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# REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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**Title**

Report to the Legislature: Allocation of the State-Level Reserve in the Trial Court Trust Fund in 2020–21

**Agenda Item Type**

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### Executive Summary

Pursuant to Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(C), the Judicial Council is required to submit a report accounting for all trial court requests and allocations from the authorized reserve in the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) for unforeseen emergencies to the Legislature and the Department of Finance by October 1 of each year. On October 1, 2021, Judicial Council staff submitted the *Report of Allocation of the State-Level Reserve in the Trial Court Trust Fund in 2020–21*.

### Relevant Previous Council Action

These reports are submitted to the Legislature annually. Reports from previous fiscal years are available on the “Legislative Reports” webpage of the California Courts website at [www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm).

### Analysis/Rationale

Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(B) (Link A) requires the Judicial Council to establish a process for trial courts to apply for emergency funding if needed and authorizes a reserve of \$10 million in the TCTF from which the trial courts can apply for that funding.

The Judicial Council is required to annually report to the Legislature and to the Department of Finance all requests and allocations made pursuant to subparagraph (B). This year’s report to the

Legislature communicates that no requests were submitted by the trial courts to the Judicial Council in 2020–21.

### **Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications**

There was no fiscal impact during this reporting period because no requests were submitted by the trial courts in 2020–21. Had a request been submitted and approved in 2020–21, each court’s 2021–22 base allocation would have been reduced on a pro rata basis to replenish the reserve.

### **Attachments and Links**

1. Link A: Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(B),  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=68502.5&lawCode=GOV](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=68502.5&lawCode=GOV)



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*Re: Report of Allocation of the State-Level Reserve in the Trial Court Trust Fund in 2020–21, as required under Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(C)*

Dear Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Contreras, Ms. Parker, and Ms. Bosler:

Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(C), the Judicial Council is submitting this report on the requests and allocations of the state-level reserve in the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF).

Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(B) requires that the Judicial Council set aside funds in the TCTF that it can allocate to the trial courts for unforeseen emergencies, unanticipated expenses for existing

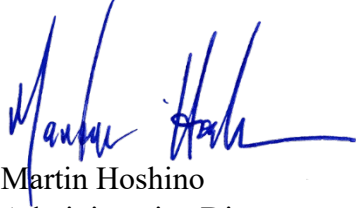
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programs, or unavoidable funding shortfalls. The trial courts submitted no requests to the Judicial Council in 2020–21; therefore, no data is reported.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Ms. Fran Mueller, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Budget Services, at 916-263-5771.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Martin Hoshino". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

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