

## Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Administered Grant Funds

### Court Services Division

The following is an alphabetical list of funds available to courts and administered by the AOC, Court Services Division. Included are the purpose of each fund, the Division name, phone number, and contact for specific grant information. The application submission deadlines are set based on criteria such as Administrative Order, amount of time needed to develop and process a complete recommendation package for the entire funds, or legislative budgetary appropriations schedule. The annual deadlines remain consistent when funds are available. Dates vary due to the day of the week for a given year.

FUND	AUTHORITIES	DESCRIPTION	ADMINISTRATION TYPE	CONTACT INFORMATION
American Rescue Plan Act	A.R.S. § 41-101.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To provide funds from the Coronavirus State and local Fiscal Recovery Funds, also known as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for additional resources as necessary to eliminate case backlogs that had developed as a result during the COVID-19 public health emergency.</li> </ul>	Quarterly reimbursements are disbursed to courts as outlined in funding agreement and upon receipt of quarterly reports submitted. A final status report is required after completion of the project.	<b>Division:</b> Court Services <b>Name:</b> Annette Mariani <b>Phone:</b> 602-452-3359 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:amariani@courts.az.gov">amariani@courts.az.gov</a>
Court Security Improvement Grant	Administrative Order 2017-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ HB2540 – May 2017, established funding authority under State JCEF appropriations</li> <li>➤ Monies for one-time security enhancements</li> <li>➤ Competitive grant</li> <li>➤ Funding cycles announced in Statewide Memos</li> </ul>	Application: with deadlines announced with the statewide memo notification	<b>Division:</b> Court Services <b>Name:</b> Annette Mariani <b>Phone:</b> 602-452-3359 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:amariani@courts.az.gov">amariani@courts.az.gov</a>
Fill the Gap	ARS §12-102-02  ACJA 5-107	To allocate funds to counties for the purpose of planning and implementing collaborative projects that are	Applications accepted throughout the year for disbursement from AOC	<b>Division:</b> Court Services <b>Name:</b> Annette Mariani <b>Phone:</b> 602-452-3359

		designed to improve the processing of criminal cases		<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:amariani@courts.az.gov">amariani@courts.az.gov</a>
Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund (JCEF)	ARS § 12-113, et seq.  ACJA 5-102	Legislatively appropriated funds to train court personnel, improve, maintain and enhance the ability <b>to collect and manage monies</b> assessed or received by the courts including restitution, child support, fines and civil penalties; and to improve <b>court automation</b> projects likely to <b>improve case processing</b> or the <b>administration of justice.</b>	<b>Local:</b> Applications to spend funds maintained locally and accepted throughout the year. <b>State:</b> Approval from COT necessary when funds are available No state funds are available for the fiscal year.	<b>Division:</b> Court Services <b>Name:</b> Annette Mariani <b>Phone:</b> 602-452-3359 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:amariani@courts.az.gov">amariani@courts.az.gov</a>
Municipal Court Fill The Gap (MFTG)	ARS § 41-2421 (K)  ACJA §5-107	In addition to other sources of Fill the Gap funding, statute provides funding for an additional penalty assessment of 7%. Municipal courts receive a 14.29% allocation of this assessment. ➤ The allocation to municipal courts will be distributed by the Supreme Court according to a statutory formula based on the total surcharges transmitted by municipal court compared to the total surcharge transmitted by municipal courts statewide. ➤ The monies shall be used to improve, maintain and enhance the ability to collect and manage monies assessed or received by the courts, to improve	Application to spend funds maintained locally accepted throughout the year.	<b>Division:</b> Court Services <b>Name:</b> Annette Mariani <b>Phone:</b> 602-452-3359 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:amariani@courts.az.gov">amariani@courts.az.gov</a>

		<p>court automation and to improve case processing or the administration of justice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Funds are not to be used to supplant (replace) but rather to supplement court budgets.</li> </ul>		
Public Defender Training Fund (PDTF)	<p>ARS § 12-117(a)</p> <p>AJCA §5-105</p>	<p>To provide funds for county public defender training. Funds are to be used in accordance with code section 5-105.</p>	<p>Funds are provided directly to Public Defender agencies</p>	<p><b>Division:</b> Court Services <b>Name:</b> Annette Mariani <b>Phone:</b> 602-452-3359 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:amariani@courts.az.gov">amariani@courts.az.gov</a></p>
Smart and Safe AZ Act	<p>A.R.S. §36-2856 and §36-2863</p>	<p>Funds collected through the excise tax (16%) are deposited into the Smart and Safe Arizona Fund, a portion of which may be used to offset the costs incurred by the courts associated with the expungement of court records</p>	<p>Quarterly reimbursements for regular ongoing costs related to processing petitions and orders for expungements. Applications will not be required.</p> <p>Reimbursement for one-time costs for projects related to processing petitions and orders for expungements (other than regular, ongoing expenses)</p>	<p><b>Division:</b> Court Services <b>Name:</b> Annette Mariani <b>Phone:</b> 602-452-3359 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:amariani@courts.az.gov">amariani@courts.az.gov</a></p>
Title IV-D Case Processing		<p>DCSS/DES provides funds to all counties to enhance and streamline IV-D case processing by the Superior Court and the Clerk of the Court.</p>	<p><b>Division:</b> Court Services <b>Name:</b> Susan Pickard Statewide Child Support Initiative Coordinator <b>Phone:</b> 602-452-3252 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:spickard@courts.az.gov">spickard@courts.az.gov</a></p>	<p><b>Division:</b> Court Services <b>Name:</b> Theresa Barrett <b>Phone:</b> 602-452-3364 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:tbarrett@courts.az.gov">tbarrett@courts.az.gov</a></p>

<p>Traffic Case Processing Fund (TCPF) (Field Trainer)</p>	<p>Administrative Order No. 97-52</p> <p>Administrative Order No. 2000-84 (replaced 97-52)</p> <p>ARS § 28-3398</p>	<p>To supervise the use of defensive driving schools in the state and expedite the processing of motor vehicle &amp; DUI offenses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Supports AZTEC Field Trainers</li> <li>➤ 50% match for salary &amp; ERE</li> <li>➤ • Maximum match; \$25,000 per county, per fiscal year</li> </ul>	<p>Applications are to be submitted with matching funds identified. COT approves TCPF funds annually for field trainers.</p>	<p><b>Division:</b> Court Services</p> <p><b>Name:</b> Annette Mariani</p> <p><b>Phone:</b> 602-452-3359</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:amariani@courts.az.gov">amariani@courts.az.gov</a></p>
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