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Judicial Branch: Court Innovations Grant Program Award Recommendations (Action Required)

Summary

After reviewing 118 grant applications from 42 trial and appellate courts that participated in the Court Innovations Grant Program, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee recommends awarding 53 grants totaling \$23.5 million to 29 courts involving 39 jurisdictions. These grants will fund exciting advancements testing new approaches for making courts more accessible, easier to use, less costly, and better able to facilitate positive outcomes. In accordance with category limitations contained in the Budget Act of 2016, \$11.3 million will be allocated to collaborative court programs; \$7.5 million to self-help, family and juvenile court programs; \$4.7 million to other efficiencies across all types of court programs, and \$625,000 to the Judicial Council for grant program administration. Additionally, three to four percent of the funding in each category will be retained as a contingency for unforeseen costs courts encounter over the three-year grant period. The grant period begins June 1, 2017, and ends June 30, 2020.

Recommendation

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee (JBBC) recommends that the Judicial Council, effective March 24, 2017:

1. Approve awards of approximately \$23.5 million to 28 superior courts and one appellate court from the Court Innovations Grant Program, as stated in Attachment A:
 - a. \$11.3 million allocated to collaborative court programs;
 - b. \$7.5 million allocated to self-help, family, and juvenile court programs;
 - c. \$4.7 million allocated to other efficiencies across all types of court programs;
2. Approve the allocation of \$625,000, out of \$1.25 million statutorily authorized, for program administration costs, and approve the retention of three to four percent of the funding in each category as a contingency against unforeseen costs courts may encounter over the grant period; and
3. Authorize staff to send the Notice of Intent to Award to trial and appellate courts and to work with the trial and appellate courts to negotiate and execute an Intra-Branch Agreement for each approved project by June 1, 2017.

Speakers

Hon. David M. Rubin, Chair, Judicial Branch Budget Committee

Hon. James M. Humes, Vice-chair, Judicial Branch Budget Committee