

2005

**Trial Court
Improvement Account**

Use Report

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2005 Trial Court Improvement Account Use Report

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. This report covers the use or intended use of only those funds distributed in October, 2005. As expected, therefore, only a small number of courts reported actual expenditures for calendar year 2005 and a majority of jurisdictions had not officially appropriated the funds within their calendar/fiscal year 2006 budgets. Notwithstanding, many jurisdictions included in their reports information regarding the areas they intended to fund or are considering to fund in 2006.

It is expected that the 2006 Trial Court Improvement Account Report will detail, in a majority of jurisdictions, actual expenditures from TCIA's.

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 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.”

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.

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.
- Appropriated funds from the Equal Justice Sub-Account for the 2005-07 biennium as follows:
 - \$2.3 million for criminal indigent defense, \$1 million of which is provided solely for a criminal indigent defense pilot program.
 - \$5.0 million for representation of parents in dependency and termination proceedings.
 - \$3.0 million for civil legal representation of indigent persons.
 - \$2.4 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.

The original Trial Court Improvement Account Use reporting form did not directly capture information regarding the extent to which the general fund gains resulting from 2ESSB 5454 have been allocated to benefit the trial courts. However, conversations with court officials indicate that in at least one jurisdiction the trial courts received a significant appropriation for FY 2006 based upon the increased general fund revenue estimates. A supplemental reporting questionnaire will attempt to directly capture information in this regard.

A summary of individual county general fund revenue projections is contained in Appendix B.

Trial Court Improvement Accounts

As noted above, the legislature appropriated \$2.4 million for the 2005/07 biennium for contribution to district and qualified elected municipal court judges' salaries. These funds are distributed by the Administrative Office of the Courts on a proportional basis to all qualifying jurisdictions on a quarterly basis.

In turn, upon receipt of these funds, counties and participating cities are required to create and fund Trial Court Improvement Accounts in an amount equal to one-hundred percent of 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 must be 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.

2005 Trial Court Improvement Account Use

In February, 2006 the initial request to courts for information regarding actual or intended use of the Trial Court Improvement Accounts was issued (Appendix A). All 39 counties and seven qualifying cities receiving partial reimbursement for district and qualifying municipal court judges' salaries reported on the use or intended use of funds received in 2005.

General Status of Appropriations

As expected, the majority of courts reported that they had not expended funds in 2005 nor had the funds been formally budgeted for 2006 given the timing and amount of the initial disbursements relative to the normal budget development calendar.

Status of Fund Appropriations	
Jurisdictions reporting funds expended in 2005:	4
Jurisdictions reporting funds budgeted for 2006:	13
Jurisdictions reporting "no determination" for 2006:	33

Notwithstanding actual expenditures or formal inclusion of funding in 2006 budgets, many jurisdictions reported how the Trial Court Improvement Accounts funds were or would be appropriated within the jurisdiction's budget structure. Of those reporting, nine jurisdictions reported that the TCIA funds were allocated within the courts' general operating budget and 16 reported that the jurisdiction had or would create a separate "Trial Court Improvement Account" expenditure budget from which to appropriate funds.

Expenditure Budget Structure	
Superior Court Operating Budget:	1
District Court Operating Budget:	5
Superior and District Court Operating Budgets:	1
Municipal Court Operating Budget:	2
Separate "Trial Court Improvement Account" Budget:	16
Not determined:	21

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 2005 and of 2006 budget allocations and structures is located in Appendix B.

Budget Allocation Decision Processes

The initial TCIA use reporting form did not directly capture information regarding how jurisdictions have or will determine expenditure allocations of the TCIA funds. However, the individual responses and conversations with court officials have provided some anecdotal insights:

- In many jurisdictions 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.
- In several jurisdictions the local Trial Court Coordinating Council, Law and Justice Council or similar body has been tasked with developing budget allocation recommendations for presentation to the legislative authority.

In two jurisdictions there are indications that the TCIA funds have been appropriated by the legislative authority without direct consultation with the trial court leadership. While the authority to appropriate the funds clearly falls within the sphere of the legislative authority, a more collaborative approach was envisioned by the judicial proponents of the enacting legislation.

A supplemental reporting questionnaire will attempt to directly capture information regarding local processes for developing TCIA fund allocation recommendations.

Actual Reported Expenditures

Four jurisdictions reported actual expenditures in 2005 as follows:

Adams County

\$20,084 for the purchase and installation of digital recording systems in two courtrooms, a new sound system (P.A.) in one courtroom and assistive listening systems in two courtrooms. TCIA funds received in 2006 will reimburse general fund dollars expended for these projects in advance of receipt.

Cowlitz County

\$6,833 for the purchase of hardware and software allowing forms to be created and signed electronically by the courts, attorneys, and defendants. This will also allow other users to view the forms electronically upon filing with the court.

King County

\$60,000 to conduct a complete district court staffing needs assessment for all court and probation office positions (excludes judicial and director positions).

Pierce County

\$23,000 to off-set the additional expenses of filling one new superior court judge position and associated staffing authorized in 1997 by the legislature.

Planned 2006 Expenditures

Eleven jurisdictions reported firm planned expenditures for 2006 as follows:

City of Everett

Installation of video arraignment equipment connecting the Everett Municipal Court to the Snohomish County Jail.

Benton County

Purchase of office furniture and equipment to improve staff efficiencies in superior court and recording system upgrades in district court courtrooms.

Clallam County

Creation of a court house security officer position serving all courts.

Ferry County

Upgrade of remote video appearance system.

Kitsap County

Partial funding of the cost of creating a new district court judge position and associated staff.

Klickitat County

Fund one-third of the cost of a new probation officer for three years to assist drug court following the loss of DOC personnel. After three years the entire cost of the probation officer will revert to the county general fund.

Lewis County

Partial funding of the cost of creating a new assistant court administrator for district court.

Lincoln County

Purchase and installation of a digital audio recording system in district court.

Okanogan County

Purchase of imaging software interface to link imaged documents to docket entries on district court JIS docket.

Pacific County

Increase part-time district court judge position.

Yakima County

Operating expenses of newly established district court satellite facility in Grandview serving the southeastern region of the county. Services will include district and superior court hearings and adult and juvenile probation services.

