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## STATUS OF THE FUND
State court technology is supported through the Court Technology Fund, a dedicated fund with 93% of its revenue provided through legislatively established fees imposed in court cases. This funding supports everyday operations at local courts as further described below.

Over the last decade, the Fund's revenue has significantly decreased due to a general decline in court filings and related fees. The Legislature last year made funding changes that have been essential in stabilizing the Fund.

In FY2025, expenditures are budgeted at $6.0 million, a decrease of 31% from actual spending the prior year. Fund revenue is projected to be $9.1 million. The net cash balance of $3.1 million will ensure continuity of statewide technology operations over the next several years as ARPA funding expires and certain expenditures are absorbed in the Fund.

## COURT TECH BENEFITS
Programs and projects through the Fund aid with court management, secure and efficient handling of court information, and access to court records.

The Fund pays for services that record all court hearings. It supports network connectivity for essential court functions and pays for the computers, printers and other devices used by court staff across the state. It makes possible the modern advantages of Idaho's digital case management system. And, it enables easy online payment of court fines and fees.

Cybersecurity is of increasing importance. For the first nine months of 2024, software and monitoring services paid for through the Fund blocked over 584,000 email phishing attempts, 689,000 attempts to breach computer networks, and 4.87 million attempts to breach websites managed by Idaho's Judicial Branch.

## ENHANCEMENTS
For cybersecurity and to stabilize infrastructure, the Judicial Branch is moving court software and services to a statewide, cloud-based system. In May 2024, court staff moved Idaho's case management system — transferring data for 13.2 million cases, 44.5 million documents and 7.3 million hearings. As of November 2024, 66% of state and county court personnel received access to a state-provided Microsoft 365 service for their work environment. Next steps include a statewide computer network for court business.

Access to court records and court information is improving with the launch of a new iCourt Portal. This is a multi-year, ongoing project. The first stage — to be released in early 2025 — focuses on access for attorneys to records and information in their own cases. Subsequent stages will address access to information for the public and for agencies connected to the justice system.