hearings, the other was for small claims court cases.

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

Offering a night court option for appropriate cases increases customer service received by the public in a number of ways. One is that many avoid having to take valuable time off from work or school to deal with their legal issues. A second is that by processing the cases during "off peak" times for the court, a greater efficiency is achieved during the regular work day. There is an increase in convenience for the public in having to deal with less traffic in the downtown as well as having an easier time finding parking. Night court continues to have calendars that are processing cases at 90% to 100% capacity.

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

The night court program was specifically created using TCIA funds. The program continues to be funded entirely from TCIA funds.

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

No.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whatcom County

Title of Program or Project: 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.,

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.

\$23,811 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service
Hardware and furnishings for a second video viewing room were added, enabling segregation of the public from crime victims.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
After a near deadly brawl two years ago, we now have a secure viewing room for crime victims, separated from the public.

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

Hardware and furnishings were provided.

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

Yes.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR SUPERIOR COURT
JUDGE AND DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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: _____

\$6,520 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Purchase new laptops for both the Superior Court Judge, David Frazier and the District Court Judge, Douglas Robinson.

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

Gives the judges access to electronic court files and legal research materials on the bench. Enables each judge to take work home and work while traveling. Enables the judges to appear via webcam if necessary. Improves efficiency.

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

Funding for this technology was not otherwise available.

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

Benefits both courts. Judges hear conflict and overflow cases for the other court when necessary.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: DIGITAL CAMERA FOR DISTRICT COURT
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.,

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

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

\$392 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Purchase of a Canon Powershot digital camera.

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

The Probation Department is required to provide a digital photograph of criminal defendants who move out of state and are subject to the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision.

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

No funding is available through the general fund or other sources.

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

The camera could be used by the juvenile probation department.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: ELECTRONIC CODE/KEYPAD DOOR ACCESS -
CLERK'S OFFICE, JUDGE'S OFFICE AND 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.,

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

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

\$928 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Install electronic keypads with key fob access and remote door latch release on the courtroom staff door; in the door to the judge's chambers; and on the main door of the clerk's office.

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

- 1) Judge's Chambers: Increases security. The chambers door opens into the public hallway and needs to be kept locked at all times. The key fob allows the judge quick and easy entrance into the chambers. The intercom system allows him to screen visitors and remotely let them in.
- 2) Clerk's Office: Increases security for staff as it allows the main door to be closed and locked. The staff is able to remotely open and close the door from their desks which increases efficiency.
- 3) Courtroom: Increases security and efficiency as noted above.

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

Funding for these types of projects is not provided for in the general fund. These types of projects must go through the county's Capital Improvement Fund (CIP) application process. The funds in the CIP are very limited. This project does not rank high enough to receive funding through the CIP process.

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

Benefits the superior court when they use the district court courtroom.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: SPANISH LANGUAGE 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
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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: Comfort of jurors.

\$561 Amount expended 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
- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Spanish language teaching software.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will increase efficiency or improve the level of services.
The number of Spanish speaking individuals who request service from our court increases substantially each year. We have three staff members who have received formal Spanish classes and this software will enable them to expand on their ability to communicate in Spanish to better serve our customers.

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

Funds are not available through the general fund or other funding sources for this type of purchase.

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

Yes, that's possible. The software is installed on a laptop, so it's portable and could be used by the other court levels.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: SOUND AMPLIFICATION EQUIPMENT 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
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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: _____

\$4,987 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Purchase of Superior Court Audio System Upgrade.

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

The sound amplification system in the superior court courtroom is very old (not sure of its age). It does not produce adequate amplification which makes the audio recording poor.

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

No funding available through the general fund or other sources.

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: TELEVISION AND DVD/VCR PLAYER FOR PULLMAN DISTRICT COURT BRANCH

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:

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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: _____

\$761 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Television and DVD/VCR player for the courtroom in the Pullman branch of Whitman County District Court.

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

The Pullman branch of the district court is located in the Pullman City Hall building. The court rents the office and courtroom space so there are no other county offices to borrow equipment from. The Judge also uses this equipment in his specialty court sessions, Alcohol and Other Drug Court (AOD), held every two weeks in the Pullman courtroom.

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

Funding is not available through the general fund or other sources.

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

Not really. Unless superior court would use the Pullman courtroom and have a need for this equipment for the hearing.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: WIRELESS MICROPHONE SYSTEM FOR PULLMAN BRANCH

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:

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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: _____

\$521 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:
Wireless microphone system for the courtroom in the Pullman branch of the district court.

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

The court uses the City of Pullman council chambers as a courtroom. All computer and recording equipment must be set-up before court and then put away after court. For this reason, there isn't any way to permanently secure microphone cords. The cords have been tripped over many times causing the microphones to fall to the floor and be damaged and the sound quality to be affected. The cords are also a safety hazard. The cordless microphone system alleviates these problems.

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

Funding is not available through the general fund or other sources.

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

Perhaps. The superior court may use the District Court courtroom in Pullman once a year.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Whitman County

Title of Program or Project: WINDOW INTERCOM KIT

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:

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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: _____

\$421 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

The district court clerk's office has a reinforced glass security window at the front counter. The openings in the glass intended for communicating with customers were not amplified. Customers stand in the hallway at the window and there is a lot of background noise. The intercom kit was installed to allow better communication with customers.

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

Increases ability to communicate with customers/litigants. Clerks are able to provide clearer instructions, understand customer requests and provide better service overall.

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

Funding for these types of projects is not provided for in the general fund. These types of projects must go through the county's Capital Improvement Fund (CIP) application process. The funds in the Capital Improvement Fund are very limited. This project does not rank high enough to receive funding through the CIP process.

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

No – just the district court.

2008 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:

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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: _____

\$107,615 Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

<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 Yakima County District Court satellite office in Grandview which was re-established in 2006. 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>

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 5 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. We now have video arraignments when the need arises and in 2008 we began hearing Lower Valley (southeast region of county) Truancy cases in the Grandview Court.

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

We have 1.5 office specialists assigned to this budget. 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. The Lower Valley District Court hosts Superior Court matters such as Truancy Court for the Lower Valley School Districts and various Superior Court civil matters. In addition there are offices for adult and juvenile probation staff.

2008 Project/Service Description

Jurisdiction: Yakima County

Title of Program or Project: FAMILY 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:

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

- Courtroom services
- Security
- Administration
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- Other: _____

\$32,248

Amount expended 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

- For the superior court
- For the district court
- For both courts

Please provide a brief description of the project or service:

Due to increased caseloads, we added a part-time court commissioner on January 1, 2008. Part of her salary is charged to the TCIA fund (approximately 25%). Adding this position has given some relief to the already over-burdened dockets. An increased domestic relations caseload and dramatic rise in number of pro se litigants has significantly expanded the docket beyond capacity.

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

The apparent difference this is making now is the number of cases no longer waiting to be calendared. In addition, the overtime for staff has gone down. Family Court has often run past the normal working hours of the day due to the overflowing dockets.

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

This part-time commissioner is a new position. Funding was not previously available. Only 25% of a full-time court commissioner salary is being funded from the TCIA funds. Due to increasing caseloads, we increased this position to full-time part way through the year. The rest of this position is funded from the general fund and 3/10ths tax funds.

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

In a round-a-bout way it does. This money has allowed us to shuffle caseloads amongst the judges and commissioners so we can now hear Truancy cases in the Lower Valley Court now. We were not able to do that before we funded this position, so even though Truancy court is a Juvenile Court matter and technically under the umbrella of Superior Court, it does allow us to use the money in both courts. In addition, this position also handles some District Court.