The following 12 jurisdictions reported that a variety of projects or expenditures were under consideration for funding in 2006, but that a final decision had not yet been reached:

- | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Asotin County | Garfield County | San Juan County |
| Clark County | Island County | Stevens County |
| Columbia County | Jefferson County | Whatcom County |
| Douglas County | Pend Oreille County | Whitman County |

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

- | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| City of Anacortes | City of Federal Way | Skagit County |
| City of Burlington | Chelan County* | Skamania County |
| City of Mt. Vernon | | |

* Has identified a security screening check point for district court once sufficient funds accrue.

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

General Areas Affected by 2005 Actual and/or 2006 Planned Expenditures

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.

Of the 15 courts which have expended funds or have indicated firm planned expenditures for 2006, six reported that the funds will be dedicated to personnel related costs (presumably salary and benefits). Only one of those six indicated that a fixed duration had been set for funding the personnel costs from the TCIA after which funding for the position will shift to the local general fund. Therefore, for five of the jurisdictions, the resources in the Trial Court Improvement Account will be, over the long-term, tied to a single improvement (personnel), rather than being used for multiple one-time expenses and projects.

In the remaining jurisdictions it can be anticipated that the areas of court operations impacted by the accounts will change over time.

In addition to providing detailed descriptions of actual or planned expenditures, jurisdictions were asked to categorize the areas affected in general terms using check lists. The following data is presented in the question form as presented in the report with the number of jurisdictions marking the box shown to the left of each statement. Because multiple responses under each check list category was responsible, the totals vary.

Those jurisdictions which have expended funds, have budgeted funds or are considering how the funds might be used, fall primarily into three categories:

- Those that plan to fund a new program or service.
- Those that plan to expand upon an existing program or service.
- Those that plan to make capital improvements or purchases.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:	
16	Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
12	Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
15	Funds capital facilities or equipment for the court.
3	Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
0	Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
4	Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
4	Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
2	Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
0	Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

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?		
15 Civil	1 Civil - Arbitration	17 Civil - Small Claims
14 Criminal - Felony	21 Criminal – Misdemeanor	8 Juvenile Offender
9 Family Law	19 Domestic Violence	9 Dependency
7 Probate/Guardianship	6 Mental Illness	5 Adoption
4 Other:		

Fifteen, or roughly one-third of all jurisdictions (including those not reporting detailed information) indicate that therapeutic or problem solving courts will be likely beneficiaries of the Trial Court Improvement Account funding.

Which therapeutic or problem-solving courts are directly supported by the funds?	
4 Drug Court - Adult	1 Drug Court - Juvenile
0 Drug Court - Family	2 DUI Court
1 Unified Family Court	3 Mental Health Court
4 Other:	

A minority of jurisdictions report that administrative functions are likely recipients of Trial Court Improvement Account funds. Automation is the most targeted administrative area for funding.

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?	
1 Juries	3 Automation - calendaring/case management
2 Budgeting	3 Automation - case file management
5 Other:	

Conclusion

The timing of the initial disbursement in October, 2005 resulted in few jurisdictions expending any Trial Court Improvement Account funds in calendar year 2005 and precluded a majority of jurisdictions for inclusion of the funds in the initial 2006 adopted budgets. Further, many of the smaller jurisdictions, because of the amount of the disbursements have decided to allow a fund balance to accrue prior to making any decisions regarding use of the funds.

It is expected that the report on actual 2006 expenditures will provide the first real sense of how the Trial Court Improvement Accounts have impacted the provision of justice in Washington State. This will likely be even more pronounced in 2007 and 2008 when fifty percent of the funds in the Equal Justice Sub-Account are to be appropriated for district court and qualifying municipal court judges' salaries, thus increasing the amount of funds available to courts through the TCIA's to improve services.

Questions and Comments

This is the first annual report on the use of Trial Court Improvement Accounts. As such, both the data collection tool and the information provided in the report are considered still in development. Please direct any questions or comments on how this report might be improved to:

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APPENDIX A

2005

**TRIAL COURT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT
REPORT FORM**

Introduction

In 2005 the Washington State Legislature, upon the request of the Board for Judicial Administration, created trial court improvement accounts². These accounts are to be funded by counties and qualifying cities in amounts equal to that received by the county or city as partial reimbursement for district court and municipal court judges' salaries. The trial court improvement accounts are to be used to fund improvements to superior, district and municipal court staffing, programs, facilities, or services, as appropriated by the county or city legislative authority.

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

Therefore, the Board for Judicial Administration is requesting that the Presiding Judge of each trial court benefiting from funds in trial court improvement accounts complete the following annual report. The information in the reports 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 State 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, to use the information in continuing to seek additional increases to funding for trial court operations.

For this, the first annual report, there are two expectations:

- Most courts will not have actual expenditures to report and therefore much of the information provided will be prospective.
- What we learn from the reporting experience itself will lead to improvements in questions asked, the format of the report, and how and what information is presented to the legislature and court community.

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE REPORT BY FEBRUARY 20, 2006

² Chapter 457, Laws of 2005. See RCW 3.46.160, RCW 3.50.480, RCW 3.58.060 and RCW 35.20.280.

Jurisdiction:	
Report Period:	July – December, 2005
Amount Remitted to County by AOC:	
Superior Court Presiding Judge:	
District Court Presiding Judge:	

1.	<p>Were any trial court improvement account funds expended prior to December 31, 2005?</p> <p>_____ No</p> <p>_____ Yes</p>
2.	<p>Which of the following apply for your county's 2006 budget cycle:</p> <p>_____ No decisions have been made yet regarding how to budget and use the trial court improvement account funds for 2006. We will do a supplemental appropriation request in 2006.</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>\$ _____ was transferred to the Superior Court's budget from the trial court improvement account.</p> <p>\$ _____ was transferred to the District Court's budget from the trial court improvement account.</p> <p>Funding from the trial court improvement account was also provided for in the budget(s) of the following county offices in the amounts of:</p> <p>\$ _____ .</p> <p>\$ _____ .</p> <p>\$ _____ .</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>_____ A separate county budget has been established for appropriating funds from the trial court improvement account. In 2006, this budget includes funding for items that improve staffing, programs, services or facilities for:</p> <p>\$ _____ for the Superior Court</p> <p>\$ _____ for the District Court</p> <p>\$ _____ Other _____</p>

Please complete the following three pages **FOR EACH DISCRETE AREA OF FUNDING** for which trial court improvement account funds were expended in 2005 or have been budgeted for in 2006.

