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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 2022–23

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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 to the Legislature and the Department of Finance by October 1 of each year that accounts for all trial court requests and allocations from the authorized reserve in the Trial Court Trust Fund for unforeseen emergencies. On or before October 1, 2023, Judicial Council staff submitted the *Report of Allocation of the State-Level Reserve in the Trial Court Trust Fund in 2022–23*.

Relevant Previous Council Action

This report is submitted to the Legislature annually. Reports from previous fiscal years are available on the California Courts’ “Legislative Reports” webpage at www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

Analysis/Rationale

Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(B) 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 Trial Court Trust Fund from which the trial courts can apply for that funding (Link A).

The Judicial Council is required to annually report to the Legislature and the Department of Finance all requests and allocations made pursuant to this section. This year’s report to the Legislature communicates that no requests for emergency funding were submitted by the trial courts to the Judicial Council in 2022–23.

Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications

There was no fiscal impact in 2022–23 because the trial courts did not request emergency funding. Had a request been submitted and approved in 2022–23, each court’s 2023–24 base allocation would have been proportionally reduced to replenish the reserve.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *Report of Allocation of the State-Level Reserve in the Trial Court Trust Fund in 2022–23*
2. Link A: Government Code section 68502.5,
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=68502.5&lawCode=GOV



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HON. PATRICIA GUERRERO
*Chief Justice of California
Chair of the Judicial Council*

Ms. Cara L. Jenkins
Legislative Counsel
1021 O Street, Suite 3210
Sacramento, California 95814

HON. BRAD R. HILL
Chair, Executive and Planning Committee

Ms. Erika Contreras
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 307
Sacramento, California 95814

HON. ANN C. MOORMAN
Chair, Judicial Branch Budget Committee

HON. MARLA O. ANDERSON
*Chair, Legislation Committee
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Ms. Sue Parker
Chief Clerk of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 319
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Chair, Rules Committee

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Chair, Technology Committee

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Mr. Joe Stephenshaw
Director, Department of Finance
1021 O Street, Suite 3110
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Re: Report of Allocation of the State-Level Reserve in the Trial Court Trust Fund in 2022–23, as required under Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(C)

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Dear Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Contreras, Ms. Parker, and Mr. Stephenshaw:

Pursuant to Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(C), the Judicial Council is submitting *Allocation of the State-Level Reserve in the Trial Court Trust Fund in 2022–23*.

MS. MILLICENT TIDWELL
*Acting Administrative Director
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Government Code section 68502.5(c)(2)(B) requires that the Judicial Council set aside funds in the Trial Court Trust Fund for allocation to the trial courts for unforeseen emergencies, unanticipated expenses for existing programs, or unavoidable funding shortfalls.

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The trial courts did not submit any requests for emergency funding to the Judicial Council in 2022–23. Therefore, no data is reported for this period.

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

Sincerely,



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