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To: Honorable David Thorn, Niltza Flores
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Subject: Cochise County Fill the Gap Projections for FY26

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Below is the fiscal year 2026 projection on Fill the Gap (FTG) available state funds.

As you may be aware, revenue generated through FTG is distributed based on a three-year index of felony case filings and population. Based on this index and current revenue projections, the maximum amount of State funding available for which **Cochise** County can apply is **\$39275** in FY2026.

The FY2025 projection is \$5832 more than the amount of FY25 funds. Funding has been impacted primarily due to declining revenue and changes in county populations. Historically, the fund carried a fund balance to enable the AOC to handle revenue fluctuations from year to year; however, fund sweeps by the Legislature in prior fiscal years eliminated this balance.

Courts are encouraged to submit their Fill the Gap application as early as possible once allocations have been announced to allow time for review, approval, and follow-up, if needed. Please note that prior to submitting, all four (4) required signatures, [**Presiding Judge of the County, the Clerk of the Superior Court, the Presiding Justice of the Peace, and the Chair of the Board of Supervisors**] are to be included on the application regardless of whether funds are requested for such department(s).

Once the submitter receives all required signatures, it is their responsibility to finish the process by logging back into Submittable and hitting the "submit" button. Collaborators, approvers, and other reviewers cannot submit, they can review, approve, sign, save draft and alert the actual submitter.

Applications for the following fiscal year 2026 are to be applied for through the portal.

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Should you have questions, you may contact the AOC Grants Unit: csdgrants@courts.az.gov

Thank you.