Total Amount Expended or Budgeted: _____

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured: Please attach any reports or other information describing the outcomes measured to date.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?

If the area funded is an area previously funded, please describe how the trial court improvement account funds relate to other funding sources (i.e., general funds). 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?

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provided by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facilities or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel (include part-time, full-time, temporary, or permanent)
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers (include part-time, full-time, temporary, or permanent)
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants (drug court treatment, court house facilitator, interpreter services, etc.)

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures:

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <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"/> Other: _____ | | |

Are the funds used to directly support a therapeutic or problem solving court such as:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <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"/> Other _____ | |

Are the funds used to directly support an administrative function of the court:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juries | <input type="checkbox"/> Automation – calendaring/case management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Automation – case file management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:

APPENDIX B

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TRIAL COURT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

**Estimated Increase to County
General Fund Revenues
from 2ESSB 5454
(Chapter 457, Laws of 2005)**

County	Estimated Annual General Fund Revenue
Adams	\$23,573
Asotin	\$25,630
Benton	\$225,697
Chelan	\$113,344
Clallam	\$84,864
Clark	\$482,379
Columbia	\$6,459
Cowlitz	\$151,448
Douglas	\$37,165
Ferry	\$6,263
Franklin	\$87,662
Garfield	\$3,851
Grant	\$142,441
Grays Harbor	\$132,411
Island	\$78,643
Jefferson	\$38,390
King	\$2,190,191
Kitsap	\$326,517
Kittitas	\$66,836
Klickitat	\$28,786
Lewis	\$113,477
Lincoln	\$259,496
Mason	\$80,035
Okanogan	\$55,409
Pacific	\$31,581
Pend Oreille	\$15,409
Pierce	\$961,490
San Juan	\$15,578
Skagit	\$167,579
Skamania	\$16,675
Snohomish	\$844,968
Spokane	\$632,490
Stevens	\$46,867
Thurston	\$293,680
Wahkiakum	\$7,692
Walla Walla	\$96,111
Whatcom	\$215,998
Whitman	\$40,090
Yakima	\$312,168

APPENDIX C

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TRIAL COURT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

**Summary of Distributions
and Budget Allocations**

Jurisdiction	2005 Amount Received	2005 Amount Expend	2006 Allocation Determined	2006 Budget Placement	2006 Amount Budgeted	Detail Provided
City of Anacortes	\$685	\$0	No	Not Determined		No
City of Burlington	\$685	\$0	No	Not Determined		Yes
City of Everett	\$4,435	\$0	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$4,435	Yes
City of Federal Way	\$2,240	\$0	No	Municipal Court Operating	\$0	No
City of Mt. Vernon	\$1,289	\$0	No	Not Determined		Yes
City of Spokane	\$10,315	\$0	No	Municipal Court Operating	\$0	No
City of Tacoma	\$8,841	\$0	No	Not Determined		No
Adams County	\$2,593	\$20,084	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$0	Yes
Asotin County	\$2,564	\$0	No	Not Determined		Yes
Benton County	\$8,841	\$0	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$34,480	Yes
Chelan County	\$5,894	\$0	No	Separate TCIA Budget	\$0	Yes
Clallam County	\$4,715	\$0	No	Separate TCIA Budget	\$0	yes
Clark County	\$17,682	\$0	No	Not Determined		Yes
Columbia County	\$884	\$0	No	Not Determined		No
Cowlitz County	\$5,894	\$6,833	Yes	District Court Operating	\$10,217	Yes
Douglas County	\$2,947	\$0	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$9,200	Yes
Ferry County	\$1,061	\$0	No	Not Determined		Yes
Franklin County	\$2,947	\$0	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$0	Yes
Garfield County	\$749	\$0	No	Not Determined		Yes
Grant County	\$5,846	\$0	No	Not Determined		No
Grays Harbor County	\$5,894	\$0	No	Not Determined		Yes
Island County	\$2,947	\$0	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$0	
Jefferson County	\$2,842	\$0	No	Not Determined		Yes
King County	\$67,780	\$60,000	No	District Court Operating	\$60,000	Yes
Kitsap County	\$8,841	\$0	Yes	District Court Operating	\$8,841	Yes
Kittitas County	\$4,715	\$0	No	Not Determined		No
Klickitat County	\$1,267	\$0	Yes	Not Determined		Yes
Lewis County	\$5,685	\$0	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$22,000	Yes
Lincoln County	\$2,181	\$0	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$7,000	Yes
Mason County	\$2,947	\$0	No	Not Determined		No
Okanogan County	\$5,894	\$0	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$7,000	Yes
Pacific County	\$2,358	\$0	Yes	District Court Operating	\$2,358	Yes
Pend Oreille County	\$2,593	\$0	No	Separate TCIA Budget	\$0	Yes
Pierce County	\$23,576	\$23,000	Yes	Superior Court Operating	\$118,000	Yes
San Juan County	\$2,269	\$0	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$2,269	Yes
Skagit County	\$3,524	\$0	No	Separate TCIA Budget	\$0	No
Skamania County	\$1,179	\$0	No	Not Determined		Yes
Snohomish County	\$23,576	\$0	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$0	Yes
Spokane County	\$16,208	\$0	No	Not Determined		No
Stevens County	\$2,947	\$0	Yes	Separate TCIA Budget	\$0	Yes
Thurston County	\$5,894	\$0	No	Not Determined		No
Wahkiakum County	\$884	\$0	No	Not Determined		No
Walla Walla County	\$3,242	\$0	No	Not Determined		No
Whatcom County	\$5,685	\$0	Yes	Sup./Dist. Operating	\$0	Yes
Whitman County	\$2,947	\$0	No	Not Determined		Yes
Yakima County	\$11,788	\$0	Yes	District Court Operating	\$11,788	Yes

APPENDIX D

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TRIAL COURT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT INDIVIDUAL JURISDICTION RESPONSES

City of Anacortes

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$685 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

At this time the funds have not been spent, as the total amount is under \$1,000, we are waiting until the account is larger.

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

City of Burlington

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$685 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

At this time the funds have not been spent, as the total amount is under \$1,000, we are waiting until the account is larger.

