



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 3/5/2024

File #: 24-252

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Clerk/Recorder

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: 4/5th

SUBJECT:

Trial Court Trust Fund Recording Fee Reallocation.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the redistributions of fees collected from \$3 for each additional page of recordable documents as follows: deallocate \$1 from the Trial Court Trust Fund and allocate \$1 to the General Fund, Clerk/Recorder (1100271).

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund - Clerk/Recorder, 1100271-617000 Recording Fees

DISCUSSION:

In 1997, the Trial Court Trust Fund was established, funded in part by recorder fees as per GC 68085. A 2000 amendment removed Recorder Fee Code (GC 27361) from this arrangement.

Currently, for each additional recorded page, \$3 is charged and is distributed as follows: \$1 to Modernization, \$1 to the General Fund, Clerk/Recorder (1100271) and \$1 to the Trial Court Trust Fund.

The proposed change will adjust this allocation to \$1 to Modernization and \$2 to the General Fund, Clerk/Recorder (1100271), maintaining compliance with the Government Code without increasing overall fees.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (Fund, Budget Unit)	FY23-24	FY24-25 Projected	FY25-26 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total Expenditures	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Funding Sources (Fund, Budget Unit)	FY23-24 Adopted	FY24-25 Projected*	FY25-26 Projected*
Fees/Other	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

Total Funding Sources	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
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**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

The Clerk/Recorder (1100271), General Fund will retain the reallocated fee, instead of transferring to the Trial Court Funding Realignment.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:

There is no staffing impact with the approval of this item.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Framework.

Core Roles: Enforce laws and regulations to protect residents

New Initiatives: Manage our resources to ensure sustainability of services

Strategic Plan: 3.1 - Improve the economy of Humboldt County

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could deny the request to reallocate funds. However, this is not recommended due to the change in the government code.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A - GOV 68085 as it was amended by AB233 in 1997. Recorder Fee included.

Exhibit B - GOV 68085 as it was amended by AB233 in 2000. Recorder Fee removed.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A