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Executive Summary

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) assists the Judicial Council on the branch budget. The committee reviews and makes recommendations annually to the council on submitted budget change proposals. The committee reviews and makes recommendations on the use of statewide emergency funding for the judicial branch; reviews and makes recommendations on the Innovations Grant Program; and acts on other assignments as referred to it by the council. Effective September 25, 2020, by the order of the Chief Justice, the Budget Committee assumed oversight responsibility for the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee.

Overview of Committee Meetings

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee will meet once in the period between the September and November 2020 Judicial Council meetings.

On November 12, 2020, the committee will meet by video conference. During that meeting the committee will hear an overview of the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) and will review the TCBAC 2021 Annual Agenda.

In addition, the Budget Committee will review the TCBCAC recommendation and other options for a definition, reporting requirements, and methodology for allocating the one-time \$50 million COVID-19 backlog funding received in the Budget Act of 2020.

Innovations Grant

The Budget Committee will also consider requested changes from various grantees on the Innovations Grant program and received a status report on the grant program.

Due to the recent legislative extension provided in the Budget Act of 2020, the awardee courts may expend awards through the end of this calendar year instead of the previous June 30, 2020, deadline. A single final comprehensive report will be submitted to the legislature prior to the fiscal year end.

In addition, there is an informational item for the Report to the Legislature for Fiscal Year 2019–20 on the Court Innovations Grant program on the agenda as item 20-095. This report provides an overview of activities of the program, as required annually by the Budget Act of 2016, since the last report was submitted.

There will be continued updates provided.