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

City of Everett

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$4,435 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: Separate TCIA Budget Amount Budgeted: \$4,435

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:
 Install video arraignment equipment that will connect directly to the Snohomish County jail hearing room from the Everett Municipal Court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:
 No need to move the prisoner; save taxpayer money by eliminating or reducing the need to transport prisoners; improved public safety; better use of law enforcement personnel; reduced delay; eliminates risk of escape; cuts transport costs.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?
 Potentially reduce the length of the calendar which on occasion delays the start time of Superior Court hearings.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil - Arbitration | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil - Small Claims |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Felony | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Misd. | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Offender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law | <input checked="" 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"/> Other: | | |

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Family
- Unified Family Court
- Other:
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- DUI Court
- Mental Health Court

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Budgeting
- Other:
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Automation - case file management

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:

City of Federal Way

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$2,240 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Municipal Court Operating Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Since amount received thus far is so small, no decisions have been made.

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

City of Mt. Vernon

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$1,289 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Court Improvement Council is evaluating highest and best use of moneys remitted by state. No decisions have been made yet.

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

City of Spokane

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$10,315 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Municipal Court Operating Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

City of Tacoma

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$8,841 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

Adams County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$2,593 Funds Expended: \$20,084	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: Separate TCIA Budget Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Purchase and install FTR [ForTheRecord™ digital recording systms] in two of the three courtrooms in Adams County to replace aging Lanier recording system. Purchase and install enhanced P.A. system in superior court. Purchase and install listening assisted systems to comply with ADA requirements in two of the three courtrooms. The listening assisted system to be installed in 2006 with funds allocated in 2005. The third courtroom in Othello, Washington is to be relocated and at that time a FTR system as well as listening assisted systems will be installed.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

Access, storage and transcription of the Court's records and accommodating the hearing impaired.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Family
- Unified Family Court
- Other:
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- DUI Court
- Mental Health Court

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Budgeting
- Other:
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Automation - case file management

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:
County expended or will expend the amounts indicated by advancing funds to be reimbursed as court improvement funds are received.

Asotin County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$2,564 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

1. Speakerphones for both the district and superior courtrooms. Two additional lapel microphones.
2. Courtroom security officer for District Court and a Halo walk through metal detector for use in the court house.
3. Later we may request the commissioners to allocate part of the funds for a part-time misdemeanor probation officer.
4. Increase Jury pay.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

The equipment is self-explanatory.

We have no courtroom security in District Court except when an in-custody defendant is brought to Court. While not perfect, a metal detector and someone to operate it would enhance overall courthouse security.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

No response.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

Yes. Both district and superior court would benefit from the expenditures.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?
Yes.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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

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

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| <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"/> Other: | |

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juries | <input type="checkbox"/> Automation - calendaring/case management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Automation - case file management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:
This report was prepared by Judge William Acey with input and concurrence of District Court Judge Ray Lutes.

Benton County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$8,841 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: Separate TCIA Budget Amount Budgeted: \$34,480

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:
 Furniture and equipment for office staff to increase efficiency for superior court. Recording system upgrade and/or repairs anticipated for District Court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:
 Superior Court -- staff members will have a designated work station and enable the employees to work more efficiently. District Court -- ensure accurate record for the court.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?
 Yes

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?
These fund are increasing previously funded court budget.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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| <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"/> Other: | | |

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- Drug Court - Family
- DUI Court
- Unified Family Court
- Mental Health Court
- Other: office equipment for staff repairs to electronic recording equipment

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Budgeting
- Automation - case file management
- Other:

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:
County expended or will expend the amounts indicated by advancing funds to be reimbursed as court improvement funds are received.

Chelan County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$5,894 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Separate TCIA Budget Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:
 Our intent is to bank the money until such time as we are able to fund a security check point (single point entry) and weapons screening for district court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:
 This will increase the level of safety for court staff and members of the public in the district court courtrooms.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:
 We will be able to track the number of weapons confiscated at the check point.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?
 No, but our superior court already has weapons screening in place.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?
Yes. District court does not have single point entry with screening at this time.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil - Arbitration | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil - Small Claims |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Felony | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Misd. | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Offender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law | <input checked="" 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"/> Other: | | |

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Family
- Unified Family Court
- Other:
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- DUI Court
- Mental Health Court

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Budgeting
- Other: Security
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Automation - case file management

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:
The court hopes funds will eventually be sufficient to also add weapons screening for juvenile offender court calendars and show cause calendars for family court.

Clallam County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$4,715 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Separate TCIA Budget Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Funds are designated for a Courthouse Security Officer. The Courthouse Security 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 Facility, Juvenile Court Facilities, screens litigants entering courtrooms, monitors courtrooms, staff areas, lobby, hallways, and facility entrances and parking areas.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

Courthouse security presently consists of posted signs in the hallways. The level of safety to employees and the public will be greatly increased. The court has waited up to 45 minutes for emergency assistance because there was not an officer in the area. The court will have the ability to have an individual taken into immediate custody from the courtroom. The ability for immediate arrests will support the court's Drug Court, DUI Court and provide escort service for Domestic Violence and Anti-harassment Calendars.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

Measurable results may come from number of arrests, incident reports and feedback from each court, clerk's office and court personal as to effectiveness of areas covered.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

General duties include Superior Court, District Court and Juvenile Court Facility.

<p>Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?</p> <p>Funds are being used to create a security position that did not have any previously dedicated funds to support it. The Court Improvement Fund and funds from the county's general fund will support the position.</p>
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In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- Drug Court - Family
- DUI Court
- Unified Family Court
- Mental Health Court
- Other:

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Budgeting
- Automation - case file management
- Other:

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:

Clark County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$17,682 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

The courts are considering the hire of a space planner (consultant) to provide direction about future space needs. This has not been budgeted.

Editor's Note: Additional detail not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006

Columbia County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$884 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:
 No funds have been spent to date. Presiding judges for both trial courts have discussed needs to improve facility, including but not limited to lapel microphones, quality speaker phone.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:
 Current microphones must be passed among participants and create potential for record "gaps," and make it difficult for all parties and the court to hear. Current speaker phones require counsel to abandon files and crowd the bench in order to hear and be heard. Parties to hearing cannot hear discussion while at counsel table.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:
 The efficiencies/improvements to ability of all to hear at hearings would be something that we may not be able to quantifiably measure.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?
 Yes. Columbia County District Court is also handling the Dayton Municipal Court having combined those Courts, effective January 1, 2006. Those Courts and Superior Court share the same facility and will receive the same benefits.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?
Prior to receipt of these funds, neither the superior nor the district court budgets would allow for any improvement to facilities.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: All proceedings at all court levels | | |

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- Drug Court - Family
- DUI Court
- Unified Family Court
- Mental Health Court
- Other:

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Budgeting
- Automation - case file management
- Other:

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:
The TCIA funds will allow our courts to fund services and programs in the future. The funds currently anticipated will only allow for necessary and needed improvement to facility at this time. More "lofty" considerations can be made so long as receipt of funds is consistent and can be counted upon.

