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# REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

For business meeting on November 16–17, 2017

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Title

Judicial Council Report to the Legislature:  
Allocation of the State Level Reserve in the  
Trial Court Trust Fund

Agenda Item Type

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Submitted by

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### Executive Summary

As required in Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(B), funds are set aside in the Trial Court Trust Fund to be allocated by the Judicial Council and used by the trial courts for unforeseen emergencies, unanticipated expenses for existing programs, or unavoidable funding shortfalls. The Judicial Council staff submitted to the Legislature on October 1, 2017, the *Report of Allocation of the State Level Reserve in the Trial Court Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2016–17*.

### Previous Council Action

These reports have routinely been submitted to the Legislature annually. Previous reports can be found at [www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm).

### Methodology and Process

Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(B) directs the Judicial Council to establish a process for trial courts to apply for emergency funding. Pursuant to this subparagraph, the council requires that requests for unavoidable funding shortfalls be submitted by the trial courts to the Judicial Council no later than October 1 of each year. In response, the Judicial Council, by October 31 of each year, will review and evaluate the requests, select trial courts to receive funds, and notify those selected trial courts.

Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(C) requires the Judicial Council to report to the Legislature and to the Department of Finance all requests and allocations made pursuant to subparagraph (B). There were no requests submitted by the trial courts to the Judicial Council in fiscal year 2016–17.

This report was not circulated for comment. The information in this report was generated by the Judicial Council as there were no submissions by trial courts for the reporting year.



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Director of Finance  
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*Re: Report of Allocation of the State Level Reserve in the Trial Court  
Trust Fund in Fiscal Year 2016–17, as required under Government Code  
section 68502.5(c)(2)(B)*

Dear Senator Mitchell, Assembly Member Ting, and Mr. Cohen:

As required in Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(B), funds are set aside in the Trial Court Trust Fund to be allocated by the Judicial Council and used by the trial courts for unforeseen emergencies, unanticipated expenses for existing programs, or unavoidable funding shortfalls. Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(B) also directs the Judicial Council to establish a process for trial courts to apply for emergency funding. Pursuant to this subparagraph, the council requires that requests for unavoidable funding shortfalls be submitted by the trial courts to the Judicial Council no later than October 1 of each year. In response, the Judicial Council, by October 31 of each year, will review and evaluate the requests, select trial courts to receive funds, and notify those selected trial courts.

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Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(C) requires the Judicial Council to report to the Legislature and to the Department of Finance all requests and allocations made pursuant to subparagraph (B). There were no requests submitted by the trial courts to the Judicial Council in fiscal year 2016–17.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Director, Judicial Council Budget Services, at 916-263-1397.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Hoshino', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Martin Hoshino  
Administrative Director  
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Report title: *Report of Allocation of the State Level Reserve in the  
Trial Court Trust Fund in Fiscal Year 2016–17*

Statutory citation: Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(B)

Date of report: September 29, 2017

The Judicial Council has submitted a report to the Legislature in accordance with Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(C), which requires the Judicial Council to report all requests and allocations from the State Level Reserve in the Trial Court Trust Fund for the preceding year.

Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(B) requires the Judicial Council to hold a reserve of \$10 million in the Trial Court Trust Fund to be allocated by the Judicial Council and used by the trial courts for unforeseen emergencies, unanticipated expenses for existing programs, or unavoidable funding shortfalls.

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Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(C) requires the Judicial Council to report to the Legislature and to the Department of Finance all requests and allocations made pursuant to subparagraph (B). There were no requests submitted by the trial courts to the Judicial Council in fiscal year 2016–17.

The full report is available at [www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm). A printed copy of the report may be obtained by calling 415-865-7966.

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