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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.

Over the last decade, the Fund faced significant challenges due to long-term trends in declining court filings and related fee revenue. In response, the Legislature made strategic investments that have been vital to stabilizing the Fund. Civil filing fees, which provide 61% of the fund's overall revenue, have recently increased and helped stabilize the fund into the future.

FY2026 expenditures are budgeted at \$6.6 million with a projected net cash balance of \$13.9 million. These reserves are critical to the stability of the fund as the Judicial Branch prepares for the end of ARPA funding in FY2027 and certain ongoing funding needs for ARPA-related work.

ENHANCING SECURITY, IMPROVING ACCESS

The Fund continues to play a vital role in ensuring secure, efficient, and accessible court operations across the state. Through this fund, the judiciary maintains and improves the systems that support daily court functions, from case processing to public access to records to fee and fine payments.

Access to court records and information continues to improve with the ongoing development of the new iCourt Portal. The Attorney of Record Portal launched in early 2025, providing attorneys with streamlined, secure access to records and case information in their own cases. In 2026, the Judicial Branch anticipates the release of the Extended Access Portal, with improved access for justice partners and government agencies, as well as a revamped public portal. These efforts are part of a multi-year project to modernize court access.

In 2025, the Judicial Branch continued its progress toward a fully unified and secure technology environment for Idaho's courts. Judges, clerks, and court personnel across the state have been transitioning to one unified Microsoft 365 platform for court business, enhancing collaboration, security, and support.

This has also strengthened the Judicial Branch's cybersecurity posture. In the first nine months of 2025, systems supported by the Court Technology Fund blocked over 1.79 million phishing email attempts and more than 7.3 million malicious attempts to access court-managed websites. With email services now consolidated under a single secure platform, county users benefit directly from enterprise-level cybersecurity tools and protections. This alignment ensures more consistent defenses across all court locations and helps safeguard sensitive judicial data statewide.