Cowlitz County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$5,894 Funds Expended: \$6,833	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: District Court Operating Amount Budgeted: \$10,217

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

The funds were spent on computers, licensing and software for the electronic form project. (CODOC)

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

This project will allow the courts, lawyers, defendants, and other departments to access electronic court forms that are created and signed electronically. The other offices will be able to access information on defendants immediately instead of waiting for paperwork.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

Not only will the court forms be created and signed electronically, they will also go straight to Laserfische. This will make our operation more efficient and will cut down on lost paperwork and employee processing time.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

At this time, we are developing the project for the District Court but keeping in mind that if the Superior Court would want to use it, it would be easy to transfer.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?

There has not been funds for projects in this area for quite a few years.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
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- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil - Arbitration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil - Small Claims |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Felony | <input checked="" 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"/> Other: | | |

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Family
- Unified Family Court
- Other:
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- DUI Court
- Mental Health Court

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Budgeting
- Other:
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Automation - case file management

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:

Douglas County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$2,947 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: Separate TCIA Budget Amount Budgeted: \$9,200

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Public access for the District Court and to upgrade the scanning, video and wiring are being proposed.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

Easier access to court files.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

We will have improved: public access, video, document and file access, and system stability.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

Yes, Superior and District Court.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?

The funds are an increase in the funds available for court improvement.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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| <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"/> Other: | | |

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- Drug Court - Family
- DUI Court
- Unified Family Court
- Mental Health Court
- Other:

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Budgeting
- Automation - case file management
- Other:

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:

Ferry County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$1,061 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Will build and install video cabinets and install flat screen monitors for the polycom system in courtroom.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

The video cabinets will hide the polycom system when not in use and will not be such a distraction to individuals in the courtroom. Individuals sitting in the gallery will also be able to see the court proceedings when the polycom is in use.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

Will increase the safety and security of the judge when the flat screen monitor is installed. Currently individuals sit up too close to the judge in order to see the television that is currently attached to the polycom. The system is set up so that the gallery is unable to see the proceedings on the polycom. A flat screen monitor will allow individuals to remain seated in the gallery during polycom proceedings.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

Yes, district court and superior court.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?
No.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil - Arbitration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil - Small Claims |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Felony | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Misd. | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Offender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law | <input checked="" 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"/> Other: | | |

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- Drug Court - Family
- DUI Court
- Unified Family Court
- Mental Health Court
- Other:

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Budgeting
- Automation - case file management
- Other:

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:

Franklin County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$2,947 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: Separate TCIA Budget Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

Garfield County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$749 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Two additional lapel microphones, two or three additional hearing assistance devices, speakerphone for the shared courtroom, possibly additional compensation for jurors should that bill pass, if it has not already.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

Currently we have only one lapel mike and four fixed gooseneck mikes in the courtroom that is shared by superior and district courts. A week long trial last year pointed out the shortcomings of trying to share the one mike. We have a number of attorneys and parties who are granted leave to appear telephonically. A quality speakerphone would assist a great deal. \$10 a day is an insult.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

Both district and superior courts will be benefitting.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?
Absolutely.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court. Jury Fees
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Family
- Unified Family Court
- Other:
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- DUI Court
- Mental Health Court

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Budgeting
- Other:
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Automation - case file management

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:
This report was prepared by Judge William D. Acey with the input and concurrence of Judge Paul Miller.

Grant County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$5,846 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

Grays Harbor County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$5,894 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

Island County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$2,947 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: Separate TCIA Budget Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

1) Court Commissioner to hear Guardianship and estate matters and/or staffing to track case; 2) Increase of court commissioner's salary in Island County; 3) domestic violence calendar increase; 4) adult drug court program; 5) courthouse security improvements; 6) speciality courts, drug-mental health, DV; 7) publications or informational brochures; 8) technology updates, i.e., electronic filing, etc.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

1) additional times and calendars for the commissioner will be able to meet the increasing needs of the citizens of Island County; 2) additional speciality courts will provide an efficient method of addressing the needs specific of this population; 3) publications and informational brochures will provide additional information to the public which will decrease staff time in answering generic questions; 4) new technology could provide more efficient programs and software to automate current manual tasks.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

1) Decrease in transfer of hearings set on the commissioners calendars; 2) reduction in recidivism for members attending speciality courts; 3) reduction of weapons or other inappropriate articles collected at the front door of Law & Justice and District Court facility.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

Yes, the projects will benefit superior and district courts.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?
Yes, because none are currently funded except Drug Court.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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

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

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| <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Juries | <input type="checkbox"/> Automation - calendaring/case management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Automation - case file management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:
Island County is currently saving funds until they accrue further.

Jefferson County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$2,842	Allocation Determined: No
Funds Expended: \$0	Budget Placement: Not Determined
	Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

The funds accrued from 2005 will be spent to provide treatment to defendants suffering from a co-occurring disorder of substance abuse/mental health disorder. The Superior Court has an existing drug court; the District Court has an existing substance abuse court (mainly for alcohol related crimes). The courts have coordinated their efforts to address defendants who simultaneously have pending matters in both courts and are being treated for substance abuse. The courts have also teamed with local treatment agencies and the local mental health provider to provide a coordinated effort in addressing the recovery and rehabilitation of those defendants. The 2006 funds will be budgeted through a strategic planning process. Recently the Board of County Commissioners implemented the one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax for chemical dependency, mental health treatment services or therapeutic courts pursuant to RCW 82.14.460. An ad hoc committee comprised of the Superior and District Court Judges, Superior Court Clerk, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Juvenile and Family Services Director, Drug Court Coordinator, County Administrator, Central Services Director, and Executive Director of Jefferson Mental Health met to discuss formation of a budget and proposals for expenditure of the funds.

