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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. Additionally, 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. The Budget Committee is also assigned oversight responsibility for the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC).

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the January 21, Judicial Council business meeting, the committee will have met twice; on February 16, 2022, and March 9, 2022.

At its February 16, 2022 meeting, the Budget Committee considered recommendations from the TCBAC on (1) the allocation of \$1,144,748 in Juvenile Dependency Counsel Collections Program funds collected in FY 2020–21, (2) the reallocation of an estimated \$878,001 in unspent trial court funding for court-appointed counsel in dependency cases for FY 2021–2, (3) the allocation of \$1,543,180 in new Family First Prevention Services Act federal pass-through funding.

Additionally, the committee considered recommendations to revised performance measures and benchmarks required pursuant to Penal Code section 1463.010(c) in reports to the legislature and for use by court and county collections programs.

At the March 9, 2022 meeting, the Budget Committee will meet to begin the first phase of review on budget change concepts for 2023–24. Concepts that are approved at this meeting may be considered for input by other advisory bodies prior to the May 2022 Budget Committee meeting. At the May meeting, the Budget Committee will make a final decision regarding its recommendations to the Judicial Council on budget concepts to move forward to the State Department of Finance in September.

Court Innovations Grant Program

Also at the March 9, 2022 meeting, the Budget Committee will receive a status report on the Court Innovations Grant Program.

There will continue to be updates provided to the committee.