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Executive Summary

The Judicial Branch 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 and acts on other assignments as referred to it by the council. The Judicial Branch Budget Committee is also assigned oversight responsibility for the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee.

Overview of Committee Meetings

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) has met once in the period between the September and December 2022 Judicial Council meetings.

On November 16, 2022, the Budget Committee approved the following Trial Court Budget Committee (TCBAC) recommendations:

- A new methodology for 2022-23 Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act allocations to the trial courts in the first cohort for planning activities;
- 2022-23 Model Self-Help Pilot Program one-time funding allocations;

- An update to the base funding floor process for automatic inflationary increases similar to all other courts to support trial court operations;
- Final submission of one-time adjustments for 2021-22 trial court fund balances; and
- A Court Interpreters Program allocation methodology for trial courts effective July 1, 2023.

The Budget Committee also heard a status update on the closeout of the Court Innovations Grant Program.

As we enter the 2022 holiday season and begin to close out the calendar year, the Budget Committee members want to thank the hard working and dedicated staff who make the Budget Committee and TCBAC's work possible. The Budget Committee also thanks the TCBAC committee members for their insightful and thoughtful contributions to branch budget discussions. We look forward to our continued efforts together on behalf of the courts and public.