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Executive Summary

As outlined in the California Rules of Court, rule 10.16, the Technology Committee oversees the council's policies concerning information technology. The committee assists the council by providing technology recommendations focusing on the establishment of policies that emphasize long-term strategic leadership and that align with judicial branch goals. The committee is responsible for determining that council policies are complied with on specific projects approved and funded by the council and that those projects proceed on schedule and within scope and budget.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the January 21 Judicial Council meeting, the Technology Committee met by videoconference on February 8, 2021, March 3, 2021, and March 8, 2021.

Court Modernization Funding, Fiscal Year 2020–21 – Direct Allocations

The committee received updates on the activities to date related to the direct allocations to the trial courts and the branchwide initiatives across 13 program categories. The trial courts submitted their first progress reports on March 1, which will be reported on at the next council meeting.

Court Modernization Funding, Fiscal Year 2020–21 – Branchwide Programs

Regarding the branchwide programs, 34 courts submitted 129 applications for participating in the various opportunities, including grants (additional allocations to courts), pilot programs, and staff services. The committee was asked to consider proposed allocations. A report on this topic was submitted as agenda item 21-069 for the March Judicial Council meeting and the council is requested to consider approving the recommended allocations to the trial courts for those branchwide program opportunities.

Tactical Plan for Technology 2021–2022

The committee reviewed and approved for recommendation the *Tactical Plan for Technology 2021–2022*, which is being considered by the council as agenda item 21-072.

Technology-related Funding Requests

The committee reviewed and ranked technology-related Budget Change Concepts (BCCs) for funding beginning fiscal year 2022–23 for submission to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee. The Technology Committee also reviewed additional BCCs containing a technology component to ensure that they were consistent and aligned with the branch’s strategic plan goals, as well as the branch’s Technology Strategic and Tactical Plans.

Grant Programs

The committee reviewed a proposal from the Language Access Signage and Technology Grant Program for fiscal year 2020–21 to allocate contingency funding for approval by the Judicial Council, which is being considered by the council as agenda item 21-076. The committee also considered the recommended allocations for the Jury Management System Grant program for fiscal year 2021–22.

Rule Proposals: Electronic Filing, Digital Evidence

The committee reviewed and approved rule and legislative proposals for circulation for public comment related to expanding Electronic Filing and Service (Pen. Code § 690) and to managing exhibits and evidence in electronic format. The committee also approved a new workstream to assist with the statewide e-filing program in expanding the number of e-filing manager (EFM) solutions in the branch program and standardizing electronic filing fees.