The proposals will then be brought before the County Law and Justice Council to prioritize spending among four options: co-occurring dependency intensive treatment (CODIT), a mental health professional staff person for the jail, administrative staff for the drug court, and creation of a reserve amount to ensure the funding stream. A recommendation for appropriation will be made by the Law & Justice Council to the BOCC.

In 2006, expenditures of TCIA funds will be coordinated with the expenditure of the L&J tax revenues. The legislative goals set out in RCW 3.58.060 and 82.14.460 which authorize appropriation and collection of the funds provide opportunity for optimum use of the revenue generated by employing a coordinated spending plan.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

The success of drug/alcohol abuse and mental health courts continues to grow. An essential facet of that success is availability of local treatment resources. The reduction in recidivism, restorative justice aspects, and reduction in crowded criminal dockets will improve provision of judicial services to the local community. There should also be many collateral benefits for the law and justice community.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be

The results will be measured by successful completion of the programs ordered for defendants participating in the speciality courts. For example, in three years, the Superior Court Drug Court has graduated 10 participants, none of whom have re-offended. The District Court Substance Abuse Court has been in operation for over six years and numerous participants have successfully completed treatment and probation. A number have also successfully completed the five year term of deferred prosecution. Both courts will develop systems for statistical tracking of cases. A proposal for a separate mental health court is also being considered.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

Both superior and district court will benefit from expenditure of the funds. Defendants from both courts will participate in the CODIT treatment process.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?

There were not county funds appropriated for provision of these services in the past. The piecemeal effort that served for provision of these services was funded from the treatment agencies and mental health provider. Funding from those sources did not generally originate at the County level. The Board of County Commissioners has been supportive and has provided funds from the general fund for Drug Court and mental health treatment. However, the CODIT program has evolved in the recent past and funding has been scarce. The use of TCIA funds to supplement the L&J tax funds will assist in creating a dedicated revenue stream to achieve the goal of continuing secure provision of service.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil - Arbitration | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil - Small Claims |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Felony | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Illness | <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption |

Other:

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- Drug Court - Family
- DUI Court
- Unified Family Court
- Mental Health Court
- Other:

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Budgeting
- Automation - case file management
- Other:

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:

King County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$67,780 Funds Expended: \$60,000	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: District Court Operating Amount Budgeted: \$60,000

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:
 Complete a staffing study for district that will include both the court and probation needs. It will not study the judicial or director level.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:
 Steep budget cuts over the past five years have required severe staffing reductions. New technology has mitigated the effect. Old and outdated methodology leaves us unable to determine proper level of staffing to provide excellence in customer service and quality of justice.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:
 None yet developed.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?
 District court and its contracting cities.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?
Not previously appropriated.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- Drug Court - Family
- DUI Court
- Unified Family Court
- Mental Health Court
- Other: DV court, relicensing program

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Budgeting
- Automation - case file management
- Other: All

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:
Would prefer to receive this form in a format that can be filled out on a PC.

Kitsap County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$8,841 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: District Court Operating Amount Budgeted: \$8,841

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

To help off set the costs of a 4th judicial position in district court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

1) Improve timeliness of case disposition. 2) Reduce the # of pro tem judges hearing cases while providing a more consistent level of judicial expertise.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

Yes: Whenever possible, D.C. judges will sit as Superior Court pro tems to assist.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil - Arbitration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil - Small Claims |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Felony | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Misd. | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Offender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law | <input checked="" 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"/> Other: | | |

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Family
- Unified Family Court
- Other: DV Court
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- DUI Court
- Mental Health Court

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Budgeting
- Other:
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Automation - case file management

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:

Kittitas County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$4,715 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

Klickitat County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$1,267 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:
 The Judges have agreed that on a one-time basis only - it is important to expand the adult probation department. The County Commissioners understand and agree that this "help" with funding is temporary.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:
 A new probation officer was needed to provide services to the Superior Court Drug Court. The County Commissioners would not fund the position without the Courts agreeing to use one-third of the Court Improvement Fund for three years to apply toward the cost of the new position. After three years, the County will fund the position from its general fund. This new position was needed because the State Department of Corrections will no longer provide services to the Drug Court.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:
 The results will be measured by the number of graduates from Drug Court that do not re-offend.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?
 Yes, because the new position in the county probation office allows the other probation officers to spend more time on supervising defendants from the district courts.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?

Yes. It will increase the amount that the county previously funded for probation services.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil - Arbitration | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil - Small Claims |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Felony | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Misd. | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Offender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law | <input checked="" 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"/> Other: | | |

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Family
- Unified Family Court
- Other:
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- DUI Court
- Mental Health Court

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Budgeting
- Other:
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Automation - case file management

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:
County Commissioners believe that trial court improvement funds are to be spent at their discretion. They tend to want to put the funds into the general fund and use them to fund an existing court program. This frees up other funds for non-court purposes.

Lewis County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$5,685 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: Separate TCIA Budget Amount Budgeted: \$22,000

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Partially fund an assistant court administrator for superior court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

This will provide much needed relief for our current very overworked superior court administrator.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

No

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?

Until today, when the report is due, this report was entirely different. During a meeting with the county administrator, a chance remark about this account changed everything. We have been informed that the entire sum of the Trial Court Improvement Account will be used to partially fund a new position, Assistant Court Administrator for Superior Court. This is a much needed and oft requested position. However, the decision to use the Trial Court Improvement Account to partially fund the position was made without consultation or even the knowledge of either the Superior Court Judges or the District Court Judges.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Family
- Unified Family Court
- Other:
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- DUI Court
- Mental Health Court

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Budgeting
- Other: Superior Court Administration
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Automation - case file management

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:

Lincoln County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$2,181 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: Separate TCIA Budget Amount Budgeted: \$7,000

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Purchase and installation of digital recording equipment in district court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

By replacing the out-of-date tape recording system including new computer - level of service improved - the complete record can be heard (currently there are frequent parts of record that cannot be heard). It will be much easier to find the case and the parts of the trial on the digital record - save lots of clerk time.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

It will help the parties in getting transcripts prepared on appeal. It will reduce the chances that a trial will have to be re-heard in district court because of an inadequate record.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

Yes - it will benefit both. District court in more quickly preparing the record on review and superior court who/which needs an accurate record on appeal; could assist appellate courts for same reason if further appeal taken.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?
Yes

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil - Arbitration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil - Small Claims |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Felony | <input checked="" 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"/> Other: | | |

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- Drug Court - Family
- DUI Court
- Unified Family Court
- Mental Health Court
- Other:

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Budgeting
- Automation - case file management
- Other:

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:

Mason County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$2,947 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

Okanogan County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$5,894 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: Separate TCIA Budget Amount Budgeted: \$7,000

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:
 Imaging software interface to be written to link images to docket entries on the District Court JIS docket.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:
 Imaging all court documents upon filing will increase ease of access for court staff, criminal justice system agencies, attorneys, the media and the public.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:
 Expect notable decrease in time devoted by court staff to seeking paper file documents. We will be able to measure reduction in case processing time. System will allow quicker response time to public information requests. We can provide file copies in case of disaster to the courthouse.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?
 No; however, the District Court project has created great interest in the County Clerk's office to begin a similar project.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?

Yes. No county funds were available prior to the Trial Court Improvement Account for this enhancement.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Family
- Unified Family Court
- Other:
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- DUI Court
- Mental Health Court

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Budgeting
- Other: Document Imaging System
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Automation - case file management

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:
The Okanogan County Commissioners agreed to establish a separate fund for trial court improvements. This will allow clear tracking of the income and expenditures from the fund. It also allows for unexpended funds to be carried forward from year to year.

Pacific County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$2,358 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: District Court Operating Amount Budgeted: \$2,358

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Judicial salaries

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

More judge time on growing caseload.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

None

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

No

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?
Yes. The amounts received increase the amounts previously spend on judicial salaries.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil - Arbitration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil - Small Claims |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Felony | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Misd. | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Offender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law | <input checked="" 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"/> Other: | | |

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Family
- Unified Family Court
- Other:
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- DUI Court
- Mental Health Court

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Budgeting
- Other: Judicial Salaries
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Automation - case file management

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:

Pend Oreille County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$2,593 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Separate TCIA Budget Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:
 1) Hearing impaired system for District Court; 2) bat phone for conference calls in District Court; 3) silent keyboard for Superior Court courtroom; 4) FTR log notes program; 5) panic buttons for clerk's windows (District and Superior).

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:
 1) Self-explanatory; 2) safely allows conference calls in high charged cases separating parties; 3) will allow judges to hear proceedings better; 4) much more efficient note taking in courts; 5) self-explanatory

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:
 Each area will have measurable results. Safety and efficiency are what will be accomplished.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?
 Yes

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?
No

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Family
- Unified Family Court
- Other:
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- DUI Court
- Mental Health Court

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Budgeting
- Other:
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Automation - case file management

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:

Pierce County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$23,576 Funds Expended: \$23,000	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: Superior Court Operating Amount Budgeted: \$118,000

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:
 Assist in the funding of one superior court judge (first authorized by the State Legislature in 1997), one judicial assistant, one court reporter, one court commissioner, and one court clerk.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:
 Additional Commissioner has allowed Superior Court to develop an ex parte department, reducing interruptions of other dockets and providing better service to the public. The additional judge will enable Superior Court to handle an ever-increasing caseload.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:
 Resolutions should increase.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?
 No benefit to District Court.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?
Yes

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- Drug Court - Family
- DUI Court
- Unified Family Court
- Mental Health Court
- Other:

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Budgeting
- Automation - case file management
- Other:

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:

San Juan County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$2,269	Allocation Determined: Yes
Funds Expended: \$0	Budget Placement: Separate TCIA Budget
	Amount Budgeted: \$2,269

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

We are still discussing the expenditures in the following ways: 1) translation of court brochures into Spanish; 2) MARS Project: Meaningful Approach to Rehabilitation and Sustainability; 3) video conferencing via the internet between the county jail on Whidbey Island and the courtroom on San Juan Island; 4) juror perks; and 5) summit on rehabilitation issues.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

The Spanish speaking population in SJC has dramatically increased. The court's information will be available prior to court hearings. This should speed up court hearings, decrease congestion and decrease interpreter costs. The MARS project is a pilot project combining restorative justice with mentoring and sustainability. Video conferencing should decrease airplane flights and the county's liability. Juror Perks will increase public awareness and augment the court's appreciation for their service. The Rehabilitation Summit is in the discussion stage.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

1) Speed up court hearings, increase level of understanding, thereby decreasing congestion. 2) Public receives the benefit. Defendants take pride in a highly visible public project. This endeavor also builds a sense of community. 3) Reduce the number of airplane flights, possible positive budget impact, reduce number of hours and risk when deputies are in the air with defendants. 4) Juror Perks will increase public awareness of the importance of jury service in America, reduce the number of summons & possibly reduce absenteeism. 5) Increase awareness for treatment providers. The summit will have a synergetic effect.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

Yes. The project will benefit superior and district courts.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?
Yes, because none are currently funded.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- Drug Court - Family
- DUI Court
- Unified Family Court
- Mental Health Court
- Other: The Summit would increase awareness of different persepectives of treatment providers, LEA's & probation officers.

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Budgeting
- Automation - case file management
- Other:

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:
San Juan County is a very small county, the funds are minimal therefore we are continuing to discuss our plans. We are very much interested in the responses of other courts. We are saving the funds until they accrue further. Allowing it to increase to an amount sufficient to fund the above projects.

Skagit County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$3,524 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Separate TCIA Budget Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

It was determined by the TCCC that the funds should be left to accrue. The project will be decided upon at a later date.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

Undetermined at this point in time.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

Undetermined.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

It is our goal that the project chosen will benefit at least Superior and District Courts.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
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- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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| <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"/> Other: | | |

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Family
- Unified Family Court
- Other:
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- DUI Court
- Mental Health Court

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Budgeting
- Other:
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Automation - case file management

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:
Our TCCC met in December and is looking at several projects.

Skamania County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$1,179 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

The funds will be "banked" until there is enough to use for trial court improvement projects in the future.

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

Snohomish County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$23,576 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: Separate TCIA Budget Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

Spokane County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$16,208 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

Stevens County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$2,947 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: Separate TCIA Budget Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

1) Digital hands free phones for District and Superior Court and the Superior Court Administrator's Office. 2) FTR log notes for District Court Clerk for courtroom. 3) Monitor for judge's bench in Superior Court courtroom. 4) One Adobe full program to create and update web page for courts. 5) Plasma screen for Superior Court. 6) Bench (pew) for hallway in front of Superior Court.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

1) Fewer missed calls and hands free ability to research while on phone. 2) Much more efficient way to take notes and log times in courtroom. 3) Will allow judge to be able to see cases as they are pulled up by Clerk. 4) Will serve the public by providing easy fill-in-the-blank forms. 5) Will allow first appearances by video rather than bringing inmates up stairs and through hallway - much better security. 6) Much needed additional seating for spectators and participants waiting for court.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

Each item above will have measurable results.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

Yes

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?
No

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Family
- Unified Family Court
- Other:
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- DUI Court
- Mental Health Court

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Budgeting
- Other:
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Automation - case file management

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:

Thurston County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$5,894 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

Wahkiakum County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$884 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

Walla Walla County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$3,242 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Editor's Note: Detail response not provided, funds not yet budgeted for 2006.

Whatcom County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$5,685 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: Superior/District Operating Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

District : The funds were or will be spent to create a night court in district court. One session per month will be for small claims. One session per month will be for infraction cases. Night Court began in January 2006.

Superior: The funds will partially fund the addition of 4.5 FTE's in the Clerk's office.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

District: Better access to district court for a number of customer groups, including: those that work during the day, students, those with childcare issues.

Superior: Positions to be added will be 1.5 criminal clerks, an appeals clerk, an additional scanning clerk and a customer service clerk.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

District: Measurable results: 1) Is there interest from the public; 2) How many cases per session are filled/unfilled; 3) What is the show rate; and 4) number of financial transactions.

Superior: The time to get documents in files will be the easiest measure. We will be able to add a criminal calendar and our backlog of copy requests will be significantly diminished.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

District: This particular expenditure will benefit district court customers.

Superior: No.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?	
District: Yes, this money allowed us to implement a night court.	
Superior:	Yes.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil - Arbitration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil - Small Claims |
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Infractions - mitigation and contested. | | |

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- Drug Court - Family
- DUI Court
- Unified Family Court
- Mental Health Court
- Other:

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Budgeting
- Automation - case file management
- Other:

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:

Whitman County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$2,947 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: No Budget Placement: Not Determined Amount Budgeted: \$0

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

Whitman County has created a revenue account to receive deposits from the state for Trial Court Improvement. The Superior Court Judge, David Frazier, and the District Court Judge, Douglas Robinson, will be meeting with the Whitman County Commission in mid-March to establish a budget and a plan for expending the funds that will benefit both courts. Once the budget and plan are in place, the Judges would like to purchase ADA recording and amplification systems as well as assistive listening devices for their courtrooms. Beyond that, future expenditures will, in all probability, be for further equipment upgrades and enhancements for the courtrooms.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

The acoustics in both courtrooms make it very difficult for persons who are hard-of-hearing to understand the proceedings. These systems would benefit all courtroom participants. The assistive listening devices would be available for anyone, but will be especially helpful for jurors who may be hearing impaired.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

The courtrooms of the Superior and District Court are utilized by both courts. Any improvements to these facilities will benefit both levels of courts.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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

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

- Drug Court - Adult
- Drug Court - Family
- Unified Family Court
- Other:
- Drug Court - Juvenile
- DUI Court
- Mental Health Court

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

- Juries
- Budgeting
- Other:
- Automation - calendaring/case management
- Automation - case file management

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:

Yakima County

Calendar Year 2005	Calendar/Budget Year 2006
Funds Received: \$11,788 Funds Expended: \$0	Allocation Determined: Yes Budget Placement: District Court Operating Amount Budgeted: \$11,788

Please provide a general description of how the funds were or will be spent:

The funds will assist with the operating expenses of the newly established Yakima County District Court satellite office in Grandview. The court will provide District and Superior Court services along with adult and juvenile probation services for the southeastern region of the county.

Please describe how this expenditure has or will result in increased efficiencies or improve the level of services:

Cases can be heard at the court closest to the law enforcement agencies and/or citizen's residence. In a county with over 4,296 square miles and no countywide bus service, a satellite court should result in far fewer "failure to appear" hearings, provide economic assistance for law enforcement, legal counsel, and local citizens, and create a clear presence of justice in the Lower Valley area of our county. Due to portability rules, District Court judges can hear Superior Court cases as judge pro tems which will allow the facility to be used for case types across all court levels.

Please describe any outcomes for which you have or will have measurable results and describe how the outcomes will be measured:

By opening the Lower Valley Court we hope to reduce the backlog of cases in the Yakima court site which in turn will save travel time for law enforcement, legal counsel and citizens. Case types and case numbers will be tracked for all cases heard in the "Lower Valley" court using DISCIS database reports.

Does or will the expenditure benefit more than one level of court?

Superior (to include Juvenile) and District Courts, Adult and Juvenile Probation.

Does the expenditure represent an increase to the amount appropriated for this area compared to the last appropriation cycle?
Yes, the Lower Valley District Court site in Grandview has never been funded before. It opens March 1, 2006.

In describing the expenditures, please check each of the following that apply:

- Funds a new program or service not previously provide by the court.
- Funds expand an existing program or service currently provided by the court.
- Funds capital facitlies or equipment for the court.
- Funds training or education for court personnel or court users.
- Funds a pilot program that has an established end date.
- Funds an on-going expense that will not be transferred to the current expense or general fund at a future date.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of non-judicial personnel.
- Funds are primarily used for salaries and benefits of judicial officers.
- Funds are primarily used for contract costs which provide direct services to court clients/litigants.

Which area(s) of the law or case types are primarily affected by the expenditures?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil - Arbitration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil - Small Claims |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Felony | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal - Misd. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Offender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law | <input checked="" 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"/> Other: | | |

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

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| <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"/> Other: | |

Which administrative functions of the court are directly supported by the funds?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Juries | <input type="checkbox"/> Automation - calendaring/case management |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budgeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Automation - case file management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

General comments regarding use and budgeting of Trial Court Improvement Account funds or this report form:
District Court will receive 100% of the funds through 2006. The Superior and District Court judges will determine in 2006 the use for the funds in 2007. We are responding for both Superior and District Court. Under the consolidated court system in Yakima, the Presiding Judges of Superior and District Court administer the court budget and allocation of funds. Both Presiding Judges have approved this report.